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to the Commission
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Subject: Trade relations with Iran in light of the nuclear agreement

On 14 July 2015, Iran and the US, China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany reached a nuclear agreement, stipulating that UN sanctions imposed on Iran would be lifted in return for a cap on Iran's stockpile of nuclear fuel, a significant reduction in the number of centrifuge machines Tehran uses to enrich uranium, greater access for UN inspectors to Iran's nuclear sites and a reduction in the amount of plutonium produced by Iranian reactors.

In light of this development, EU relations with Iran can be revisited. However, human rights must be a part of negotiations. The EU-Iran dialogue on human rights has been suspended since 2006, and the EU Neighbourhood Policy is still aimed at the closest possible political association and the greatest possible degree of economic integration through building on democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and social cohesion.

1. Does the Commission plan on re-opening the human rights dialogue with Iran? If so, when?
2. Will the EU pursue a bilateral trade agreement with Iran after the lifting of the sanctions?
3. How does the Commission plan on ensuring that relations with other members of the European Neighbourhood Policy are not compromised by the opening of relations with Iran?