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Answer given by Vice-President Mogherini
on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Union regrets the United States' withdrawal from the nuclear deal and their re-imposition of unilateral sanctions. The EU and its Members continue to remain committed to the full and effective implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)¹, as long as Iran continues to abide by its nuclear related obligations, as confirmed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 14 consecutive reports², including the latest one issued on 4 March 2019³.

Iran's ballistic missile programme is an issue that is separate from the JCPOA. However, the EU has regularly expressed its concern regarding Iran's ballistic missile programme including in the context of the latest conclusions adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council on 4 February 2019⁴. In this regard, while the Council recalled its longstanding serious concern at the regional military build-up, it also called upon Iran to refrain from these activities, in particular ballistic missile launches that are inconsistent with United Nations Security Council resolution 2231⁵.

The EU is actively seeking the continuous support of its partners and the international community to make the world a safer place through the preservation of the JCPOA as well as its continued full and effective implementation.

¹ http://www.eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/statements-eeas/docs/iran_agreement/iran_joint-comprehensive-plan-of-action_en.pdf

² <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/iran/iaea-and-iran-iaea-reports>

³ <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/iran>

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/02/04/iran-council-adopts-conclusions/>

⁵ [https://www.undocs.org/S/RES/2231\(2015\)](https://www.undocs.org/S/RES/2231(2015))