

**Question for written answer E-004039/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Iran failing to comply with the agreement on uranium – Commission position

It has been reported in the press lately that Iran has yet again challenged the international community by launching the 'fourth stage' of its disengagement from the nuclear deal.

Iran agreed in the agreement reached in 2015 with China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union that in exchange for international sanctions being lifted, it would drastically reduce its nuclear activities. It set the limit for uranium enrichment at 3.67 %.

Now, in this latest step, Iran has instead opened new centrifuges and started to produce 5 kg per day of enriched uranium, ten times the amount produced daily in the past.

It has also been reported more recently in the press that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) says it has found traces of natural uranium at a site in Iran that had not been declared to IAEA.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission believe it should firmly condemn Iran's aggressive and dangerous stance?
2. Does it view this action by Iran as dangerous, especially in light of the fact that Iran is a country known to fund organisations such as Hezbollah?
3. Does it believe steps can be taken to penalise Iran's stance, or could the mechanisms provided for in the Iranian nuclear deal be considered?