

**Response  
of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
to the Framework Agreement proposed by EU3/EU**

The proposal presented by the E3/EU on August 5, 2005 is a clear violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, the NPT, Tehran Statement and the Paris Agreement of November 15, 2004.

The proposal self-righteously assumes rights and licenses for the E3 which clearly go beyond or even contravene international law and assumes obligations for Iran which have no place in law or practice.

The proposal incorporates to a series of one sided and self serving extra-legal demands from Iran, ranging from accepting infringements on its sovereignty to relinquishing its inalienable rights.

- It seeks to intimidate Iran into accepting intrusive and illegal inspections which go well beyond the Safeguards Agreement or the Additional Protocol as well as the provisions of the IAEA Statute and its mandate;
- It asks Iran to abandon most of its peaceful nuclear program;
- It also seeks to establish a subjective, discriminatory and baseless set of criteria for Iranian nuclear program.
  - Such criteria would effectively dismantle most of Iran's peaceful nuclear infrastructure;
  - Criteria that if applied globally, would only monopolize the nuclear industry for the Nuclear-Weapon States.

The proposal – in spite of its size – has absolutely no firm guarantees or commitments and does not even incorporate meaningful or serious offers of cooperation to Iran.

- It amounts to an elongated but substantively shortened and self-serving revised version of an offer proposed by E3 and rejected by Iran prior to the Paris Agreement in October 2004 in Vienna.
- In the area of security, the proposal does not go beyond repeating UN Charter principles and previously made general commitments.
  - The proposal even attempts to make E3's commitment to those general principles of international law optional, partial, and conditional.

- In the area of technology cooperation it fails to include even an indication –let alone guarantees- of the E3/EU’s readiness to abandon or ease its violations of international law and the NPT with regard to Iran’s access to technology. For instance, while under the NPT, the E3 is obliged to facilitate Iran’s access to technology, the proposal makes a conditional and ambiguous offer “not to impede”.
- In the area of economic cooperation, it only includes a conditional recital of already existing commitments and arrangements.

The proposal not only violates the Paris Agreement, but in fact makes a mockery of that agreement.

- The proposal never even mentions the terms “ objective guarantees” , “ firm guarantees” or “firm commitments”, thereby indicating the total departure of its authors from the foundations of the Paris Agreement;
- The proposal equates “objective guarantees” with termination of Iran’s hard gained peaceful nuclear program.
- At the same time, it equates “firm guarantees and firm commitments” with vague, conditional, and partial restatements of existing obligations.

In sum, the proposal is extremely long on demands from Iran and absurdly short on offers to Iran and it shows the lack of any attempt to even create a semblance of a balance. It amounts to an insult on the Iranian nation, for which the E3 must apologize.