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The 2015 Accord must be revived to prevent Iran from going nuclear

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Context

- The U.S. and Iran are currently engaged in rare high-stakes diplomacy. They have held two rounds of talks, in Muscat and in Rome, with Oman as the mediator, about Tehran's nuclear programme. A third technical round has been confirmed for the coming days.
- The **2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**, commonly known as the **Iran nuclear deal**, was significantly impacted by actions taken during Donald Trump's presidency.
- The **U.S. unilaterally withdrew** from the JCPOA in **2018** under President Donald Trump, **despite Iran being fully compliant with the agreement's terms**.

JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action)

Background:

- Signed in **2015** between **Iran** and **P5+1** (USA, UK, France, Russia, China + **Germany**) and the **European Union**.
- Aim: **Prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons** while allowing **peaceful nuclear energy use**.

Key Features:

- Iran limited its **uranium enrichment** to **3.67%** (far below **weapons-grade ~90%**).
- Iran reduced its stockpile of enriched uranium by **98%**.
- Allowed **strict inspections** by the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**.
- In return, **economic sanctions** on Iran were **lifted**.

Why Germany is Involved:

- Part of **EU-3** (UK, France, Germany) **already negotiating with Iran since early 2000s**.
- **US, UK & Russia joined later only**

Timeline Highlights:

- **2018:** USA under President **Trump withdrew** from JCPOA, reimposed sanctions.
- **Post-2018:** Iran started **violating** JCPOA limits (e.g., higher uranium enrichment).
- **2021 onwards:** Talks to **revive** JCPOA (Vienna Talks), uncertain outcomes.

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Iran received help from US for nuclear proliferation until Iranian Revolution (1979)

• **2000's**

Iran established its Nuclear Weapons Program - Project Amad

• **2018**

US administration pulled out from the deal & exerted pressure on Iran to renegotiate through its sanctions

• **2015**

Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) agreed in Vienna between Iran and P5+1 countries

