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IN G20 ITALY OVER IRAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

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USPA NEWS - On Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October, the Heads of State and Government of the world's major economies, together with invited countries and representatives of international and regional organizations, will address several key topics of the global agenda at the first G20 Summit hosted by Italy. During Day1 in the margins of the G20 Summit, UK's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, U.S President Joe Biden, French President Macron, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel met in Rome today to discuss the risks posed to international security by Iran's escalating nuclear program. They tackled the Iranian issue, over the U.S full compliance with the JCPOA, and that a return to compliance would "provide sanctions lifting with long-lasting implications for Iran's economic growth. The four leaders also affirmed that they « shared determination to address broader security concerns raised by Iran's actions in the region. » After the meeting the four leaders issued a Joint statement, which we publish in the following, in its full, as it was released.

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«At the G20 this weekend I'm focused on the big challenges facing the UK and the world. UK's Prime Minister Boris Johnson stated. He continued « Action on climate change so we preserve the planet for future generations. Defeating the pandemic by encouraging the rapid global distribution of vaccines.», ahead of the upcoming COP26 to be held from 1st November in Glasgow Scotland. « This year's G20 meeting has begun in the beautiful city of Rome. The world's major economies must take action to end the pandemic and preserve the planet. Let's get to work. » he said.

Boris Johnson also met with His Majesty, the King Abdullah of Jordan, « It is a very great pleasure to meet with His Majesty King Abdullah today ahead of COP 26. The UK and Jordan share a close and long-standing friendship. As Jordan celebrates its centenary, I look forward to strengthening our partnership in the years ahead. » Boris Johnson stated.

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« We, the President of France, Chancellor of Germany, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and President of the United States, met in Rome today to discuss the risks posed to international security by Iran's escalating nuclear program. We expressed our determination to ensure that Iran can never develop or acquire a nuclear weapon and shared our grave and growing concern that, while Iran halted negotiations on a return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) since June, it has accelerated the pace of provocative nuclear steps, such as the production of highly enriched uranium and enriched uranium metal. Iran has no credible civilian need for either measure, but both are important to nuclear weapons programs.

These steps have only been made more alarming by Iran's simultaneously decreased cooperation and transparency with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). We agreed that continued Iranian nuclear advances and obstacles to the IAEA's work will jeopardize the possibility of a return to the JCPOA.-----

The current situation underscores the importance of a negotiated solution that provides for the return of Iran and the U.S. to full compliance with the JCPOA and provides the basis for continued diplomatic engagement to resolve remaining points of contention – both our concerns and Iran's. In this spirit, we welcome President Biden's clearly demonstrated commitment to return the U.S. to full compliance with the JCPOA and to stay in full compliance, so long as Iran does the same.

We are convinced that it is possible to quickly reach and implement an understanding on return to full compliance and to ensure for the long term that Iran's nuclear program is exclusively for peaceful purposes.

RETURN TO JCPOA COMPLIANCE WILL PROVIDE SANCTIONS LIFTING WITH LONG-LASTING IMPLICATIONS FROM IRAN'S ECONOMIC GROWTH-----

Return to JCPOA compliance will provide sanctions lifting with long-lasting implications for Iran's economic growth. This will only be possible if Iran changes course. We call upon President Raisi to seize this opportunity and return to a good faith effort to conclude our

negotiations as a matter of urgency. That is the only sure way to avoid a dangerous escalation, which is not in any country's interest.-----

We welcome our Gulf partners' regional diplomatic efforts to deescalate tensions and note that return to the JCPOA would result both in sanctions lifting allowing for enhanced regional partnerships and a reduced risk of a nuclear crisis that would derail regional diplomacy. We also affirm our shared determination to address broader security concerns raised by Iran's actions in the region. We are committed to continuing to work closely with the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, and the European Union High Representative, as Coordinator, in resolving this critical issue. » Source: Downing street

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