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**The risk of a too comprehensive deal with Iran**

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With President-elect Joe Biden strategizing on how to resume talks with Iran and rejoin the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) as a starting point for follow-on negotiations, there have been calls to include Iran's malign regional activities in an improved deal.

In an op-ed for CNN in mid-September, Biden himself signaled that his administration would focus on Iran's regional activities and missile program. "We will continue to push back against Iran's destabilizing activities, which threaten our friends and partners in the region," he said, stressing that the United States will continue to use targeted sanctions against Iran's human rights abuses, its support for terrorism, and ballistic missile program.

In an interview with *Emirates News Agency*, US Special Representative for Iran Elliott Abrams also insisted that addressing Tehran's missile program and regional behavior in a new agreement would make for a better deal, adding that one of the great shortcomings of the 2015 nuclear accord was that it dealt with only one element of Iran's dangerous behavior.

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