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Repairing the Iran nuclear deal's damage

The Trump administration must uphold the severely flawed JCPOA and stand against even minor Iranian infractions

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The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) between the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany (P5+1) and Iran remains a controversial and potentially dangerous deal. During the election campaign, president-elect Donald Trump vowed to scrap it. Trump is no doubt correct that the JCPOA is deeply flawed, and did not achieve what it originally set out to do; nor was it signed nor ratified by any of the parties. Still, the deal indicates strong commitment on the part of all sides to uphold its terms and timetables, in order to get what they want from the deal. Serious questions arise, however, with regard to what each side has been gaining – and losing – from the deal, and make it imperative for the next president to take steps to strengthen compliance, and deliver new messages of determination to Iran.

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