

Iran Nuclear Agreement: Not Necessarily a Game Changer

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In this video, Institute Managing Director and Lane-Swig Senior Fellow Michael Singh notes that the nuclear framework agreement announced on April 2 between Iran and the P5+1 presents impediments to Iran's ability to create a weapon, but does not completely eliminate its nuclear program. President Obama must now reassure U.S. allies in Israel and the Gulf Cooperative Council that Washington will hold Iran accountable for fulfilling its commitments, particularly when the elimination of sanctions may provide the Islamic Republic with additional resources to support its "destabilizing activities" in the region. The president must also repair the bipartisan consensus that has been frayed during the negotiating process, Singh says.

Noting that the framework is not a final deal, Singh highlights the many questions that remain to be answered, such as how Iran will dispose of centrifuges and enriched uranium that would be eliminated under the agreement.

Rigorous inspections will be required to ensure Iranian compliance, the former White House policymaker says. And, he adds, "that is tough territory," citing Iranian refusal to provide access to its nuclear facilities in the past. ❖

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