
China, Russia, Iran urge end to U.S. sanctions



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China, Russia, and Iran have jointly called for the United States to lift sanctions on Iran and resume nuclear negotiations, citing concerns over regional stability and global economic impacts. The appeal was made during a trilateral meeting held in Moscow, where senior officials from the three nations emphasized the need for diplomatic dialogue and mutual cooperation.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian issued a joint statement criticizing U.S. sanctions as “unjust

and counterproductive.” They stressed that the restrictions have not only impacted Iran’s economy but also hindered broader regional development and peace efforts. “Sanctions have proven to be an obstacle to diplomacy. A return to negotiations is essential for lasting peace,” Lavrov stated during the press briefing.

The three countries also reiterated their commitment to the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), expressing hope that renewed talks could restore the agreement’s framework. The deal, which aimed to limit Iran’s nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief, unraveled after the U.S. withdrew in 2018 under President Donald Trump.

In response, U.S. officials signaled a willingness to engage but maintained that sanctions would remain until Iran demonstrates compliance with nuclear non-proliferation standards. White House spokesperson Emily Horne stated, “We remain open to dialogue, but Iran must show verifiable actions toward limiting its nuclear program.”

The coordinated call by China, Russia, and Iran is seen as a strategic move to pressure Washington into re-evaluating its policies, with analysts suggesting that growing alliances among the three could reshape power dynamics in the region.