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## Letter dated 21 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the four European Union member States of the Security Council, Belgium, Estonia, France and Germany, I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Belgium to the United Nations



**Annex to the letter dated 21 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Iran/United States: Statement by High Representative Josep Borrell, Coordinator of the Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action**

Brussels, 20 September 2020

I take note of the United States announcement of 19 September regarding the so-called United Nations sanctions “snapback mechanism” under Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

As recalled in my statement of 20 August, as well as in the Chair’s statement following the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) Joint Commission meeting on 1 September 2020, the United States unilaterally ceased participation in the JCPOA by presidential memorandum on 8 May 2018 and has subsequently not participated in any JCPOA-related activities. It cannot, therefore, be considered to be a JCPOA participant State and cannot initiate the process of reinstating United Nations sanctions under Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#). Consequently, sanctions-lifting commitments under the JCPOA continue to apply.

As Coordinator of the JCPOA Joint Commission, I will continue to do everything possible to ensure the preservation and full implementation of the JCPOA by all. The JCPOA remains a key pillar of the global non-proliferation architecture, contributing to regional and global security as it addresses Iran’s nuclear programme in a comprehensive manner. I call on all to do their utmost to preserve the agreement and to refrain from any action that could be perceived as an escalation in the current situation.

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