

Canada and Trump's Decision to Withdraw from the Iran Nuclear Deal

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*Two former Canadian Disarmament Ambassadors, **Douglas Roche** and **Peggy Mason**, have condemned the decision by **Donald Trump** to withdraw from the 2015 landmark nuclear deal between the P5+1 countries (China, France, Germany, Russia, UK and USA) and Iran, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). They pointed out that "The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has ten times certified Iran's compliance with the nuclear agreement." They urged all parties to the agreement to stand firmly behind it.*

Mason urged Iran to continue abiding by the deal, which she called a strong non-proliferation agreement.

Former Ambassador Roche added:

"This is a terrible day in the long struggle for nuclear disarmament. If the rule of law cannot be upheld, then nightmares for humanity lie ahead. The Non-Proliferation Treaty is seriously — let us hope not fatally — undermined by the Trump action. The Canadian government must vigorously oppose this unwarranted move and re-double its efforts to have the nuclear and non-nuclear weapons states work together to preserve the non-proliferation regime."

Canada should take the words of these two former Disarmament Ambassadors seriously. Canada should not go along with the US attempt to strangle the economy of Iran nor any attempt to overthrow the government of Iran. Canada should act for peace — not war.

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