

# Russia Defies U.S., Says It Won't Allow Iran Nuclear Deal to Dissolve

Russia says it is deeply disappointed in the new U.S. sanctions against Iran and will fight to preserve the Iran nuclear deal brokered by President Barack Obama.

Russia belongs to the group of nations that signed onto Obama's plan in 2015.

"We will do everything necessary" to preserve and carry out the agreement, reads a statement on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website.

President Trump pulled out of the nuclear deal in May, calling it "disaster."

"Our policy is based on a clear-eyed assessment of the Iranian dictatorship, its sponsorship of terrorism and its continuing aggression in the Middle East and all around the world," the president said.

In his announcement, the president laid out two "wind-down" periods to allow companies to wrap up their business dealings with Iran.

The first period started Tuesday and marked the reinstatement of sanctions on the purchase of U.S. bank notes by the Iranian government, Iran's gold trade and other financial and industrial transactions.

Russia's denouncement of President Donald Trump's actions is the latest example of the Putin regime working against U.S. interests. {eoa}

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