

To the French Delegation:

I have full confidence in the Delegation to not only uphold France's international reputation as a great power but to further its significant interests in the international system. My instructions follow.

1. Oppose all military threats against Iran, particularly by Israel. Encourage all parties to work toward a diplomatic solution, which may include further strengthening of sanctions. In plenaries and open negotiations encourage EU states to freeze all assets of Iran's central bank and purchase of Iranian oil. However, in closed meetings with Iran, assure them of French willingness to lead all EU member states to recall such actions if Iran agrees to halt independent uranium enrichment.
2. Try to convince the Iranians to back the plan to send their low enriched uranium (LEU) to Russia (and from there to France) to create fuel rods for the Tehran Research Reactor. Offer private side payments. Work with Russia to convince Iran to abandon all independent enrichment. This is the only real course of action that could result in the peaceful resolution of this crisis.
3. The Delegation should always be alert to protect France's significant commercial interests with respect to all states. Make side deals where they are profitable and do not otherwise contradict French policy.
4. The NPT should not be bent to include additional states such as North Korea, Pakistan and India as nuclear weapons states. Oppose any such efforts.
5. Reinvigorate support for two French nuclear power plants at Jaitapur in Maharashtra, India despite growing domestic protests against setting up atomic power units. In negotiations with India, tie French support for Indian nuclear power with a demand that India reduce nuclear weapons tensions with Pakistan. Oppose all US efforts to supply India with nuclear technology, unless France can be guaranteed significant commercial benefits, in which case France should undercut US offers of nuclear technology with superior French technology.
6. As a part of a deal with Iran to stop uranium enrichment permanently, offer superb financing on French reactors. Try to undercut the Russians.

Bonne chance,

Nicholas Sarkozy