

In order to attain a peaceful resolution to this current crisis economic incentives must be emphasized. Civilian nuclear technology allows for a multitude of economic incentives. It's significantly more efficient than conventional energy technology and the trading of nuclear technology allows for greater economic cooperation between nations. With this in mind there should remain a clear distinction in the conference between halting Iranian nuclear weapons production and halting the Iranian nuclear program. Iran can continue its domestic nuclear program, but safeguards must be put in place to assure the international community that nuclear weapons will not pop up in a region that is already unstable. These safeguards include increasing IAEA inspections of Iranian nuclear facilities and weapons testing sites and processing of spent nuclear fuel by a neutral third party. Through these safeguards we can increase international cooperation on the ever-so-sensitive topic of nuclear technology and move towards greater energy cooperation in the international community.

Safeguards cannot be realized without the utmost cooperation by the Iranian delegation. Iran must understand that these safeguards preserve their ability to satisfy their domestic energy needs while providing assurance to the international community that their nuclear energy program does not have underlying, malicious intentions. The international community must employ its economic power to attain Iran's cooperation. Economic sanctions must attain broader international support in order to be effective enough to necessitate Iran's cooperation. The EU is positioned as a large economic power and can exert great control over Iranian financial assets. However, sanctions on Iranian oil exports require greater international cooperation. Economic force must be maximized before even considering military force. Military intervention in an already unstable region should remain off the negotiating table until the international community has come to a consensus that economic force is not effective.