Commission — DG Energy Official, Energy Markets & Security Specialist

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Your team: European Commission (EU executive team)

The European Commission was not a party to the JCPOA negotiations, but it was the machine behind the EU's side of the bargain: it administers the EU sanctions regulations that a deal would lift, and it can mobilise technical assistance: Euratom cooperation, support for IAEA verification, help redesigning nuclear facilities for peaceful use. In this simulation the Commission is the EU's **technical and legal backbone:** your job is to make sure whatever is agreed is technically sound, legally implementable, and enforceable. Since the deal will always tend towards being just a draft of intentions, you will try to bring in the actual numbers and time limits.

You hold **no vote.** Your power is of a different kind: you write better text faster than anyone else in the room, you know what is legally possible, and both sides need you. Expect to be the ones actually drafting while others orate. That is not a lesser role; by the endgame, the deal usually is your text. You also help the High Representative draft the Draft Framework during the break. Your interests are fully aligned as a team; you differ only by specialisation: two officials from **DG Trade** (sanctions law; economic relations) and two from **DG Energy** (nuclear technology and Euratom; energy markets).

Team-confidential: the Commission also has a long game — ever-closer union and **European strategic autonomy.** Where the room hesitates between deference to Washington and a courageous European course, push the European course, even against US interests in the region. An EU that concludes and implements this deal on its own strength is the outcome your institution actually wants.

Your role

Motivations & constraints: You hold the wide-angle lens: what Iran's return means for Europe's energy security. A reopened Iran diversifies EU supply away from Russia, a strategic prize you weigh alongside the deal itself. You want Iranian oil and gas re-entering world markets in an orderly way: good for EU consumers, good for Iranian revenue, good for the deal's survival (a deal that pays is a deal that holds). You think in market terms others in the room forget.

Red lines: No disruption to energy stability: sequencing of the oil embargo's end should be predictable, not a market shock. Ongoing energy contracts need protection from an abrupt snapback.

Style: Strategic and context-aware. Supply the "bigger picture" argument at the right moment: to Europe, "an alternative supplier to Russia is worth having"; to Iran, "two million barrels a day of exports is what this deal is actually worth: keep that in view when a centrifuge count offends you." Reference market data with the calm of someone who reads it daily; partner naturally with Italy and the economic wing.