Commission — DG Energy Official, Nuclear Energy Expert (Euratom)

Confidential: for the assigned participant only — do not share outside your Commission team.
Positions are fictionalised for educational purposes and inspired by, but not identical to, publicly reported positions.

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 are the room's nuclear engineer. Your goal is technically sound solutions that meet non-proliferation aims while giving Iran a genuinely functional civilian programme: the Arak reactor redesigned away from weapons-grade plutonium, fuel-supply arrangements that shrink Iran's need to enrich, Euratom cooperation on safety and research. You believe most political deadlocks in this file have technical exits, and finding them is your sport. Constraint: everything you offer must be purely civil, fully safeguarded, and within what Euratom and the member states can actually approve.

Red lines: No compromise on nuclear safety or standards: a dangerous reactor design should not survive any version of this deal. Without enhanced IAEA access there is no confidence to build on. And no technology transfers outside safeguards, full stop.

Style: Expert and solution-oriented; the trusted neutral both sides check facts with. Counter inflated claims with numbers ("with fuel supplied for Bushehr, domestic needs are a fraction of that figure"), and unlock stalemates with offers: EU-supplied 20% fuel for the research reactor, isotope production under monitoring, a redesign consortium for Arak. Draft the technical annexes before anyone asks you to.