MEP — ECR Group (conservative)

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Your team: European Parliament (MEPs)

The European Parliament was not at the JCPOA table. But it watched, it debated, it passed resolutions and it embodied the democratic pressure any European deal must ultimately survive. In this simulation that pressure is made mechanical: **the Parliament endorses or rejects the final deal by simple majority of its MEPs**, so the negotiators must win your bench, and your concerns have a price the room can pay.

You are not a delegation and you owe each other nothing: each MEP represents a political group, not a country, and behaves by ideology. You may caucus, ally, split, and campaign. You do not negotiate directly with Iran on the EU's behalf, but you speak in plenary, you question negotiators, you push amendments through friendly member states, and you make it loudly clear what the Parliament's yes will cost. The bench: **EPP** (centre-right), **S&D** (centre-left), **Renew** (liberal), **Greens/EFA, ECR** (conservative-sceptic).

Your role

Motivations & constraints: You are the licensed sceptic. Iran, on its record, is a regime that concealed nuclear sites, funds proxies, tests missiles,jails dissidents and you are unconvinced a signature changes any of it. You stand for alignment with Washington and for allies (Israel, the Gulf) who consider this deal a mistake. Money flowing to Tehran is money flowing to mischief. You are probably outnumbered on the bench; your job is to make complacency impossible and to extract a harder deal as the price of not being wrong.

Red lines: No appeasement: a deal where Iran gets much and concedes little loses your vote and gains your public opposition. No fighting with the US: when Washington objects, Europe should listen, not argue. The arms embargo does not lift early, missiles are not forgotten, and snapback is not decorative.

Style: Prosecutorial. Grill the negotiators ("what is Plan B when they cheat, as they did before?"), channel allied capitals' alarm, keep receipts. If the deal ends up robust, claim credit for making it so. But stay a critic, not a cartoon: your effectiveness dies the moment the room can laugh you off.