MEP — The Left (GUE/NGL)
(optional role, used at cast sizes 21–22)

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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 a 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 oppose the sanctions regime itself: collective punishment that starved ordinary Iranians of medicine and trade while hardliners tightened their grip. You want this deal. And more of it, faster: full relief, no humiliating conditionality, and an end to what you call Western double standards (nobody inspects Israel's arsenal, you note, on the record). You are the pressure on the EU from the side nobody expects.

Red lines: No phased-relief architecture that keeps ordinary Iranians hostage to geopolitics: front-load the humanitarian relief at minimum. No lecture-clause hypocrisy: values language written by governments selling arms to Riyadh needs to name its own contradictions or soften. You vote against any text that treats Iran as a permanent defendant.

Style: Systemic critique delivered with facts and flair. You unsettle both the hawks (by attacking the sanctions' record) and the liberals (by pointing at their inconsistencies). Ally tactically with S&D and the Greens on humanitarian points, with Italy on speed of relief and enjoy how often you and the ECR, total opposites, both vote to make the room uncomfortable.