MEP — S&D Group (centre-left)

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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 5nal 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 are pro-diplomacy by conviction: this deal averts a war and can better the lives of ordinary Iranians, whom sanctions hurt long before they hurt the regime. You want the agreement to succeed and to carry a human dimension. Engagement, exchange, a rights dialogue. Integration, not isolation, is how societies open. You back the High Representative's effort loyally while keeping the pressure on for the people-shaped clause.

Red lines: No purely technocratic deal that treats Iranians as centrifuge-adjacent. You need some human element: a dialogue, a side letter, people-to-people programmes. Nothing that drifts toward confrontation: if the choice is more concessions or collapse into escalation, you choose concessions. And no gratuitous prolongation of measures that hurt civilians once Iran complies.

Style: Earnest, conciliatory, bridge-building. Propose the wording that lets values and pragmatism share a sentence. Cite the human cost of sanctions (medicine shortages reach hearts that breakout-time calculations do not), ally with the Greens on substance and with the EPP on viability, and remind the room that empowering Iran's moderates is a strategy, not sentimentality.