Europe Signals Possible Sanctions Relief for Iran



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Germany, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom have indicated that sanctions imposed on Iran could be eased if the country demonstrates concrete and verifiable progress regarding its nuclear program. At the same time, the four nations stressed that Iran must not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

In a joint statement, the countries said they are prepared to work closely with the United States, Iran, and the International Atomic Energy Agency to achieve this objective.

The statement also took a firm stance on the Strait of Hormuz, calling for the vital international shipping route to be reopened immediately and without conditions to ensure the uninterrupted flow of global energy supplies.

The four European countries further reaffirmed their full support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon.

Meanwhile, António Guterres welcomed the announced understanding between the United States and Iran, describing it as an important framework for an immediate and lasting ceasefire as well as future negotiations.

Guterres congratulated both sides on the progress and urged the swift and complete implementation of the agreement.

French President Emmanuel Macron said the understanding was the result of sustained diplomatic efforts. He emphasized that all provisions of the agreement should be implemented without delay and reiterated that the Strait of Hormuz must be reopened without preconditions.