

Iran and European Union Agree to Resume Stalled High-Level Talks



Tehran, July 28 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says the Islamic Republic and the European Union have agreed to revive stalled talks.

Speaking at a press conference with visiting EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini on Tuesday, Zarif said Iran-EU “high-level” talks are to resume in the “near future.” Zarif said the talks will focus on “energy, transportation, trade, environment, human rights and the scourge of narcotics.”

The Iranian foreign minister expressed hope that Mogherini’s visit would mark a fresh beginning for ties based on mutual respect. Mogherini, for her part, said the nuclear agreement between Iran and P5+1 was a sign that diplomacy would bear results.

“The deal would be historical not only in the signing but also in the implementation,” she said. Elsewhere, she pointed to the opportunities brought about by the agreement, adding, “Europe and Iran are close.”

She said the nuclear breakthrough also has an “added value” in that it can serve as an example for addressing other issues around the world. “The deal is not the end of a process, it is the beginning,” she

said.

Mogherini said she has assured Saudi leaders that Iran's nuclear agreement is a "good" accord which would benefit the "security" of the entire Middle East. She noted that "full implementation" of the agreement would help Iran-EU relations.

The EU foreign policy chief arrived in Tehran for talks on implementing a recent nuclear agreement reached between Iran and six world powers.

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