# Comparison between earlier reported MOU between Iran and the USA and the version of the MOU apparently sent to Congress

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**Purpose and scope.** This document compares, paragraph by paragraph, the earlier Bloomberg-reported version of the purported MOU between Iran and the United States with the Politico-reported version. Politico reported on 18 June 2026 that the text it published had been submitted to Congress. The observations in the final column of the table that follows uses the Bloomberg numbered paragraphs as the reference point and notes differences in the text apparently submitted to Congress.

**Summary of findings**. The text submitted to Congress strengthens the ceasefire and Lebanon-related provisions but weakens or hedges the most consequential US military commitments and sanctions obligations. On the Strait of Hormuz, the revised language weakens Iranian commitments to best endeavors language, while on the nuclear question Iran has made no clear commitment to abandon its nuclear program.

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| Preamble / heading | [No corresponding preamble or heading appears in the Bloomberg transcript provided.] | ISLAMABAD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN<br>THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN<br>AND<br>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA<br><br>The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America have jointly agreed, in good faith, on ........ 2026, at................, on the following: | Memorandum attributed to Islamabad. |
| 1 | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States, together with their allies in the current war, declare upon the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding an immediate and permanent end to the war on all fronts, including Lebanon, and undertake that from now on they will not launch any hostile action against each other, and will refrain from the threat or use of force against each other. The final agreement will confirm the provisions of this Article and the remaining Articles. | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America, and their allies in the current war, by signing this MoU, declare the immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all fronts, including in Lebanon, and undertake from now on not to initiate any war or any military operation against each other, and to refrain from the threat or use of force against each other, and ensuring the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon. The final Deal will confirm the permanent termination of the war on all fronts, including in Lebanon, and other provisions of this paragraph. | Text on military action tightened up. Text submitted to Congress specifically mentions “permanent termination of the war on all fronts, including in Lebanon….” Notice also the references in the Politico-reported text to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon. |
| 2 | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States undertake to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to refrain from interfering in each other's internal affairs. | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America undertake to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and to refrain from interfering in each other's internal affairs. | No significant changes. |
| 3 | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States undertake to negotiate and reach a final agreement within a maximum period of 60 days, extendable by mutual consent. | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America commit to negotiating and achieving the final Deal, in maximum 60 days extendable with mutual consent. | Language in text submitted to Congress slightly stronger (commit in place of undertake etc). |

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| 4 | Immediately upon the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, the United States Lift the naval blockade and prevent any interference or obstruction against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and restore traffic within a maximum of 30 days to its full capacity; the traffic of ships shall be proportional to the pre-war volume of traffic on the part of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The United States also undertakes to withdraw its forces from the surrounding areas within 30 days after the final agreement. | Immediately upon the signing of this MoU, the United States of America will begin the removal of its naval blockade and any disturbances or impediments against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and will fully end the naval blockade within 30 days. During this period, the traffic of vessels will be in proportion to the numbers of pre-war traffic being restored by the Islamic Republic of Iran. The United States of America further undertakes to remove its forces from the proximity of the Islamic Republic of Iran within 30 days after the final Deal. | U.S. obligations watered down on naval blockade in language submitted to Congress. Language on obligations on Iran remains imprecise. |
| 5 | Upon signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the Islamic Republic of Iran will immediately take steps to ensure that the movement of merchant ships from the Persian Gulf to the Sea of Oman and vice versa is resumed within 30 days to the pre-war volume, taking into account the need for the removal of technical obstacles and the neutralization of mines by Iran. | Upon the signing of this MoU, the Islamic Republic of Iran will make arrangements using its best efforts for the safe passage of commercial vessels, with no charge for 60 days only, from the Persian Gulf to the Sea of Oman, and vice versa. The traffic of commercial vessels will immediately start, and considering the need for removing the technical and military obstacles, and de-mining by the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be instated within 30 days. The Islamic Republic of Iran will conduct dialogue with the Sultanate of Oman, to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz, in discussions with other Persian Gulf Littoral States, in line with applicable international law and the sovereign rights of coastal states of the Strait of Hormuz. | Bloomberg text requires Iran immediately to take steps so that movement of merchant ships is resumed within 30 days to the pre-war volume, taking account of technical obstacles and mine clearance. Politico reported text replaces this with best endeavors language. Consultation with Oman and other governments in the regions added in text submitted to Congress. |
| 6 | The United States undertakes, together with its regional partners, to create a comprehensive plan agreed upon by both parties for the rehabilitation and economic development of the Islamic Republic of Iran, While ensuring financing of at least $300 billion. The implementation mechanism of this plan, as part of the final agreement, will be formulated within 60 days. | The United States of America undertakes, with regional partners, to develop a definitive mutually agreed plan with at least USD 300 Billion, for the reconstruction and economic development of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The mechanism for the implementation of this plan will be finalized as part of final Deal within 60 days. All required licenses, waivers and permissions needed for the relevant financial transactions will be granted by the United States of America. | Language in version submitted to Congress has greater precision. Bloomberg's reported text states 'create a comprehensive plan agreed upon by both parties' becomes 'develop a definitive mutually agreed plan'. Bloomberg's 'rehabilitation' becomes 'reconstruction'. Bloomberg text says the implementation mechanism will be 'formulated'; Politico says it will be 'finalized'. The final sentence in the Politico reported text is not in the earlier text. |
| 7 | The United States commits to ending, on a schedule to be agreed upon as part of the final agreement, all types of sanctions currently facing the Islamic Republic of Iran, including resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and the Board | The United States of America undertakes to terminate all types of sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the United Nations Security Council resolutions, IAEA Board of Governors resolutions and all unilateral U.S. sanctions, primary | Notice “commits to ending” has become “undertakes to terminate” sanctions. |

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| | of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and all unilateral U.S. sanctions, both primary and secondary. | and secondary, in an agreed upon schedule as part of the final Deal. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America acknowledge the critical importance of the sanctions termination issues above mentioned and express their intentions to immediately address these issues in the negotiations in order to achieve mutual agreement on them. | |
| 8 | The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates that it will never produce nuclear weapons. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States have agreed that the fate of enriched material and the fate of all other mutually agreed nuclear-related issues, including Iran's nuclear needs, will be adequately addressed in a final agreement; the final agreement will confirm the provisions of this Article. | The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that it shall not procure or develop nuclear weapons. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America have agreed to resolve the disposition of stockpiled enriched material pursuant to a mechanism that will be mutually agreed upon, in accordance with the schedule mentioned in paragraph 7, with the minimum methodology to be down blending on-site, under the supervision of the IAEA. The two Parties also agree to discuss the issue of enrichment, and other mutually agreed matters related to the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear needs, based on a satisfactory framework being agreed upon in the final Deal. The final Deal will confirm the provisions of this paragraph. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America acknowledge the critical importance of the nuclear issues above mentioned and express their intentions to immediately address these issues in the negotiations in order to achieve mutual agreement on them. | Significant changes in this critical paragraph on Iran's nuclear weapons program. |
| 9 | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States agree that, pending a final agreement, they will maintain the status quo: Iran will maintain the status quo on its nuclear program, and the United States will not impose new sanctions on Iran or strengthen its forces in the region. | Pending the final Deal, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America agree to maintain the status quo; the Islamic Republic of Iran will maintain the current status quo of its nuclear program, and the United States of America will not impose any new sanctions, and will not deploy additional forces in the region. | Language tightened up but no substantive changes. Notice that the statement that Iran will not depart from the status quo of its nuclear program was retained. Iran has not committed in this paragraph to eliminate its nuclear program. |
| 10 | The United States undertakes that immediately after the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, and until the date of the lifting of sanctions, the United States Treasury Department will issue waivers for exports of Iranian crude oil, petrochemical products and their derivatives, and all related services, including banking, insurance, transportation, and the like. | The United States of America undertakes that immediately upon the signing of this MoU, and until the termination of sanctions, the U.S. Department of Treasury will issue waivers for the export of Iranian crude oil, petroleum products and derivatives, and all associated services including banking transactions, insurances, transportation, etc. | Few changes. Notice "all related services" became "all associated services." Notice "banking" was narrowed to "banking transactions." Notice "petrochemical products" become "petroleum products and derivatives." |
| 11 | The United States undertakes that, in light of the progress of negotiations towards a final agreement, frozen or restricted funds and assets of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be released | The United States of America undertakes to make fully available for use, the frozen or restricted funds and assets of the Islamic Republic of Iran upon the implementation of this MoU. The | US commitment to release frozen and restricted funds conditioned in document sent to Congress. |

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| | and made fully available. These funds, whether held in the master account or transferred, will be used for any final beneficiary payment determined by the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran and will be fully available for use. The United States undertakes to issue all necessary permits and licenses on this basis. | United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran will mutually agree on the procedures related to the release of these funds during the negotiations. Such funds, whether retained in the original account or transferred, shall be made fully useable for payment to any ultimate beneficiary designated by the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The United States of America undertakes to issue all necessary licenses and authorizations accordingly. | |
| 12 | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States agree that an implementation mechanism will be established to oversee the successful implementation of and future commitment to the Final Agreement. | The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America agree that an executive mechanism will be established to monitor the successful implementation of this MoU and the future compliance of the final Deal. | “Oversee” has become “monitor,” weakened text. “Commitment” was replaced with “compliance,”, arguably stronger language. |
| 13 | Following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, and upon receipt of assurances regarding the commencement of implementation of Articles 4, 5, 10, and 11 of this Memorandum of Understanding, and the continued implementation of these steps, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States will enter into negotiations for a Final Agreement solely with respect to the remaining Articles. | After signing this MoU, and subject to the beginning of the implementation of paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 10 and 11 of this MoU and the continuing implementation of these measures, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America will start negotiations regarding the final Deal exclusively on the other paragraphs. | Notice the addition of paragraph 1 in the text submitted to Congress. Notice also the addition of the word “exclusively” (implying other matters cannot be raised.) |
| 14 | The final agreement will be approved through a binding resolution of the UN Security Council. | The final Deal will be endorsed by a binding UNSC resolution. | Use of UNSC may be obscuring to Congress role of the United Nations. |
| Signature block | [No corresponding signature block appears in the Bloomberg transcript provided.] | On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran<br>Date:<br><br>On behalf of the Government of the United States of America<br>Date:<br><br>In witness thereof,<br>The Mediator,<br>On behalf of the Government Of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan<br>Date: | Added in Politico-reported version. The Bloomberg transcript does not contain corresponding signature blocks, mediator language, handwritten signatures/marks, or date lines. |