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### UK and EU reject US demand for resumption of sanctions on Iran

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The United States argued before the United Nations (UN) that Germany, France and the United Kingdom must support the U.S. demand to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran due to Iran's noncompliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. The U.S. withdrew from the deal in 2018 and imposed unilateral sanctions of its own on Iran.<sup>[1]</sup>

The three nations, known collectively as "the E3," have rejected demands by the U.S. to reimpose sanctions,<sup>[2]</sup> stating that the U.S. is no longer a party to the deal and therefore has no say over how the deal is handled. Furthermore, the E3 and the UN Security Council must agree to reimpose sanctions, and despite U.S. pressure, neither support the move.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that the UN will take no action until the Security Council has reviewed the matter. Both Russia and China, who would most likely veto any reimposition of sanctions, have yet to voice their perspectives on the U.S. demand.

<sup>1</sup> Sascha Matuszak, "US withdrawal throws Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action into disarray," *Report on Supply Chain Compliance* 1, no. 1 (June 1, 2018), <http://bit.ly/2Zy5mXg>.

<sup>2</sup> CBS News, "U.S. says Iran sanctions back on, but the world is ignoring Washington," updated September 21, 2020, <https://cbsn.ws/32Y3nPB>.

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