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Landmark deal a diplomatic success for EU

Commenting on the successful outcome of the latest talks in Geneva on Iran's nuclear programme, Green MEP and chair of the European Parliament's Iran delegation, MEP **Tarja Cronberg** said:

"This agreement is a major diplomatic success in a situation where mutual distrust has lasted for decades and a military threat has been imminent. This deal is a major success for EU foreign policy and vindicates the hard work of high representative Ashton. It is a first step however, with many opponents and critics, but a necessary step, which paves the way for further cooperation and a lasting agreement in the interest of all parties.

"Ending the isolation of Iran has an impact on the power balance in the Middle-East, with regional tensions already being felt. This will clearly take major diplomatic effort but it can have a vital impact on other acute problems in the region, such as the war in Syria and drug trafficking. It will also hopefully have a positive impact on the human rights situation in Iran. A crucial concrete provision is the establishment of a humanitarian bank, which will enable Iranian citizens to afford basic staples, like medication for severe illnesses. However, we hope it will also have knock-on impact on rights and freedoms in Iran."

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