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**Remarks by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
before the negotiations between the E3+3 and Iran on the Iranian
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"We are holding these talks with a view to making progress towards allaying the concerns of the international community on the nature of the Iranian nuclear programme, and this round is no exception. We have come here with a revised offer and we have come to engage with Iran in a meaningful way, our purpose being to make sure that we've had a good and detailed conversation, with the ambition that we see progress by the end of the meeting.

Of course, the situation keeps changing: first of all we have to look at the situation within Iran. We also have to take account of what our previous discussions have told us, the issues that have been raised by Iran and the issues that have been raised within the E3+3 and in our discussions with the IAEA. All of that is taken into account in this revised offer.

The E3+3 are united. We work very closely together to make sure that the proposals we put forward are in all our names. We will, of course, take them forward with Iran should they be willing to engage."

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