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Remarks to journalists by

Javier SOLANA,
and
Dr Ali LARIJANI,

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Below is a transcript of remarks made to the press by Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Dr. Ali Larijani, Secretary-General of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, ahead of their dinner in Brussels on 6 July:

"HR Solana: Let me just say a word of welcome to Dr. Larijani, Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Iran. We are going to have a meeting today. We are going to continue on Tuesday, and I'm looking forward to getting this process going, that we think is going to be beneficial for both sides, for the European Union and many countries of the world and for Iran. We are going to work. We are not going to talk much [to the press]: we are going to work.

Dr. Larijani [interpreter]: I would like to thank Mr Solana for inviting us tonight for a dinner. We are supposed to meet next Tuesday to continue our talks regarding the nuclear programme. We are serious about continuing negotiations. And we are going to start next Tuesday our talks. And today, as a respect for Mr Solana, I accepted to be here, for tonight, in a dinner, in order to have some talks.

HR Solana: OK. Thank you very much."

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