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Letter dated 26 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the four European Union member States of the Security Council, Belgium, Estonia, France and Germany, I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Guenter **Sautter**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 26 August 2020 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Statement by European Union High Representative Josep Borrell,
Coordinator of the Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive
Plan of Action**

Brussels, 20 August 2020

I take note of today's announcement by the United States regarding the so-called United Nations sanctions "snapback mechanism" under Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

As I have repeatedly recalled, the United States unilaterally ceased participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by presidential memorandum on 8 May 2018 and has subsequently not participated in any JCPOA-related activities. It cannot, therefore, be considered to be a JCPOA participant State for the purposes of possible sanctions snapback foreseen by the resolution.

As Coordinator of the JCPOA Joint Commission, I will continue to do everything possible to ensure the preservation and full implementation of the JCPOA by all. The JCPOA remains a key pillar of the global non-proliferation architecture, contributing to regional security.
