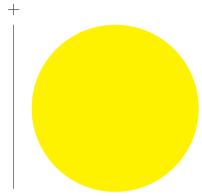
Iran voices 'practical commitment' to renewables at IRENA meeting



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In light of the three European powers' move to trigger the snapback mechanism and the potential return of international sanctions on Iran, it is essential to underline that as long as the nation maintains its unity and internal cohesion, neither snapback nor any other form of pressure will succeed in forcing the Islamic Republic to surrender to the hostile agendas of its adversaries. The hostility of the United States and its allies toward Iran and its people is unending. They exploit every opportunity to put pressure on the country; had the snapback not been raised today by France, Germany and Britain, other pretexts would have been sought to pursue their aims and strike at Iran.

Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Iran has continually been targeted by the West's and the United States' cruel sanctions and is not intimidated by the activation of the snapback mechanism. This should not be interpreted as passivity or a failure to pursue national rights and vindicate the country's position. Moreover, countermeasures to the sanctions' reimposition have been devised and the country has adopted short-, medium- and longterm plans to offset such conspiracies.

Parliament is fully committed to rise up against the return of previous sanctions or the introduction of new ones, and will act swiftly to pass any legislation aimed at mitigating their impact. Once the government submits relevant bills, Parliament is ready to approve them under doubleor triple-urgency procedures.

Parliament and the government stand side by side so that not only the snapback but any restrictive measures cannot stop Iran's upward trajectory or impede the country's advances in

science and technology. Iran's diplomatic corps proved highly active during the course of the 12-day war with Israel in June and in its aftermath, delivering a performance that can be judged both acceptable and successful. The round-the-clock efforts and numerous missions undertaken by Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and his colleagues after the conflict to set out Iran's case before the international community produced tangible results, leaving no doubt that Israel and its sup-

porters were culpable for waging the war and for the human and material losses it inflicted.