

Timeline of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

The JCPOA includes restrictions on Iran's nuclear program for 25 years—many of which are gradually phased out over the course of the agreement. The timeline below outlines the agreement's major milestones and verification measures.¹



FINALIZATION DAY

JULY 14, 2015

Nuclear negotiations concluded and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action was announced.

ADOPTION DAY

OCTOBER 18, 2015

90 days after passage of UNSCR 2231, the JCPOA was formally adopted. The P5+1 took steps to lift sanctions by Implementation Day and Iran made arrangements to meet its nuclear commitments by Implementation Day.

5 YEARS FROM ADOPTION DAY

OCTOBER 18, 2020

UN sanctions on conventional arms are lifted.

TRANSITION DAY

NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 18, 2023

Eight years from Adoption Day—or when the IAEA reaches a broader conclusion that Iran's nuclear activities remain peaceful—ballistic missiles sanctions are lifted, secondary U.S. sanctions and EU sanctions are lifted. Iran is required to seek ratification of the Additional Protocol by this time. The U.S. is to take legislative action to terminate sanctions waived by the President on Implementation Day.

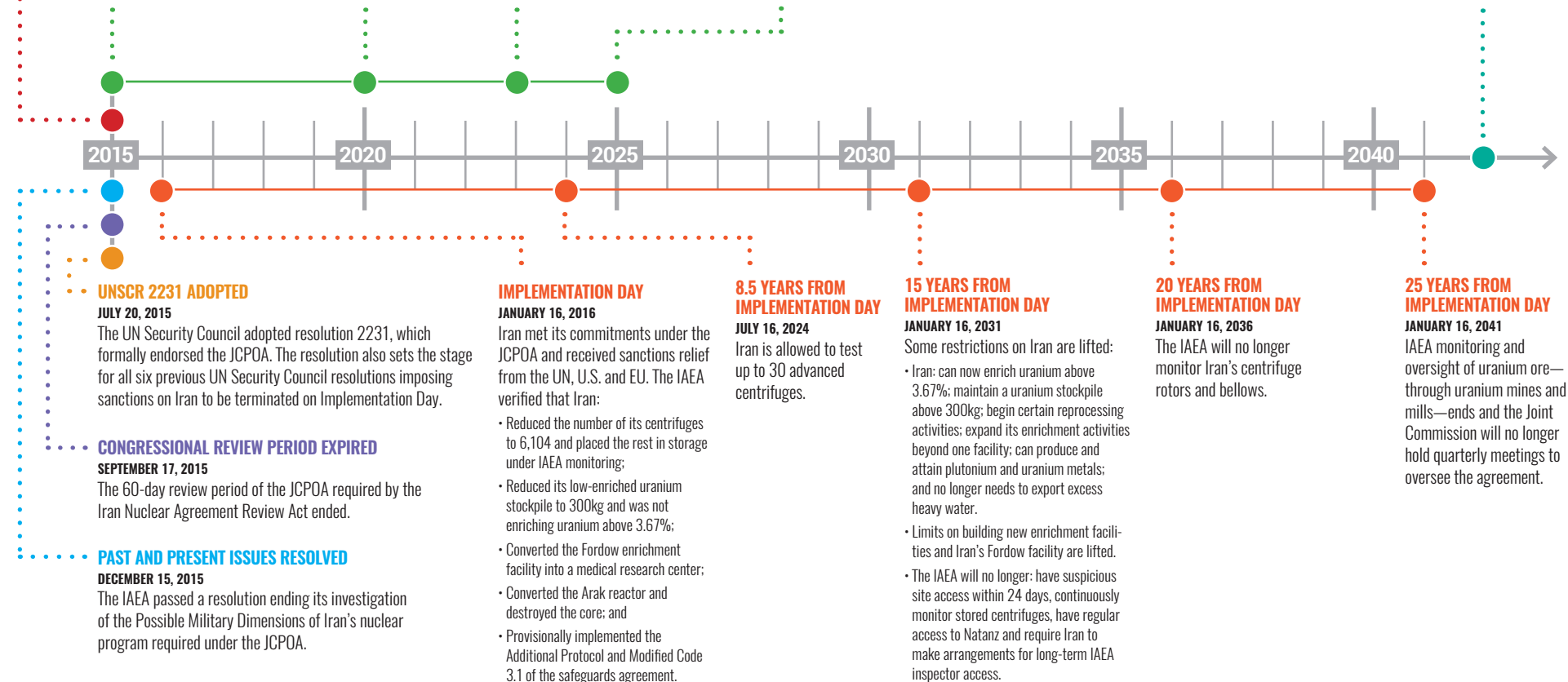
TERMINATION DAY

OCTOBER 18, 2025

10 years from Adoption Day, the UN Security Council will pass a resolution terminating UNSCR 2231 and it will no longer have charge of the Iranian nuclear issue. Limits to Iran's research and development on advanced centrifuges will be lifted. The ability to "snapback" UN sanctions expires, unless P5+1 members choose to extend this capability for five years. Restrictions on the number of centrifuges at the Natanz facility will be lifted and the Joint Commission will no longer be required to approve Iran's importation of dual-use materials. The EU will permanently lift remaining sanctions.

INDEFINITE

Iran's full implementation of the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), Modified Code 3.1 of its safeguards agreement, and Additional Protocol for extensive inspector access.



¹This timeline is based on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action released by the Obama Administration on July 14, 2015. Available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi/iran/jcpoa/>; See also: Rodolfo Quevenco, "IAEA Board Adopts Landmark Resolution on Iran PMD Case," International Atomic Energy Agency, December 15, 2015, Accessed February 9, 2016, Available at: <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/iaea-board-adopts-landmark-resolution-iran-pmd-case>.