

## **US offers to restart talks with Iran to revive nuclear deal- February 19, 2021**

The United States has said it was ready to restart talks with Iran to revive a 2015 nuclear agreement, reversing former President Donald Trump's decision to walk out of the landmark deal that was aimed at preventing Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, after a meeting with his European partners on Thursday, stressed President Joe Biden's position that Washington would return to the accord formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) if Tehran came into full compliance with the deal. The state department later said it was open to an "informal meeting" with the so-called P5+1 – the parties to the agreement including Iran – that a European Union official has offered to host. It is the most concrete step the Biden administration has publicly made towards direct engagement with Tehran on the nuclear deal to date.