China stands by n-deal

In the wake of the U.S. pulling out of the nuclear deal with Iran, China said it will "remain in dialogue with all parties and continue to devote itself to safeguarding and implementing the deal", a spokesman said.

Britain, a signatory to the 2015 deal, said it remained committed, with Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson urging Washington "to avoid taking action that would hinder other parties from continuing to make the agreement work".

The French, British and German Foreign Ministers will meet Iranian representatives on Monday, Mr. Le Drian said.

In a phone call on Wednesday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani told his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron that Europe has a "limited opportunity" to preserve the deal, according to the Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA).

Asking Europe to clarify its position soon, Mr. Rouhani told Mr. Macron that Iran's rights under the deal related to the selling of oil, banking, investment and insurance must be "guaranteed" in a transparent and clear way, ISNA reported.

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