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Moscow Hopeful on Iran

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Global powers seeking to ensure Iran does not develop nuclear weapons are still hoping for a response from Tehran to a fuel swap proposal seen as a step toward ending the persistent standoff, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said Thursday.

Talks in Istanbul last week between Iran and six nations wrangling with Tehran over its nuclear program ended without concrete progress on the latest incarnation of a proposal to provide the Islamic nation with uranium fuel for peaceful use. Lukashevich said the revised fuel swap proposal presented to Iran in Istanbul could "create the atmosphere of trust needed for more productive dialogue."

"Now we are waiting for some reaction from Iran," he said.

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