

China and Russia Set to Press Iran on Nuclear Issue, Diplomats Says

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VIENNA — China and Russia are set to join four Western powers in voicing deep concern about Iran's atomic activities this week and pressing it to cooperate with a stalled inquiry by the UN nuclear watchdog, diplomats said Tuesday.

A draft statement by the six world powers, expected to be delivered at a meeting this week of the 35-nation board of the International Atomic Energy Agency, says it is "essential and urgent" for Iran to engage with the IAEA, they said.

The statement, which diplomats said had yet to be formally approved by all six capitals, appeared intended to signal continued big-power unity in a decade-old dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

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