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Iran's former nuclear negotiator says Iran and world powers have made 'unprecedented progress' in recent years.

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As [nuclear](#) talks enter a crucial stage, a [nuclear](#) deal between [Iran](#) and the P5+1 group could pave the way for possible cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or Daesh, Iran's former [nuclear](#) negotiator has said.

Speaking to The Anadolu Agency ahead of the resumption of negotiations on March 15 between [Iran](#) and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council -- the U.S., UK, China, France and Russia plus Germany -- Seyed Hossein Mousavian said 18-months of talks with Tehran over its [nuclear](#) program had yielded results.

He said: "The chance to reach a final [nuclear](#) deal is high. Since September 2013, the world powers and [Iran](#) have made unprecedented progress.

"A deal would decrease the tension between Tehran and Washington."

"In the absence of a [nuclear](#) deal, it would not be possible to have negotiations on broader issues. But a [nuclear](#) deal would pave the way for possible cooperation on broader issues like ISIS," Mousavian added, using an abbreviation for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or Daesh, the Arabic acronym of the militant group, which announced a "caliphate" across Iraq and Syria.

A U.S.-led International coalition established to eradicate Daesh has been striking its positions since mid-September 2014 in Iraq.

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Mousavian's comments came after U.S. Secretary of State John [Kerry](#) and his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif, met for three days in the Swiss town of Montreux earlier this week in an effort to meet a March 31 deadline for coming up with a political framework agreement.

However, Mousavian added: "They have reached to a common understanding on the principles of a comprehensive agreement.

"However there are still some gaps and therefore no one can guarantee a final deal."

The P5+1 group have claimed [Iran](#) is developing [nuclear](#) weapons and want its [nuclear](#) program curbed in return for the lifting of sanctions, while Tehran says its [nuclear](#) program is for peaceful civilian purposes.

### 'Final deal'

The deal sought by the six-nation group would have Iran accept limits on its uranium enrichment capacity and allow International Atomic Energy Agency inspections without interference of any kind.

In return, Iran would see a lifting of the international trade and financial sanctions that have held back its economic growth.

When asked what would happen if the talks fail, Mousavian said: "I believe they would find a way to continue the talks until they strike a final deal.

"It is extremely difficult for both parties to go backward."

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