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Of course, economic cooperation with Iran is in Europe's highest interest. Iran after all is a developed country that possesses resources that see a high demand all around the globe. For markets, this is of highest value. But on the other hand, going back to normal is not that easy after all. You see, we are contacted each week by people from Iran that suffer from discrimination and as a woman I know perfectly well what magnitude of change is ahead of Iran. We will not simply let it be!

Another word on the sanctions. My party in Germany, DIE LINKE, and everybody inside it, have at all times repudiated in strong and unambiguous terms the sanctions against Iran. Unfortunately, we have been alone in this so far. Those sanctions affect the economy, civil society, normal people. We think this is wrong. If the sanctions are now relaxed or completely abolished, then this is the right thing.



I wish we could move to dismantling sanctions against a neighbour. In this period of time, not using the tremendous opportunities that a structured economic partnership with Iran could offer would not be the most intelligent option Europeans could draw. Yet, there are reasons for the sanctions, and there has been a type of political leadership in Iran in the recent past which has used every possible opportunity to justify the sanctions. Now this is over, let's try and work toward freeing up all areas of co-operation between Europe and Iran, including the economy.



He did not answer.

