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by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton following the E3/EU+3 talks with Iran, Vienna, 20th February, 2014

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"I want to begin by thanking Austria and foreign minister Kurz and the UN and their teams for their hospitality.

We have had three very productive days during which we have identified all of the issues we need to address in reaching a comprehensive and final agreement.

There is a lot to do. It won't be easy but we have made a good start.

In addition to our political discussions, we have started the technical work. And we have set a timetable of meetings initially over the next four months with a framework to continue our deliberations.

Technical experts will meet in early March, and we will reconvene for the next E3 plus 3 political directors meeting led by Minister Zarif and myself, here in Vienna on 17th March."

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