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## After more than 15 years: German-Iranian Joint Economic Commission in Tehran

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H.E. Ali Tayebnia, Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance of the I.R. of Iran; H.E. Sigmar Gabriel, Vice Chancellor and Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy H.E. Sigmar Gabriel travelled to Tehran from 2<sup>nd</sup> until 4<sup>th</sup> October to chair the fifth meeting of the German-Iranian Joint Economic Commission together with the Iranian Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs H.E. Ali Tayebnia, the first in 15 years. Additionally, he also opened a German-Iranian Business Forum and held bilateral talks with representatives of the Iranian government. H.E. Gabriel was accompanied by a delegation of over 120 representatives of the German economy such as Burkhard Dahmen, Chairman of NUMOV, and Helene Rang, CEO of NUMOV as well as members of the German Parliament.

Before his visit, H.E. Gabriel stated: Due to the settlement of the nuclear conflict, German and

European companies have the possibility to work and be in business in Iran once again. This opens up vast opportunities for our companies since there is a big requirement for modernisation.

It is important to reintegrate Iran into the global economy. At the same time Iran will face new responsibilities. These apply externally: all players in the Near and Middle East should work towards reducing violence.

H.E. Ali Tayebnia expressed his interest in fruitful talks that would lead to "more direct foreign investment, increase joint ventures, boost cooperation in free and special economic zones and also in science and technology parks". He considered both Iran and Germany as countries

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