

Kerry hints JCP0A might obligate US to prevent Israeli Sabotage of Iran's Nuclear Program



Secretary of State Kerry with Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, and Energy Secretary Moniz, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing, July 23, 2015 Source: AP/Andrew Harnik

Armin Rosen in a *Business Insider* [article](#) wrote about Florida's US Senator Marco Rubio's provocative question that generated a troubling response from Secretary Kerry at yesterday's testy Senate Foreign Relations Hearing on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCP0A) on Iran's nuclear program. It had to do with the dilemma facing the Administration about a commitment by the world powers to defend the Iranian nuclear program against attack. Rubio raised the hypothetical of what would be the US obligation under a provision found in an Annex III to the agreement, if Israel might undertake a possible cyber attack. An attack akin to the malworm, [Stuxnet](#) that disabled Iran's enrichment centrifuges temporarily setting back their nuclear program.



**Senator Marco Rubio at Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Hearing July 23, 2015**

Source: Reuters-Gary Cameron.

The *Business Insider* article laid out the quandary:

Republican presidential candidate and US Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) asked about a provision of the agreement that seems to obligate the US and its negotiating partners to help protect Iranian nuclear sites against potential outside attack.

According to Annex III, the agreement's section on "civil nuclear cooperation,"