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Iran's Last Chance

Iran has been given its **last chance to comply**, Britain's Foreign Minister Jack Straw sternly warned today:

Mr Straw said an agreement between Britain and the other five permanent members of the United Nations security council that any action against Iran should be delayed until March gave Tehran the opportunity to come back into compliance with western demands.

It will also give them the opportunity to continue their nuclear weapons programme. Which will they choose, and why?

By coincidence – or perhaps it was some sort of clerical error, Iran was also given its last chance in November 2005: **ElBaradei: Give Iran 'One Last Chance' Before Sanctions**:

The decision to refer Iran to the UN Security Council could come on Thanksgiving Day, when the IAEA Board of Governors has its next scheduled meeting to discuss "new information" discovered by inspectors in Iran, the officials said.

ElBaradei discussed a potential "face-saving" deal European negotiators could offer Tehran during meetings with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice in Washington

Iran's previous last chance had come in October 2004: **Iran Given Final Nuke Chance**:

Giving Iran one last chance to avoid the threat of U.N. sanctions, Britain, France and Germany will offer nuclear fuel and economic incentives at a meeting Thursday in return for assurances the Tehran regime will suspend uranium enrichment.

This followed their earlier last chance in September, 2003: **Europe and US united in tackling nuclear Iran**:

the US ambassador to the UN in Vienna, told the board: "The facts already established would fully justify an immediate finding of non-compliance by Iran.

"We have taken note, however, of the desire of other

member states to give Iran a last chance to stop its evasions."

How will Iran respond to the world's consistent and united stand? And how will it respond to the next last chance it will receive, in March 2006?

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