

Common Message from 4th Preparatory Meeting for ITER Decision Making

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Delegations from China, European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States met at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna on 9th November 2004 to advance the ITER negotiations.

The two potential Host Parties, European Union and Japan, presented the results of recent intensive bilateral discussions on the balance of roles and responsibilities of Host and non-Host in the joint realisation of ITER in the frame of a six-Party international co-operation. These discussions will continue in the near future with the aim of aligning the two Parties' views.

All Parties were greatly encouraged by the positive atmosphere and expressed their optimism that the process was now proceeding effectively towards a fruitful conclusion among the six Parties in the near future.