

**Common Message from 3rd Preparatory Meeting
for ITER Decision Making
(IAEA Vienna, 18th June 2004)**

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 18th June 2004 to advance the ITER negotiations.

The two potential Host Parties, European Union and Japan, presented their positions, taking account of recent bilateral discussions on a broader approach to realizing fusion energy. The parties noted that the contents of these offers were essentially symmetrical and showed a readiness of each of the potential Host Parties to contribute significantly to the realization of elements of the Broader Approach other than ITER in addition to their contributions to ITER itself.

All Parties stressed the urgency of reaching a rapid resolution of the siting issue so as to move forward to implementation of ITER in a framework of international collaboration.