

Common Message from 2nd Preparatory Meeting for Ministerial Meeting for ITER

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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 21st February, 2004 to advance the ITER negotiations.

The delegations recognised the intensive work done following the Ministerial Meeting for ITER that took place on 20th December 2003.

The delegations agreed to convene a meeting of experts in early March for a joint appreciation in common terms of a number of key topics, in order to bring the further technical analysis to completion.

ITER Parties will continue their discussions including further exploration of a broader project approach to fusion power.

All delegations reaffirmed their commitment to the consensual process towards joint implementation of ITER.