

Common Message
from
Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Meeting
for ITER

Vienna, Austria, December 5, 2003, - Delegations from Canada, China, European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States met in Vienna on 4-5th December 2003 to advance the ITER negotiations. The meeting was held at the headquarters of the IAEA; the meeting was moderated by IAEA Deputy Director General Werner Burkart.

The delegation have achieved a major milestone in the ITER negotiations, namely, full coverage of cost-sharing for the two candidate sites in the European Union and Japan.

The delegations are confident that this achievement provides the basis for reaching consensus on the preferred site at the Ministerial meeting for ITER.

The Ministerial Meeting for ITER will take place on 20th December 2003 in Washington DC.