

Chinese Statement on Joint Declaration in ITER MM - 2 in Moscow

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Distinguished Deputy Director General of IAEA, Mr. Burkart,
Ministers from ITER Negotiation Parties,

Today, China is delighted to see the final resolution of ITER Site, which is an important step towards the Joint Implementation of ITER, after several long-term and tough bilateral discussions between Europe Union and Japan were performed under the positive urgency of other parties, including China.

China has made continuing efforts and contributions to ITER negotiations in order to move forward the progress and implement as far as possible since China join the Negotiation in Feb., 2003.

N-9 and NSSG 11 were successfully hold in Beijing in November, 2003, after that ITER Negotiation switch to mainly on Site decision between Cadarache, France in ED and Rokkasho-mura in Japan. China, together with other four parties, has been continuing to require ED and Japan to come to an agreement on ITER site in order to find a solution for Site as soon as possible, on the basis of guarantee of other parties' rights and benefits.

On the other hand, China has been advocating ITER negotiation

within the Six-Party Framework. China considered that ITER should be a multilateral international cooperation project for fusion-research countries to find a solution to world energy source problem, environmental problem and social sustainable-development problem by means of complementing advantages each other, sharing resources each other and collaboration each other.

Now, ITER Site is decided. Then, China is willing to continue to move forward ITER Negotiation with other parties so as to prepare for an efficient start of joint implementation of ITER after agreement on all standing negotiation subgroups.

I expect to sign the Joint Declaration with counterparts from other parties.