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To: Heads of Delegation of the ITER Council

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Subject: **The Fourteenth Meeting of the ITER Council**

Dear Heads of Delegation,

The ITER project must be successful and to this end all the decisions should be taken by the ITER Council in a timely manner, since the ITER Council is the highest governing body of the ITER Project.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Chair of the ITER Council for his extensive efforts to prepare for the Fourteenth Meeting of the ITER Council scheduled for 18-19 June 2014. Now my staff and I are supporting the Chair proactively in the preparation of this meeting.

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Let us remind ourselves that the important role of the ITER Organization is to provide for and to promote cooperation and alignment among the Members of the ITER Project, and as a result to show the world that the ITER project is an international project that aims to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy for peaceful purposes, an essential feature of which would be achieving sustained fusion power generation. Therefore the ITER project should remain neutral, staying outside of the world political loops.

In connection with this, I am very much concerned about the current international tension and its possible political impact on the ITER project. Therefore, conveying this message, I would like to ask all the Members to make every effort in convening the Fourteenth Meeting of the ITER Council. I assure you that we will provide the ITER Council with any logistics support necessary for the organization of Council meetings following decisions of the ITER Council in accordance with Article 6.5 of the ITER Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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