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*33<sup>d</sup> ITER Council Meeting: ITER Project making progress, preparing updated baseline*

*ST PAUL-LEZ-DURANCE, France (17 November 2023) <sup>2</sup> The ITER Council convened to review the performance of the ITER Project and work leading to the update of the project*

*success. The Council also congratulated the European Japanese Broader Approach collaboration on having achieved First Plasma at JT60SA on 23 October 2023.*

At its thirtythird Meeting on 16-17 November 2023, ITER

china

eu

india

japan

korea

russia

usa



## BACKGROUND TO THE PRESS RELEASE

ITER<sup>3</sup> is designed to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion power, the world's largest experimental fusion facility. Fusion is the process that powers the stars: when light atomic nuclei fuse together to form heavier ones, a large amount of energy is released. Fusion research is aimed at developing a safe, abundant and environmentally responsible energy source.

ITER is also a first-of-a-kind global collaboration that serves as the scientific backbone behind the growth of a fusion industry. As the host, Europe contributes almost half of the costs of its construction, while the other six Members to this joint international venture (China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States), contribute equally for the remaining expenses. The ITER Project is under construction in Saint-Paul-Léonard, in the south of France.

For more information on the ITER Project, visit <http://www.iter.org/>