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Extraordinary ITER Council approves the Project baseline

On -28 July, the ITER Council, the Governing Body of the ITER Organization, convened for an extraordinary meeting. The meeting in Cadarache, France, brought together representatives of the seven ITER Members: China, the European Union, India, Japan, Korea, Russia and the United States under the chairmanship of Evgeny Velikhov (Russia) and an observer from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

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however encouraged the ITER Organization to explore ways to optimize the schedule in order to begin Deuterium-Tritium operation in 2026, if possible.

All delegations commended the ITER Organization and its Director-General, Kaname Ikeda, for the tremendous efforts made to be able to propose this full package of documents.

The ITER Council Chair, Evgeny Velikhov, stressed that “what we are achieving here is to ensure not only the success of ITER but also the success of fusion”.

Another important decision of this extraordinary meeting was the appointment of Prof. Osamu Motojima as new Director-General of the ITER Organization, from 28 July 2010. Kaname Ikeda, who has led the ITER Organization since November 2005, had earlier expressed his wish to resign at the