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On 20 and 21 June 2012, the ITER Council, the governing body of the ITER Organization, convened for the tenth time. The Council was welcomed to the United States by Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and Representative Rush Holt, who expressed the strong US commitment to the project. The two-day meeting brought together representatives from all the seven ITER Members—China, the European Union, India, Japan, Korea, Russia and the United States—under the chairmanship of Dr. Hideyuki

The Director-General of the ITER Organization, Osamu Motojima, commented during the meeting: "ITER is like a huge international train that we need to keep on the right track. In the year ahead, our most important duty is to accelerate this train through the joint efforts of the Domestic Agencies and the ITER Organization."