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Dear colleagues,
Dear participants of the Meeting.

I am happy to welcome you in Moscow, here in the this hall. We all waited for so long to this meeting and have done all our best for its preparations.

I am glad to remind that starting point of the ITER Negotiation on joint realization were ITER Days in Moscow which took place in Moscow also in June 2001 i.e. exactly four years ago. The start of the Negotiations became possible successful due to finalation of the ITER EDA that was realized under IAEA auspices in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement of 1992 and amendment of 1998 to this Agreement.

During the Negotiations four suitable sites for ITER location were presented. The great job was done for joint assessment of site choice. In general the possible contribution from each Party were defined and the draft of future ITER Joint Implementation Agreement was done. The members of the ITER Parties arised from 4 to 6 for this period.

All of that are demonstrating of great importance that all the Parties bring to realization of ITER Project as serious viewing in it the real way for realizing the new energy source for mankind. This source will take pleasant components as real unlimitless of fuel resourses, ecology and safety. I am also glad to remind that first samples of the magnet system for plasma confinement in tokamak were done by the Russian scientists.

ITER Project became more complexed as in field of scientific and technology and also in the field of management and finance and also in policy. Many difficulties were resolved during the Negotiations and during the continuing work under Project.

The purpose of current meeting is to decide maybe the most difficult problem this is the question of ITER Site location. Only to decide it we can hope for fast and successful finalizing of our Negotiations and for the fastest start of the works under ITER construction.

We know that two present candidates on ITER Site location are ED and Japan. They both achieved the famous progress in last time in point of view junction. In particular they have got conclusion of the roles in Host\Non-Host questions and prepared the Joint Paper on this matter that was sent to other Parties.

I hope that the work was done for letting us to come to consensus for ITER Site choice in our current meeting and I invite the Heads of the Delegations to inform us about positions of their Parties.