

On the occasion of the signing ceremony for the
International ITER Agreement on controlled Nuclear Fusion

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Remarks by the Deputy-Director of Rosatom V.V. Travin

Mr. President,
Mr. Chairman,
Dear participants,

I would like to express my content about the successful completion of negotiations on joint implementation of the ITER project and signing the Agreement. Today we are summarizing the results of long and fruitful work that has been done in the course of negotiations. On behalf of the Russian delegation I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the European Union Delegation and France for this important meeting and to all delegations for participating in it.

I would like to point out that the implementation of this project paves way to mastering a new source of energy that will benefit the entire human race. This source is highly attractive for being a virtually inexhaustible fuel resource, its environmental friendliness and safety. Academician Artsimovich, under whose supervision the “tokamak” type magnetic plasma containment systems were developed, and now constitute the basis for the ITER project, said 40 years ago that “fusion will be mastered when human race is in need of it”. Judging by the number of the ITER participants, half of the world population, the time has come.

Greeting us some minutes ago, President Chirac said that the Host country prepared all necessary for signing ceremony, including sunny morning. I believe that ITER will provide sunny days for all mankind.

Thank you very much for your attention.