



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Communication on EU Contribution to a reformed ITER project {COM(2017) 319 final}.

The Commission agrees with the Camera dei Deputati on the importance of the commitment to the ITER project by all partners involved. On that basis the Communication seeks the mandate from the Council to approve the new ITER project baseline at Ministerial level in 2018. While fully mindful not to prejudge the final position to be taken by Member States' governments in the Council, the Commission values the support of national Parliaments in this context and welcomes the Camera dei Deputati's broad support for the aims of the Communication.

The Commission is also pleased that the Camera dei Deputati shares the view that necessary resources need to be secured for the project. The Commission is assessing options for the best integration of further funding for ITER in view of its upcoming proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

As also recognized by the Camera dei Deputati, the construction and operation of ITER are integral elements of the European fusion roadmap which represents a comprehensive goal-oriented path to fusion electricity for fusion research in Europe. The Commission agrees on the importance of activities complementary to ITER which may contribute to the preparation of the Demonstration Fusion Power Reactor. In this context, the Commission recognizes the usefulness of further research and testing of divertor technologies and takes good note of Italy's initiative to host a future Divertor Tokamak Test facility in addition to the existing Padova Research on ITER Megavolt Accelerator.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Camera dei Deputati in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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