

## India plays key role in reaching ITER agreement

*It's a good research project that keeps some physicists very busy.*

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India has played a key role in arriving at a technical level agreement on International Thermo Nuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project at a meeting in Barcelona last week.

"India, which joined the ITER group last year, did a marvelous job in helping us to reach the consensus we needed to have," Didier Gambier, EU Chairman of the Technical team told 'India News in Europe' programme in Brussels.

According to the new agreement, among other provisions, all seven parties will enjoy tax free benefits in areas such as customs duties and VAT.

The Indian representative made substantial suggestions regarding implementation of privileges and immunities, Gambier said, adding India's accession has added "flexibility" to the project.