

## PRESS NOTICE

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For the first time, three key partner countries, China, India and Russia, are participating together and fully in the International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial meeting in Paris. “We are delighted to welcome these important nations to join discussions and share views on global energy challenges with the 28 IEA member countries. While the IEA has a long history with each of these partner countries, the presence of all three today is a further step in identifying common energy-related interests and concerns,” said IEA Executive Director Nobuo Tanaka.

Earlier today, the IEA released three Joint Statements, agreed respectively with China, India and Russia. These Joint Statements build on the successful co-operation in the energy field that the IEA has developed with China, with India, and with Russia for more than a decade. The Joint Statements are aimed at providing a framework to guide our future common efforts.

Each Joint Statement is practical and action-oriented, identifying future collaborative activities of mutual benefit. The three Statements each reflect the individual priorities of each partner country, but also contain a number of common features. In particular they include coverage of: participation in IEA committee activities; energy security; energy efficiency; renewables; cleaner coal; and technology collaboration. “This level of engagement with partner countries is unprecedented. It is a real step forward,” explained Mr. Tanaka.

The IEA is excited by the prospect of engaging in robust work programs with each of these key partner countries under its respective Joint Statement. With this spirit of cooperation, we can and will take further concrete steps to build with China, with India and with Russia, a common and better future for energy security, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

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