## ITER Organization and Principality of Monaco

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## **Partnership Agreement**

Monaco, 16 January 2008

Today, ITER Organization and the Principality of Monaco signed a Partnership Agreement that sets up five Postdoctoral Fellowships and the establishment of an annual International Conference on ITER related research. The Agreement was signed by his Excellency, the Minister of the Principality of Monaco, Monsieur Jean Paul Proust and the Director General of the ITER Organization, Kaname Ikeda, in the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II.

This Partnership Agreement under It is important to make the public and the principality's ne ITER project and the stakes it holds for our planet's

les a contribution by the Principality of Monaco of 5.5 of which 150.000 € are to be dedicated to scientific stdoctoral Fellowships each year. These Postdoctoral

aid.

## Notes for editors:

More information on the ITER project and fusion energy can be found on www.iter.org

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## **BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS RELEASE**

ITER will be the world's largest experimental facility to demonstrate the scientific and technical feasibility of fusion power. Fusion is the process which powers the sun and the stars. When light atomic nuclei fuse together to form heavier ones, a large amount of energy is released. Fusion research is aimed at developing a prototype fusion power plant that is safe and reliable, environmentally responsible and economically viable, with abundant and widespread fuel resources.

The ITER project is sited at Cadarache in the South of France.