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## ITER Implements Global Procurement and Manufacturing

On 18 – 19 November, the ITER Council, the Governing Body of the ITER Organization, convened for its fifth meeting. i9

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Throughout the discussion all Members agreed on the primary importance of achieving Deuterium/Tritium operation as early as realistically possible.

**“ITER has made strong progress. We are now moving into the very exciting phase of global procurement and manufacturing.”**

The ITER Council also reviewed reports from subsidiary bodies that outline the progress on subjects such as: intellectual property management, the ITER Organization’s budget for the next years, export control, peaceful uses of ITER technology and non-proliferation, the Test Blanket Module programme,

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 safe, limitless and environmentally responsible energy source.

The ITER project is sited at Cadarache in the South of France. Europe will contribute almost half of the costs of its construction, while the other six Members to this joint international venture: China, Japan, India, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA will contribute equally to the rest.

Photos of the Council Meeting and ITER can be found at:

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