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## Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China visits ITER

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## BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS RELEASE

ITER will be the world's largest experimental fusion facility and is designed to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion power. ITER is also a first-of-a-kind global collaboration.

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 45% costs of its construction, while the other six Members to this joint international venture: China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA will each contribute 9% of the costs.

Pictures of the visit to ITER by Mr Wu Bangguo and of the ITER project are available at :

[http://www.iter.org/org/team/odg/comm/img/2010\\_07\\_Bangguo](http://www.iter.org/org/team/odg/comm/img/2010_07_Bangguo)

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