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EURATOM SIGNS FUSION

RESEARCH CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 20 -- A contract for cooperation on the promotion of experimental and theoretical research in controlled thermonuclear fusion has been concluded between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Plasma Physics Institute of the German Federal Republic, it was announced today. Total cost of the three-year contract will amount to approximately 30 million Deutsche marks (\$7.5 million). Euratom will contribute 33 per cent (\$2.5 million).

Some 80 scientists and engineers will work under this contract when the Institute's new laboratories are completed in Garching, near Munich. Principal associate of the Institute is Max-Planck-Gesellschaft.

Euratom is already participating in fusion research through two other contracts:

1. with the French Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique (CEA) - 104 scientists are now working under this contract at Fontenay-aux-Roses;
2. with the Italian Comitato Nazionale per l'Energia Nucleare (CNEN) - some 60 scientists are working under this contract at Frascati.

Negotiations are under way on another contract in fusion research with the nuclear research center at Juelich, Germany. Signing the new agreement for Euratom was Dr. Jules Guéron, head of the Research and Training Division. Managing Director Telschow signed for the Plasma Physics Institute.