On 22 August last, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Paolo Gentiloni, paid a visit to CERN in Geneva, accompanied by an Italian delegation led by Ambassador Enrico Serra and consisting of, among others, INFN President Fernando Ferroni and Vice President Antonio Masiero. In Geneva, the Minister met, among others, the Director-General Fabiola Gianotti, the head of the Department of Theoretical Physics at CERN, Gian Giudice, and the head of the international ALICE experiment, Paolo Giubellino. Afterwards, the Minister spoke with the Italian physicists and engineers engaged in the development of the LHC accelerator superconducting magnets and researchers from the ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHCb experimental collaborations.