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demandent la sortie du nucléaire**

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The call

CALL for NOT with ITER and YES with energy saving, renewable energies, and the democratic choice of the citizens

The signatories of this call denounce the decision absurdity and antidemocratic of the French State and the European Commission which, without the downstream of the population and holding account of the strong reserves of scientists of foreground, decided construction of engine ITER. Here principal reasons of the refusal of ITER

Engine ITER will never produce electricity

Completely officially, the objective of ITER is to try to maintain a fusion reaction nuclear pendant... 400 seconds (see the official site: www.itercad.org/intro_fr.html). The powerlines VHV (Very high voltage) which will connect ITER to network EDF will be only built to feed ITER.

ITER will consume much electricity

"to start ITER, it is necessary to have 500 MW, provided by the whole of the network during ten seconds. To heat the hot tritium and deuterium cloud (plasma) which it contains, one needs a few tens of MW during 400 seconds. Lastly, in a permanent way, the installation needs 120 MW." (The World, December 5, 2003)

ITER will be dangerous

The Nobel Prize of physique 2002, Japanese Masatoshi Koshiba, explained as of March 10, 2003 in a letter sent to the Koizumi Prime Minister why "the nuclear engine ITER, which burns tritium, is extremely dangerous from the point of view of the safety and the contamination of the environment"

ITER will produce nuclear waste

Masatoshi Koshiba, always in its letter of March 10, 2003, explained why "the radioactivity of the walls of the device and building materials will produce 40.000 tons of nuclear waste." This waste will have one lifespan of the order of the thousand of years: it is certainly less than the waste produced by the current engines (nuclear fission), but that will nevertheless make a gift poisoned for the future generations.

It is extremely possible that nuclear fusion never makes it possible to produce electricity

"For forty years, one has turned in round. Projects like ITER, one installed some in Princeton in the United States, then in Great Britain, but one never really progressed "(Claude Allègre, the Express train, May 30 2005). And for 40 years, one has promised to us fusion for in 20 or 30 ans... Ca starts again today with ITER...

If nuclear fusion produces one day of electricity, it will be too late

If tens of billion euros are again wasted in nuclear fusion, perhaps a distance successor of Iter will produce a day of electricity, at best in 100, 150 or 200 years. However, everyone knows well that oil and uranium will be exhausted in 50 years maximum. ITER is thus a major error of investment.

We finance the colossal compensations obtained by Japan

Japan obtained the post of secretary-general of the project, 20% of manpower (for only 10% of the investments), the lodging of research, work laboratories of the Japanese site of nuclear fusion of Naka, the establishment in Japan of possible "the ITERr 2" ... who will be financed to 50% by the European Union! The European public money is sacrificed for decades.

If a country withdraws ITER, we will pay the difference

"If a country left ITER, the country host should then finance, perhaps, 20% additional project", declared Mr. general manager Sakata of the office of the research and the development of the ministry for Sciences of Japan. "It is something which we cannot fund, for reasons of economies", it underlined. "On the contrary, Europe always let know that it was ready to pay additional costs, even if the agreement with six hood" (AFP, 28/06/2005 - 14h09)

...or, it is probable that the USA withdraw soon project ITER

A commission of the Congress of the USA produced in May 2005 a report/ratio which explains why to support ITER was "unreasonable, unacceptable, and not very clear-sighted". The Commission says itself "ready to refuse any American financing with project ITER to l'avenir" David Goldston, chief of the scientific Commission of the Congress, even declared with the review New Scientist: "the participation of the United States in project ITER is not very probable." (May 26, 2005). Moreover, the USA had already left ITER. They returned in 2003 to support the candidature of Japan. Their new departure would not be surprenant...

Not with the ITER

The call

Signatories

To sign the call

File "ITER: swindles "

ITER is destroying employment

With the Pharaonic sums planned for ITER, it would be possible to create and perennialize approximately 100 times more d'emplois. The latter would have a true social utility (renewable education, culture, health, energies, etc.) and harmoniously would be distributed on the territory and not concentrated. In addition, the employment envisaged in area PACA is mainly "displacements of employment": many scientists will come to settle close to Iter. Where is progress?

To offer the "jackpot" to an area with the detriment of others, it is the negation of the general interest

The declarations filled with wonder at many elected officials of Provence are indecent: they lost any direction of the general interest, the only thing which interests them is the "jackpot" for their city, their district, their department, their area, with the detriment of the other areas and countries contributors.

For research on fusion, the French public money finances already the Laser Megajoule

In Barp (the Gironde), France started to build the Laser Megajoule, installation as Pharaonic as ITER and also aiming at trying to control nuclear fusion (respectively by the way of the "inertial confinement" and that of "magnetic containment"). Admittedly, officially, the Megajoule is used for the development of the atomic bombs, but the ECA sets up mixed teams "Iter/Mégajoule" what confirms the double use of these installations whose, in addition, no evaluation is made (weak) chances of success. And it is not requested from the citizens if they want to really finance the two installations, or only one, ou... none!

ITER leads research

"Iter is still one of these projects of prestige which have, in the past, exhausted finances of our research. It was initially television high definition, then the construction of the large national accelerator of heavy ions (Ganil) in Caen, then the flights inhabited in space and, finally, the international space Station. Results for science? Nothing, or almost. It is the Mégajoule laser today, in Bordeaux, and Iter, in Cadarache." (Claude Allègre, the Express train, May 30, 2005). Idem: the SFP (French Company of Physics) denounces the risk to see a quarter of the budget of French research affected with ITER: "Taking into account the problems which the whole of French research has today, the SFP requires that the increase suggested in the French contribution not be taken on the current budget in civil research"

The construction of ITER was decided without any democratic process

No moment the French citizens, and in a general way Europeans, were consulted to know if they wanted to finance an experiment as discussed massively as Iter, but also substantial compensations offered for their desistance to Japan and Spain (which withdrew the candidature of Vendellos)

The French government must give up project ITER and invest massively in the renewable economies d'énergie and energies. C'est the only way to save l'environnement, ensure the energy safety, and to develop many employment and not délocalisables.