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Great Success for Anti-Globalisation Gathering in the Larzac

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The size of the gathering in the Larzac exceeded all the organisers' expectations. At midday on Saturday, an estimated 150 000 people were already present, and there was an enormous crowd walking the 5-6 final kilometres on Saturday afternoon and evening.

The organisers of this gathering deserve thanks for their extraordinary work, as do the numerous volunteers who helped it to happen in a very convivial atmosphere.

ACDN had a much-visited stand and collected thousands of signatures for its petitions, notably the "World Appeal to Rid the Planet of all Weapons of Mass Destruction". It organised a debate on Nuclear Disarmament for Friday 8 August, chaired by Jean-Marie Matagne, and this attracted about 400 people. Passionate exchanges of views took place. The same can be said for the debate on Energy Choices for France, attended by even more, which the "Sortir du Nucléaire" group held the following day under the chairmanship of its spokesperson Stéphane Lhomme.

In both debates, ACDN drew attention to the grave and imminent danger caused by nuclear arms in the current international situation, and went on to insist on the close links between civil and military nuclear technologies, and to call for two-pronged actions to bring France to a rapid decision on exiting methodically from nuclearism.

Radio-Larzac broadcast on Saturday morning a quarter-hour interview on this theme with Jean-Marie Matagne, and this will be rebroadcast in full on Radio-Transparence and on the network of citizens-group stations of South-West France.