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"Management wants to cut between 1,200 and 1,400 direct jobs over two



years," equivalent to 14 percent of IBM's 9,700-strong French workforce, Gerard Chameau, a representative for the CFDT union, told AFP.

The plan is due to be outlined to employees at a meeting on April 24, both Chameau and IBM's main Unsa union confirmed.

If the <u>layoffs</u> are made gradually over this year and next, a voluntary redundancy plan could replace compulsory cuts, said a third union, the CFE-CGC.

The company's management was not immediately available for comment.

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