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Model contemporary resolution for Labour Party Annual Conference 2013

A Labour Government would scrap Trident and its replacement

Conference notes:

- The UN Secretary-General's call on nuclear weapon states to 'stop developing new or modernized weapons, and accelerate individual and collective efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons' on 9th August.
- The Trident Alternatives Review, commissioned to consider alternative platforms and postures to the current Trident nuclear weapon system, published on 16th July.
- That Labour's front bench has expressed support for Trident but this does not necessarily represent Labour Party members' views.
- That Labour's National Policy Forum (NPF) has discussed nuclear weapons policy, including the scrapping of Trident and its replacement, on a number of occasions, with members calling for a party-wide debate on this issue, to be held and voted on at conference this year.

Labour members are concerned that:

- Trident is not a means of defence from the real threats we face. Trident's existence encourages proliferation when the UK is committed to disarming under the Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- Trident is unaffordable. Constructing and maintaining Trident's replacement will cost many billions of pounds.
- Trident requires skills that could be better used. Labour should introduce a plan for Trident-related work sites to ensure alternative employment using existing skills.
- Trident is unpopular. Regular polling evidence that shows the public opposes Trident replacement.

Labour should:

- Commit to non-replacement and scrapping of Trident in order to kick-start disarmament negotiations at the 2015 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference.

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- CLPs may submit one resolution by 12 noon on Thursday 12th September.
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