

### **TUC's Shadow Defence Diversification Agency demand now urgent**

Conference notes the announcement on 13 August 2018 by the Ministry of Defence to expand the role of the MOD Career Transition Partnership into the technology and cyber security sector.

Conference acknowledges:

- the defence industry is increasingly capital intensive and employment is in long-term decline;
- urgent attention is needed to ensure skilled, secure and well-paid employment for defence workers.

Conference welcomes:

- Jeremy Corbyn's commitment to establishing a Defence Diversification Agency 'jointly between workers, industry and government to ensure that jobs and skills are not just maintained, but also expanded';
- Motion 17 passed by TUC 2017 which 'calls on trade unions and the TUC to lobby the Labour Party to establish a 'shadow Defence Diversification Agency' and 'urges trades union councils, trade unions and the General Council of the TUC' to assist it work;
- Unite's 2018 policy conference decision is to 'provide resources to develop a defence diversification strategy' including promoting cross-sectoral work within the union, and working with other unions, the TUC and Labour Party.

Conference recognises that securing jobs for defence workers is best achieved by the establishment of a Shadow Defence Diversification Agency as part of a national industrial strategy, which must encourage workers and communities to take the lead in a broad partnership of all stakeholders.

Conference resolves to:

- encourage discussion about defence diversification at all levels of the party;
- work with the TUC, Unite and other unions to encourage research on defence diversification; and
- establish a Shadow Defence Diversification Agency as a matter of urgency.

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