**CND’s 2018 Policy Conference Resolution**

**DEFENCE DIVERSIFICATION**

Conference notes that in June 2018 Rolls Royce announced the loss of 4,600 UK aerospace jobs –the latest in a series of major redundancies in the defence industry workforce which has reduced from 405,000 in 1980/1 to 142,000 in 2015.

Conference welcomes:

1. TUC 2017 decision to “lobby the Labour Party to establish before the next general election a ‘shadow’ Defence Diversification Agency” (Motion 17);
2. Unite policy conference 2018 decision to promote cross-sectoral work within the union to pursue defence diversification initiatives.
3. Nuclear Education Trust’s *Defence Diversification: International learning for Trident Jobs;* report, June 2018;
4. 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’;

Conference believes:

1. real progress on defence diversification has been made in the labour movement which must now be translated into preparations for a Defence Diversification Agency by the Labour Party.
2. promoting discussion about defence diversification is a vital next step in our campaign to scrap Trident

Conference resolves to:

1. Continue to prioritise Defence Diversification in light of the progress already made and encourage the wider membership to engage their MP on the issue;
2. Redouble the efforts of CND's Trade Union Campaign not only in campaigning with affiliated trade unions, but also with members of unaffiliated trade unions supportive of our aims;
3. Support the ongoing work of the Lucas Plan Group, and others of a like mind, actively working on the issue.

Conference further resolves to:

1. encourage further work and research on defence diversification which builds a broad partnership involving all layers of society, but where workers and communities must take the lead.
2. build political support for diversification nationally, regionally and locally;
3. promote affiliations from trade unions and trades councils;
4. foster relationships between CND groups, areas and regions and their respective tiers of trade union organisation, including invitations to trade union representatives to address CND meetings.