

Defend the INF Treaty

Labour Women's Conference:

- a) applauds the inspirational struggle of the Greenham Common women against US cruise missiles in Britain which highlighted the danger of nuclear war on our doorstep;
- b) recognises women's role in the adoption of the UN of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons for which ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize;
- c) is aware that the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty
 - led to the removal US cruise and Pershing and Soviet SS20 missiles from Europe, including Greenham Common; and
 - helped end the cold war between the US and USSR.

Conference deplores:

- d) President Trump's announcement that he intends to withdraw from the INF Treaty, reintroducing the threat of nuclear confrontation in Europe and beyond; and
- e) UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson's support for Trump's statement.

We recall Labour's 2017 manifesto:

- a) pledged 'to protect the security of our citizens and country';
- b) recognised 'We live in a period of growing international tensions'; and
- c) undertook to 'lead multilateral efforts with international partners and the UN to create a nuclear-free world'.

In line with this, we call on the Labour Party to:

- d) vigorously defend the INF Treaty in parliament and the country;
- e) commit to signing and ratifying the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which will inevitably involve a commitment to scrap the Trident nuclear weapons system; and
- f) devote resources to the human security needs of Britain's citizens.

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