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Model contemporary resolution for Labour Party Annual Conference 2012

Title:

Reject military interventionism to focus on UK defence needs

Supporting arguments:

On 14th August, former British Army commander in Afghanistan Richard Kemp, stated that, with regard to Syria, 'the question of military intervention will remain a live issue' and that 'preparation will be proceeding today in several Western capitals'.

Labour must reconsider the military interventionism it supported in Government.

The UK's alliances, notably with the US and NATO or other Western powers, have led the country into numerous military strikes and wars in recent years, particularly Iraq and Afghanistan, under the justification of 'liberal interventionism'.

These interventions have left thousands dead and injured, harming rather than helping the people who live there and leaving behind countries that are neither stable nor safe.

This policy has damaged our international standing and lacks public support in the UK.

In future, under a Labour Government, military interventionism in other countries and the principle that UK forces should operate anywhere in the world will be rejected.

Conflict situations should be resolved by peaceful negotiations and dialogue through the UN and its member states.

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- CLPs may submit one resolution by noon on 21st September.
 - Please email info@labourcnd.org.uk if your CLP submits this or a similar resolution.