

# Labour CND

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Model contemporary resolution for Labour Party Annual Conference 2012

## Title:

### Scrap Trident and support negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

#### Supporting arguments:

*On 6th August, the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, UN General Secretary Ban-Ki Moon, stated that nuclear weapons 'have no legitimate place in our world' and that he supported efforts to 'negotiate a nuclear weapons convention'.*

*Labour supported a Nuclear Weapons Convention before 1997. The NPF Report rightly states the party must debate Trident and UK nuclear weapon possession.*

*The debate should take place now. It would be a mistake to delay this until the flawed Lib Dem inspired Trident Alternatives Review - which is not considering scrapping all nuclear weapons- has been published.*

*Trident and its replacement do not address our real threats. The possession of Trident does not increase our security. It is not a means of defence.*

*Trident or its replacement is a green light to nuclear weapons proliferation.*

*Trident replacement is unaffordable. Constructing and maintaining Trident's replacement will cost over £100 billion over its lifetime to 2060. This massive expenditure could be better spent on welfare, jobs and education.*

*Trident uses skills that could be put to better use in other industries. A Labour Government should introduce an industrial plan for Barrow and other Trident-related facilities to maintain employment and the use of the skills base.*

*Trident replacement is unpopular. There is clear and consistent polling evidence that shows the public is opposed to Trident replacement.*

*Labour should commit to scrapping Trident and negotiating a Nuclear Weapons Convention to achieve a global ban.*

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- CLPs may submit one resolution by noon on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
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