
A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE



**CND AGM and Policy Conference
Online Saturday 5th October 2024**



CND Conference 2024

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CND AGM 2024 Agenda

Saturday 5th October

- 10.50: Please join the Zoom meeting from this time so we can start the AGM and Conference promptly
- 10.55: Council meeting to ratify company members
- 11.00: Welcome from the Chair
Steering Committee Report
Election results to be announced
Resolution: All Officers elected or endorsed in the ballot are ratified
Resolution: All 15 Council Members elected in the ballot are ratified
Resolution: All Council members nominated by the nations, regions, specialist sections and Youth & Student CND
(names to be read out) are elected
- 11.10: Campaigns presentation and questions
Resolution: The annual report is accepted
Resolution: All those involved in working on behalf of the campaign during the year, the Officers, Council, staff, volunteers and members and supporters are congratulated
- 11.45: Treasurer's report and questions
Resolution: The accounts are accepted
Resolution: All those involved in working on the accounts, the Treasurer, AFG, Finance Officer and the accountants are thanked for their work
Resolution: The accountant Simon Erskine is appointed to report on the accounts
- 12.15: Fundraising appeal: Angie Zelter, Lakenheath Alliance for Peace
- End of AGM and Chair's closing remarks
- 12.30: Lunch

Campaigning 2023–2024

The world has never been at greater risk of nuclear war. The war in Ukraine moves closer to direct conflict between Russia and NATO, and nuclear-armed Israel's war on Gaza is on the edge of wider expansion. Global nuclear arsenals are on the increase and a nuclear arms race is underway. Britain's role in these developments continues apace with the new Labour government committing to a 'triple lock' on Trident, increased military spending, and almost obsessive support for NATO as well as attempting to make the US/UK Mutual Defence Agreement a permanent Treaty, no longer subject to review, amendment or withdrawal. The US continues with its siting of US B61-12s in Europe – including Lakenheath in Britain – in spite of the negative consequences already incurred, namely Russian deployment of nuclear weapons to Belarus. Our campaigning work at RAF/USAF Lakenheath continues, including working with Lakenheath Alliance for Peace on a programme of vigils and peace camps. Our key messaging this year has been as strong as ever: No nuclear war, No US nukes in Britain.

The British government is making a bad situation worse, opposing peace negotiations in Ukraine, sending tanks and missiles, and urging the use of NATO missiles into Russia; refusing to stop all arms shipments to Israel; pouring vast sums into nuclear weapons and continuing its refusal to engage with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. A drive towards spending 2.5% of GDP on the military is underway, likely backed by the government's new Strategic Defence Review, currently being drafted. We will be making our own submissions and interventions in this process; we have stepped up our trade union work, aiming to shift TUC policy on increased military spending and to restore its defence diversification policy. Our crucial work on Peace and Planet

continues at a time of rapidly accelerating climate change.

We were present at the NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva in July, holding an expert side event opposing a 'Eurobomb'. We also participated at the NATO Summit counter-events held in Washington in July.

Bringing CND's message into the public eye remains crucial as the world faces huge nuclear challenges – we hope that our new rebranding will support that goal: look out for the launch this month. As always, huge thanks to all those who have worked with us and supported us during the year – together we have achieved a great deal.

Opposing Trident & supporting TPNW

- Produced new materials and updated briefings highlighting impact of nuclear war
- Lakenheath day of action including protest at US Embassy, supported LAP peace camp, mounted legal challenge on construction at base, and other actions
- Organised in-person side event at NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva as well as online fringe
- Parliamentary lobbying against permanent extension of Mutual Defence Agreement
- Continued support for TPNW and Nuclear Ban communities
- Produced parliamentary reports and promoted Early Day Motions
- Participated in ICAN network and convened No Trident Replacement Core Group.

Against missile defence and weapons in space

- Participated in Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space week of action
- Supported Parc against Darc

No to NATO

- Active in coordination with

European groups and global women's network.

- Kate Hudson a recipient of World BEYOND War's 2024 Lifetime Organizational War Abolisher Award, on behalf of No to War – No to NATO
- Participated in and helped organise ongoing webinars, July 2024 NATO counter-summit in Washington and 24-hour Peace Wave

Nuclear power

- Continued to raise profile of nuclear civil-military links
- Supported opposition to Sizewell C and opposed COP28 orientation to nuclear power
- Appealed for safety at Ukraine nuclear power stations

Other areas of work

- Anti-war/nuclear war campaigning including Ukraine webinars, Downing Street letter hand-in; supporting Palestine demos
- Organised groups' workshops
- YSCND activities programme for freshers' week
- Labour Party conference stall and fringe event with Defence Review theme
- UNISON stall; Trade Union Advisory Group webinar; TUC Conference stall and new leaflet, advocating a changed policy on military spending
- Glastonbury festival
- Continued peace education work
- Parliamentary CND organisation
- General election campaigning
- Rebranding of CND website and materials, for a new more contemporary look
- Regular production of *Campaign* magazine, social media and mainstream media campaigning.
- Continuing online activities including rallies, regular webinars and workshops for groups
- Participation in Undercover Policing Inquiry

Elections 2024

This section contains a list of all candidates who have accepted nomination for CND officer posts and directly elected council members for the coming year, in accordance with the published procedures. The elected positions are:

- Chair (1 place)
- Vice-Chair (3 places)
- Treasurer (1 place)
- Company Secretary (1 place)
- Directly elected National Council Members (15 places)

All elections will be held online before the AGM day itself. Voting will open at the start of October and will close in the hours before the AGM.

Registered delegates will receive details on how to cast their ballots by email. Any queries should be sent to conference@cnduk.org.

Voting/Endorsement

Where the number of people standing for a position is the same or fewer than the places available, there will be no election. For the Officer positions where this applies, voters will be asked to endorse candidates. Candidates must obtain more than 50% of endorsements in order to be elected to the post.

Size and composition of National Council

The Chair, Vice-Chairs, Treasurer and Company Secretary make up the CND officer team along with the appointed General Secretary. In

addition National Council includes 15 members directly elected at Conference as well as representatives from CND nations, regions, areas and specialist sections.

CND National Council meets online three times a year – in March/April, July and November/December. It is responsible for directing the work of CND between conferences. In particular, Council discusses campaign strategy and oversees financial matters. Council members also participate in working groups on various aspects of CND's work – such as campaigning, international work, conference planning and finance.

Council receives regular reports from, among others, officers, regions and specialist sections. It also receives regular reports about the work of the staff in the CND national office, and is the body responsible for overseeing the employment of national office staff.

Candidate statements

All candidates who accepted nomination were invited to submit a statement about their relevant experience (up to 50 words), along with a statement in support of their candidature (up to 100 words) and submit a photograph for inclusion in this conference booklet. All statements received have been included.

The statements which appear on the following pages, in alphabetical order,

are intended to give you some information about candidates before you cast your vote.

Chair

- Tom Unterrainer

Vice-Chair

- Sam Mason
- Tony Staunton
- Carol Turner

Treasurer

- Linda Hugl

Company Secretary

- Katy West

Directly elected

- Daniel Blaney
- Conor Bollins
- Sarah Cartin
- Jenny Clegg
- David Cull
- Tom Cuthbert
- Emma Dent Coad
- Jayne Fisher
- Philip Gilligan
- Anna Liddle
- John McGrath
- Murad Qureshi
- Annie Tunnicliffe
- Hannah Tweddell
- Rebecca Warren
- Dave Webb
- Sue Wright

Candidates

Chair Tom Unterrainer



It would be an honour to continue to serve the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament as Chair. We face a period of acute nuclear risks, war,

genocide and continuing global shifts in power. I am proud that the Campaign has played a full part in confronting these developments and – importantly – mobilising and organising against them as part of a coalition of like-minded organisations.

The new British government and the prospect of political change in the United States look set to compound existing challenges. Our Campaign must continue to fearlessly meet these and hold the powerful to account, whether it be over the deployment of US nuclear weapons, the proposed indefinite extension of the Mutual Defence Agreement, the planned expansion of nuclear power, NATO and much else.

Of course, none of this work can happen without the commitment, energy and determination embodied in the Campaign's membership and local groups.

CND Vice-Chair Sam Mason



I've been active in CND and anti-nuclear campaigning since the early 1980's. I have been on CND council for four years, speaking at CND

events. As a trade unionist I campaign for jobs based on peace, an end to nuclear weapons and energy, advocating for socially and ecologically useful production.

I have served on the National Council and been a member of the Trade Union Advisory Group (TUAG) for four years. As a trade unionist, I aim to ensure CND council is alive to debate within the labour movement on defence and nuclear issues. I have worked with colleagues on TUAG to develop our approaches to building labour movement activism within CND, including affiliations. In increasingly insecure times due to war, the threat of nuclear weapons, and climate change, we need a strong labour movement to progress the wider aim of Just Transition, rooted in internationalism and peace.

CND Vice-Chair Tony Staunton



Member of CND National Council across 20 years, I continually build action against Trident at Plymouth Devonport nuclear dockyard and

serve on the CND Trade Union Action Group. I have significant experience of chairing meetings and coordinating events in the trade union and socialist movement, and encouraging direct action.

The current multifaceted global crisis requires no return to the "old normal". CND must win the wider

movement to oppose Trident Replacement and expose the imminent threat of nuclear war. The Climate Emergency demands transformation of our economy for climate jobs and infrastructure, cancelling spending on nuclear weapons and nuclear power. As a socialist activist I am a member of the National Steering Group of the Campaign against Climate Change, President of Plymouth Trades Union Council, the Stop the War Coalition and Palestine Solidarity Campaign, and seek to continuously embed our CND objectives into the wider Movement of Movements.

CND Vice-Chair Carol Turner



CND Vice Chair; long-time Directly-Elected Council member; International Advisory Group Convenor; London Region CND

Chair; Labour CND activist; Stop the War National Officer; with Yorkshire CND and Drone Wars co-organised CND's two Future Wars conferences on military use of new tech.

Ukraine's edging us closer to nuclear war. CND is indispensable. IAG's programme of work includes in-depth material on Indo-Pacific pivot, Ukraine war, Middle East tensions, Dark Space developments.

New government, same old policies. Doing my bit to expose the cost of UK's commitment to NATO and 2.5% military spending goal – the only unfunded manifesto promise! – and helping keep CND informed.

Organised two London CND No US Nukes protests at the US Embassy. Project managed Sam Mason's climate crisis pamphlet through Labour CND and promoted

No US nukes initiatives among partner campaigns.

With your support, I hope to keep contributing enthusiasm, knowledge, and experience.

Treasurer Linda Hugl



CND Treasurer for 23 years.

As Treasurer I aim to ensure that we make the best use of our finances and other

resources so that our campaign is as effective as possible. I have the experience, working with staff, AFG and officers to make the best use of our current finances. This is crucial in the coming years of political upheaval caused by the invasion of Ukraine and now also the Middle East following the Israeli destruction of Gaza. This has implications for international co-operation at every level, against the background of the increasingly noticeable effects of climate change. This will greatly affect our campaigns to overturn the decision on Trident and support the nuclear ban treaty.

Company Secretary Katy West



As Membership Database and Systems Officer for CND between 2005 and 2008 I worked with staff, volunteers, CND

groups and affiliated organisations. Since 2009 I have been an elected member of CND National Council, Company Secretary and a member of AFG & CAWG and I was CND Vice Chair from 2015 to 2016.

Since leaving the CND staff team I have worked and been a workplace Union Rep at various charities and believe I can provide a useful insight into membership and fundraising and HR policy, by combining my knowledge of the processes and priorities of CND with the additional experience of working within larger NGOs. All organisations must respond to the changes that the current national and global changes will bring about and I would like to continue helping CND to do that.

Directly elected National Council members

Daniel Blaney



Vice-Chair 2010-2023. CND member since 1990s. Treasurer of Labour CND and longstanding member of CND Council's

Admin & Finance Group. Addressed numerous meetings, protests and rallies on behalf of the campaign.

With much experience of CND's internal operation and campaigning messages in the last decade or so, I believe I can continue to contribute to CND's on National Council. There is so much work to do: wages not weapons; defence diversification, Climate not Trident - towards implementing the Global Ban Treaty worldwide. We have the folly and dangers of nuclear power which won't solve the energy crisis and dealing daily with the implications of Nato expansion that have never been felt more acutely. CND must continue to work on broad initiatives and alliances for international peace and justice, including climate justice, using the breadth and range of campaigning tools that have been CND's strength.

Conor Bollins



I have campaigned and organised around anti-war, anti-racist, and anti-austerity issues my entire adult life. I have supported CND at a

national level, by carrying our banner at ceasefire demonstrations in London. At a local level, I am involved with the campaign against the storage of nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath.

I am a dynamic activist with experience in grassroots organising, political messaging, and policy scrutiny. Through my involvement with the labour movement, I have convened well-attended community town hall events involving local

representatives from BlackLivesMatter, Extinction Rebellion, and the major political parties. As co-founder of Norwich Against the Bomb, I am helping to draw a new generation into the anti-nuclear movement. We have brought together figures from the local university and CND branch to educate people about the danger posed by RAF Lakenheath. At National Council, I will push for CND to remain contemporary and relevant to people's everyday concerns.

Sarah Cartin



Former CND Vice Chair, Yorkshire CND Co-Ordinating committee member and staff member.

Most recently working to provide staff, volunteer and policy support for Yorkshire CND.

As we approach the first anniversary of the devastating genocide on the people of Gaza, we see the very real escalation of the powers of nuclear states, aided and supported by a United States seemingly determined to start a nuclear war. We must continue our work to build CND to reach the growing global audience who want a safe future of peace and justice. Our work continues and our campaigning remains as important as ever.

Jenny Clegg



I remain active in CND both nationally and locally in Greater Manchester.

Throughout the year I have continued to speak at meetings as well as writing articles and papers on the increasingly dangerous international situation. Israel's Gaza genocide and the war in Ukraine are both at extreme risk of escalation. Treating Israel's nuclear weapons as an exception, the US and allies

including the UK permit its leaders to act with complete impunity. Meanwhile with Western backing, Ukraine's incursion into Russia drives the situation to the brink of nuclear catastrophe. The new UK Labour government continues to pursue militarism at the expense of diplomacy. Pacific tensions also mount as the US seeks to provoke China into a nuclear arms race. I would like to continue to put my specialist knowledge to use in Council and IAG.

David Cull



Living close to RAF Lakenheath makes me acutely aware of the dangers the return of American nuclear weapons poses to

Suffolk. I am committed to the pledge I read out at the Airbase to make Lakenheath a nuclear-free zone. I have organised local anti-war meetings, gaining exposure in the media.

I am the current Secretary of the Suffolk Amal branch of the Communication Workers Union. Living in a nuclear-free world must become a trade union issue. CND and the union movement should align themselves to share communications to inform of the horrors of nuclear weapons and their associated costs, explaining how money spent on nuclear weapons could be better used by the government to improve the lives of ordinary working people. I organise the Suffolk News Club, which is part of the Peace and Justice Project, offering independent news including highlighting local campaigns such as No Nukes at Lakenheath.

Tom Cuthbert



Now Chair of St Albans CND, decades of experience teach me the importance of our member's input. On Lakenheath, we are building public concern, with discussions on zoom, imaginative street work, displays, meetings to influence councillors and real CHANGE for a new Labour government, nuclear disarmament for security defining peace.

CND National Council is vital for me as an information exchange on current war protest, nuclear affairs, our political impact, and financial stability. Council involvement ensures I learn from the mailings and contribute if appropriate. National conference develops themes, our officers and international experts inform. I communicate content to our group members. The high-risk of catastrophic nuclear conflict must be condemned, lies of dominance exposed and a path for real security made clear. Peace activism faces more legal obstacles than ever before let's undo them, resist the corruption of US bellicosity, its divisive global consequences, and re-educate British government policy.

Emma Dent Coad



My association with peace movements goes back 50 years. I first met Bruce Kent when I was in my teens, when he was Catholic

Chaplain at UCL. I was politically active at school, and (while not religious) support Pax Christi and the Columbans. At Remembrance Day I wear a white poppy with pride.

I have been politically active via elected union representation at school, college and uni. My 17 years on RBKC Council, a year on the GLA's London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority and 30 months as MP for Kensington has equipped me to be an effective committee member known

for reading background documents and unafraid to ask challenging questions.

We are in a period of profound and deepening unrest world-wide, and the threat of war between super-powers and fears for nuclear war are very real. I would be proud to be part of the national campaign to raise awareness and work for nuclear disarmament.

Jayne Fisher



I am a longstanding supporter of CND, first joining in the 1980s. My first campaigning activity as a teenager was with Youth CND.

Since, I have actively supported CND and the anti-war movement, most recently the actions against genocide in Gaza. I have also worked as a volunteer on CND's digital archive project.

As a labour movement activist over many decades, I have broad experience in campaigning work at a national and international level, through advocacy in parliament at all levels to support peace in Ireland and in Latin America. I've worked in local government and as a trade union activist. The past decades of war in Middle East, the horrific genocide against the Palestinian people and continued nuclear threat have shown how vital CND's role remains. I would like to bring my experience to help CND's work as a member of Council.

Phillip Gilligan



Co-ordinator - South Lakeland and Lancaster District and Cumbria & Lancashire CND, 2017 & 2023 to present: promoting CND in

South Cumbria and North Lancashire. Previously: Chair, Greater Manchester and District CND (recruitment, staffing, management, etc) + delegate to National Council. Previous campaigner with Rochdale and Littleborough Peace Group.

We must ensure our messages are heard, locally, nationally and internationally. Media and politicians (especially in England) promote nuclear weapons and nuclear power, and it remains essential that we resist these dangerous policies and, to do so, build alliances with others, both within and beyond the mainstream. We need to highlight dangers and costs and to build resistance and dissent. In particular, we need to highlight and emphasise nuclear issues in struggles to tackle the climate emergency and campaigns for a 'green' economy. We must campaign for an end to arms sales, especially to Israel and demand a peaceful foreign policy.

Anna Liddle



I was the CND Peace Education Officer from 2006-2014 and was instrumental in the development of the programme. Since leaving CND employment I have been a member of national council. I am currently a Lecturer in Education at Sheffield Hallam University.

My recent PhD was in how schools teach about peace and war which gives me knowledge that will be useful to bring insight into discussions at council meetings. My recent postdoctoral work was on a project about young people's citizenship, including their trade union membership. I have knowledge of the university sector and current educational policies. Having worked in the national office and a regional office, I can also bring insight into the needs of the staff.

John McGrath



I live in SE London and am the branch secretary of Lewisham and Greenwich CND and on the steering committee of Lewisham Stop the War Coalition. I'm currently employed as a staffer at PSC and I

helped organise the 2024 No to NATO, Yes to Peace Conference in Washington DC.

It's important for CND to actively campaign at the local level. Lewisham and Greenwich CND has organised 8 local marches since October, with thousands attending. We have put on two public meetings in support of peace in Ukraine and one marking the 75th anniversary of NATO's formation. We encourage the participation of local trade union branches, and many have helped subsidize activities with donations. CND is at its best when it campaigns for nuclear abolition in cooperation with other movements, namely environmental and anti-poverty movements which are directly related to Britain's military adventurism and bloated military budget.

Murad Qureshi



I been actively involved in Anti-war movement for past 5 years at STW Coalition & more recently Liberation

(movement for colonial freedom). I am well informed about geo-politics of the world today in places like Afghanistan and South Asia, the increasing global tensions between US & China and also between Pakistan & India the latter all but forgotten.

I am committed to an anti-nuclear arms world, when we have a British government pushing through further defense expenditure and increase of our nuclear capability, in breach of international agreements. We must pledge ourselves to redouble efforts for nuclear peace and disarmament.

I will be useful in working with the rest of the anti-war movement in the UK and beyond with my experiences over the last 5 years at STW coalition. Furthermore, I have keen knowledge of the Pakistan-India conflict, a forgotten nuclear threat and the growing tension between India and China which we must not lose sight of as well.

Annie Tunnicliffe



50+ years' experience: 1980's set up Southdowns CND in Sussex; Chaired Oxford CND (Campaign Atom);

Greenham Common for some years; Elected to National Council and on Projects Committee involved in setting up the NVDA network; Organising demos at Molesworth, Burghfield etc; Involved Upper Heyford Peace Camp; WFLOE march to RAF Brawdy; Star Marches – 16 marches culminating at Greenham on Hiroshima Day, combining with the Walk for Life from Scotland. Worked on the anti-nuclear day at the Stop the Arms Fair 2019 and on stalls at TU and Labour Party conferences. Recently attended the Peace Camp at Lakenheath. Currently volunteering at CND working with Trade Unions and co-ordinating the Trade Union Advisory Group. I would like to continue with this role.

As Company Secretary for some years I have contributed to the Officers' Meetings and worked on updating policies. I am now resigning this position.

In my working life I have been a consultant and trainer for companies and organisations on a wide range of issues. Am used to thinking strategically and can usefully contribute to long term planning.

I care deeply about trade union involvement and the issue of "defence" jobs diversification into socially useful production.

Hannah Tweddell



Student CND 2003–2007; Directly Elected Council member 2006–2008 & 2011–2016 & 2020 - present; Yorkshire CND

Development Worker 2008–2011; CND Vice Chair 2016–2019; Bristol CND Chair 2012–present. Experienced in running regional and local campaigns as well

as organising students on sustainability related campaigns. Led local organisation of 2018 national conference.

Amid the continuing war in Ukraine, the threat of US nuclear weapons coming to Lakenheath and the continued devastating 'cost of living' crisis, we must continue to be pushing the arguments to scrap Trident. Continuing to make links with other campaigns including climate change, anti austerity and others in the peace movement to mobilise. Supporting local groups to campaign including through the Nuclear Ban Communities initiative. Continuing to lobby national government and work with international peace partners. I will bring my knowledge of local and regional campaigning as well as previous experience as Vice Chair.

Rebecca Warren

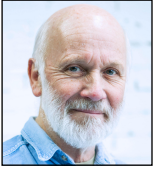


Active supporter and campaigner for CND for many years. Member since 2015. Member of National Council and AFG (the

Administration and Finance Group) since 2018.

I am a qualified accountant with over twenty years' experience, and a prolific multi-issue campaigner, notably for Amnesty UK and ShareAction (former Board member and Finance Committee member); Operation Noah (Trustee); and Campaign against Climate Change (Treasurer). Also a member of the Green Party. One of the great things about campaigning on multiple issues is that they synergise. I would like to continue to use my wide-ranging financial skills and experience for the benefit of CND.

Dave Webb



CND member for over 30 years, former CND Chair of Yorkshire CND, Convenor of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear

Power in Space. We must continue to highlight the absurdity of UK nuclear weapons that are basically non-functional and tie us much too closely to the US. Also, the UK must not follow the US by further militarising and endangering the space environment. The major powers rely heavily on space technology and an arms race in outer space must be prevented. As well as killing tens of thousands, devastating the environment and threatening a nuclear exchange, the wars in Gaza and Ukraine have also been used to develop and demonstrate new technologies such as hypersonic weapons, AI, surveillance, hacking and signal jamming among other things. We must stay aware of these developments that threaten more death and destruction. Other ways of settling disputes are possible.

Sue Wright



A retired primary school head, I got involved with Norwich and District CND and took on the chair several years ago. I maintained and grew

the contact list and website and helped to organise regular events, eg monthly peace vigils, Burston strike school rally, Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations.

I have helped to organise demonstrations at RAF/USAF Lakenheath, this year becoming part of the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace which set up the walk from Norwich to Lakenheath and the Peace Camp. As a member of the Council I can continue to contribute my knowledge of Lakenheath and have been part of the police liaison team. I have spoken at demonstrations. I am also part of the Peace Education team and hope to see their work extended into more primary schools. I am working with others to improve links between groups and individuals in the East of England.

CND Policy Conference 2024 Agenda, Saturday 5th October

13.00: Policy Conference First Session

Resolution 1: Global Dynamics

Resolution 2: Campaigning for Nuclear Disarmament Under a New Government

Resolution 3: National Event at BAE Systems in Barrow-In-Furness

Resolution 4: Building the Movement Against New US Nukes in Britain

Resolution 5: Direct Peaceful Action

Further resolutions may be taken before the break subject to speed of completing earlier business.

13.50: Break

14.00: Policy Conference Second Session

Emergency resolutions

Resolution 6: Globalising NATO: preparing for World War

Resolution 7: Peace Through Common Security

Resolution 8: Building and Supporting Trade Unions Opposing Nuclear Weapons and War

Resolution 9: Workers for Peace

Resolution 10: Great? British Energy

Resolution 11: The New Labour Government and the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

15.15: Chair's concluding remarks

Resolutions 2024

1. Global Dynamics

For 66 years, CND has worked to eradicate nuclear weapons and the threat of nuclear war - for half of that time, during the Cold War, sometimes seeming on the brink of nuclear annihilation. Briefly after the Cold War ended, there were genuine hopes of a new world order of peace and justice, and a peace dividend to benefit all. Three decades on, the reverse is true. Powerful global dynamics are pushing us closer to the edge, to nuclear war.

In 1992 the Wolfowitz Doctrine declared that the US was the sole global superpower, and its main objective should be to maintain that status. Subsequent US foreign and defence policy – including through NATO – have been shaped to that end. The ongoing expression of this policy is the determination to contain China. This is taking an increasingly militarised form, underpinned ideologically by the ‘new axis’ narrative; new arms races are underway, global nuclear arsenals are on the increase.

Whoever enters the White House, this dynamic will continue, threatening the very future of all forms of life on earth. Our role, as ever, is to expose and oppose it.

Conference believes:

1. that the global majority supports neither a unipolar, nor a bipolar world, but a multi-polar world, where all states and peoples can develop and flourish in common security
2. that the US drive for continued global domination, backed by Britain, runs counter to the interests of all peoples and is already resulting in a degraded planet, mass killings and dislocation, intensified militarisation creating a culture of nationalism and squandering resources, limiting democratic rights
- 3.. that a new agenda for peace is essential, at both national and international level, helping not only to reduce and remove the risk of nuclear war, but shifting societal values and political culture away from growing far-right trends

Conference therefore resolves:

1. to engage with all partner organisations to strengthen our alliances, recognising the major political challenges that are confronting our society
2. to amplify the links between campaigns and movements, sharing common perspectives for peace and justice

3. to engage increasingly with movements and campaigns from countries in the global south and elsewhere, where we have commonality of aims and analysis.

Submitted by Kate Hudson

Amendment:

Add Conference believes 4. It is clear that we are entering a period of increasing regional conflicts with the threat to use nuclear weapons.

Add Conference resolves 4. To expose the illegality and immorality of nuclear weapons, CND should cooperate with other international justice and peace groups and, to establish a nuclear free world, take those nuclear weapon states to the International Court of Justice who are:

- Breaking the terms of Non-Proliferation Treaty, which most states have signed
- Colluding between the US and the UK to base US new nuclear weapons in Britain, which will make the UK nuclear bases and power stations targets from attacks and cyber warfare
- Failing to sign and comply with the UN legally binding multi-lateral Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Exporting arms used against civilians, which infringe International Humanitarian Law.

Submitted by East Lancashire CND

2. Campaigning for Nuclear Disarmament Under a New Government

Despite demonstrable support for peace candidates in GE2024, conference notes:

1. mounting calls to prepare for war from politicians, security thinktanks, and sections of the military
2. the Labour government and Conservative opposition are committed to
 - maintaining Trident
 - strengthening Britain’s relationship with NATO, and
 - raising military spending to 2.5%
3. the Strategic Defence Review (SDR) will
 - determine UK military priorities
 - be conducted by an ex-NATO Secretary-General, senior ex-member of the UK military, and former US presidential advisor

- consider those submission which conform to the criteria laid out in the SDR terms of reference, and
- report in the first half of 2025

Conference further notes:

4. CND's No 1 strategic objective remains the elimination of British nuclear weapons, and the first point in our Statement of Aims is to change government policies
5. divisions in the peace and wider labour movements over Britain's nuclear weapons and war policies despite the growing possibility of nuclear war, in particular the UK's role in arming Ukraine

Conference considers:

6. the difficult contemporary context in which CND operates does not lessen the importance of maintaining our commitment to eliminate Trident
7. campaigning against increases in military spending allows CND to link up with organisations and activists both in and outside the Labour Party who are campaigning on urgent domestic issues, such as cost-of-living, social spending, education, and housing crises

Conference resolves to increase pressure on government by:

- a) stepping up campaigning on the cost of Trident and global nuclear weapons spending
- b) linking up with organisations and activists in and outside the Labour Party on military spending and the cost of nuclear weapons
- c) producing briefings and campaigning materials, in conjunction with Labour CND, to both assist our supporters in focussing on parties and candidates in their locality and introduce this material into CND's other national campaigning
- d) and calls on the Officer Team to discuss this as a matter of urgency

Submitted by Labour CND

Amendment:

Conference considers 7. Add 'and environment' at the end so it reads '... on urgent domestic issues, such as cost-of-living, social spending, the housing crises and the environment.'

Submitted by Stockport for Peace

3. National Event at BAE Systems in Barrow-In-Furness

Conference notes that:

1. A crucial part of plans to renew the UK's Trident nuclear weapons system involves the building of four Dreadnought class submarines by BAE Systems at its shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.
2. BAE Systems says that "Work on the first two boats in the class - Dreadnought and Valiant - is well underway" (<https://www.baesystems.com/en-uk/product/dreadnought>).
3. During the 2024 General Election campaign, the Labour Party stated that it "has a 'triple-lock' commitment to the UK nuclear submarine programme, including commitment "to building four new nuclear submarines in Barrow-in-Furness" (<https://labour.org.uk/updates/stories/labours-defence-policy-how-we-will-provide-strong-national-defence-for-britain/>).
4. BAE Systems is the UK's largest arms manufacturer producing a range of weapons including submarines for the Trident nuclear weapons system and rear fuselages for all the world's F35s warplanes including those used by Israel in its genocidal attacks on Gaza and those based at RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk.
5. The economic future of Barrow-in-Furness and its hinterland is becoming ever more dependent on BAE Systems.
6. The current UK Government, like preceding Governments, has no policies in place that would make any significant contribution to reducing the dependence of places like Barrow on arms manufacturing and on BAE Systems, in particular.

Conference resolves to:

1. Organise a national event to be held in Barrow-in-Furness during 2025, to be focused on the involvement of BAE Systems in the Trident nuclear weapons system.
2. Urge all groups affiliated to CND and others to attend and support this event.
3. Highlight the role played by BAE Systems in the 'renewal' of the Trident nuclear weapons system, the need for Government policies that will facilitate and promote a greater diversity of employment opportunities in areas like Barrow-in-Furness, and the

ways in which planned Government spending on so-called 'Trident renewal' could be redeployed, if 'Trident renewal' was cancelled.

4. Support related campaigns which identify and oppose the involvement of BAE Systems in weapons production and the arms trade, including those focused on the production of rear fuselages for F35s at BAE Systems in Salmesbury, Lancashire.

Submitted: Philip Gilligan

4. Building the Movement against New US Nukes in Britain

Conference notes:

Reports that the US plan to start deploying B61-12 nuclear bombs at NATO bases, including Lakenheath, from Spring 2025.

The intensifying of nuclear dangers between the US and Russia with President Biden authorising Ukraine to use US weapons to hit military targets inside Russia.

NATO's continued expansion following membership of Sweden and Finland.

Statements by Britain's new Defence Secretary that the government will be the 'leading European nation' in NATO.

Conference further notes:

Ongoing involvement of Lakenheath in conflicts around the world, including in the Middle East. For example, as well as regular joint exercises with the Israeli and Saudi air forces, in April 2024 fighter pilots from RAF Lakenheath were involved in shooting down Iranian drones over Israel.

Conference welcomes:

Increased opposition to the developments at Lakenheath, greater media interest and mobilisations at the base, including the establishment of Lakenheath Alliance for Peace (LAP), a coalition of about 40 groups – including CND - and its successful march, peace camp and brave NVDA action in July.

Conference believes:

Lakenheath's greater role in the US and NATO's nuclear war machine intensifies the threat of nuclear weapons being used in war and puts Britain on the frontline of any nuclear confrontation between the US and Russia.

Conference resolves to:

Redouble our efforts to build the strongest campaign possible to stop delivery of US nuclear weapons to Britain.

Continue to raise awareness about the role the base plays in conflicts across the world, including nuclear-armed Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinian people

Continue to build our work with all those in parliament, local authorities and councillors, trade unions, students and the wider anti-war and climate movements to back our call for Lakenheath to be a nuclear-free zone.

Strengthen our work to support the regionally organised campaigns against these new US nuclear weapons and actions at the base

Build our national demonstration at Lakenheath on Saturday 2nd November

Actively promote and build the monthly vigils taking place the last Saturday of each month (except December) building up to the next LAP peace camp from the 14th to 25th April 2025.

Submitted by Sophie Bolt. Supported by Norwich CND.

Amendment

Add to Conference notes 3, ', extending its influence into the Arctic' after 'Finland' , so it reads 'NATO's continued expansion following membership of Sweden and Finland, extending its influence into the Arctic'.

Submitted by Greater Manchester and District CND

5. Direct Peaceful Action

Conference believes:

1. In the seriousness of CND's demands for a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons.
2. That all avenues of campaigning and action within the bound of morality should be employed to achieve CND's vision, with no form of action being neglected unless there is a well-communicated strategic or logistical reason.
3. That coalitions strengthen our voices so long as we remain clear on our focus.

Conference notes:

1. That campaigning through the mainstream avenues provided by the state, including petitions and engagement with members of parliament, has its place in our movement.
2. That the establishment has proven to be corrupt to the core and unyielding to our call, thus making

mainstream avenues a very slow method for change; they cannot be solely relied on to achieve CND's vision.

3. That the last year has demonstrated the power of direct, peaceful action that disrupts the ordinary motions of society, including the work of Palestine Action and the student encampments for Palestine.
4. That the encampment organised by Lakenheath Alliance for Peace in July 2024 were diligently planned and well organised; this action is a noteworthy example of direct actions done right.

Conference resolves:

1. To recognise the positive impact of long term, direct peaceful action in the anti-nuclear movement.
2. To create a network and space for long time activists in the anti-nuclear movement and newer activists to coordinate and share skills.
3. To strengthen CND's coordination with Lakenheath Alliance for Peace for actions at Lakenheath
4. To organise a national online focus session to support, empower and connect local activists to campaign in their area for the anti-nuclear cause.

Submitted by: Junayd Islam

6. Globalising NATO: preparing for World War

Conference notes:

- with no end to the Ukraine conflict in sight and the prospect of nuclear war closer than ever before, NATO's 2024 summit statement encouraged greater belligerence:
- pledging further and long-term military assistance to Ukraine including €40bn for the next year
- identifying China as the 'decisive enabler' of Russia's war and warning of 'negative impact'
- announcing plans for long-range US cruise missiles to be deployed periodically in Germany in 2026

Further notes:

1. several NATO members including Britain are allowing Ukraine to use their donated weapons against military targets within Russia's borders
2. ground-launched missiles were deployed for the first

time since the collapse of the INF Treaty in 2019 in military exercises with the Philippines in May 2024

3. Russia has moved tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus and the US is looking to strengthen extended nuclear deterrence with Japan and South Korea

Considers that:

1. the summit represents a major step towards a global NATO with the Euro Atlantic linked to Indo Pacific in a two-pronged strategy to escalate the Ukraine conflict, then blame China
2. claims of a 'Russia-China-Iran-North Korea axis' are exaggerated warmongering aimed at stoking preparations for wider war
3. peaceful solutions or paths to peace are available in all the above cases and should be urgently pursued
4. Israel's genocidal war on Gaza and risks of overspill across the Middle East together with the prospects of another unpredictable Trump presidency stoke the escalatory atmosphere
5. nuclear threats and proliferation are escalating with the situation verging on a Cold War-style arms race

Resolves to:

1. call on the International Advisory Group to closely monitor and assess the risks and dangers of the above developments but equally to weigh prospects for peace
2. consult with CND officers on building these considerations into CND campaigning
3. establish and strengthen people-to-people links with organisations and individuals working in global majority countries
4. highlight and strengthen understanding and acceptance of a 'Common Security' approach to such questions

Submitted by International Advisory Group

7. Peace Through Common Security

There is an urgent need for the UK peace movement to challenge the recent, and ongoing, war mongering by UK 'Defence' Chiefs, senior politicians of both major parties and the tabloid press. The demonisation of Russia, China, and Iran and warnings such as that the country should be preparing for war within three years is part of a

concerted attempt to scare us into supporting a diversion of resources from the pursuit of social, economic and climate goals into increasing the 'lethality' of our armed forces and the modernisation of our nuclear arsenal.

It is desperately important that a different progressive and peaceful view of what constitutes our national security is put before the British public.

We call upon CND to lead a public campaign in collaboration with like-minded faith and civil organisations challenging the notion that our national security can only be secured by aggressive militarism and vigorously promoting what we know to be true – that the only sustainable future for this country lies through social justice at home and international co-operation abroad.

NATO – A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Given the inexorable eastward expansion of NATO - in contravention of explicit reassurances given to the Soviet Union to persuade them to accept the admission to NATO of a re-unified Germany - the British public need to be made aware of the truth about NATO – that it is unnecessary, aggressive, and a dangerously destabilising force in an already complex and dangerous world.

We call on CND to

1. publicly challenge the pro NATO propaganda of the UK's military and political establishment,
2. without in any way condoning Russia's invasion of Ukraine, explain how NATO's nuclear armed presence on its borders has fed Russia's fear and provided exactly the kind of existential threat that all dictators, such as Putin, need to consolidate power and stifle internal dissent.

Submitted by Merseyside CND

Amendment:

Delete paragraphs 1 – 3.

Submitted by Merseyside CND

8. Building and Supporting Trade Unions Opposing Nuclear Weapons and War

CND Conference notes:

The past two TUC congresses voted for an increase in defence spending and militarisation of the economy overturning a motion in 2017 which called for defence diversification.

The inherent contradiction in supporting a pro-war military agenda when investment is desperately needed to tackle the cost of living and welfare crisis, the health and social care crisis, food insecurity, housing, education, and the climate crisis.

That the Labour Government has confirmed its commitment to a "triple lock" nuclear deterrent and being fully committed to AUKUS.

That in launching a Strategic Defence Review on 6 July 2024, defence is seen as central to the Labour government's "Growth Mission" and will include a new defence industrial strategy.

That Sheffield Forgemasters acquired by the MoD under 100% ownership in 2021, will play a key manufacturing role for the AUKUS project and in civilian nuclear programmes.

That arguing for jobs based on warfare, nuclear weapons, or accelerating climate change are against working class interests and international solidarity.

Trade union affiliates who continue to oppose nuclear weapons and are bravely speaking out against this drive to war which does nothing to secure peace and prosperity for working class people in the UK or globally.

CND Conference resolves to:

Support and build our trade union affiliations to strengthen the wider labour movement opposition to nuclear weapons, increasing militarisation of the economy and war.

Hold regular meetings with affiliates and trade unions members to develop collective strategies within unions to meet these ends, including but not limited to, model motions, fringe meetings, public talks and leafletting of workplaces.

Provide leaflets and other materials to support arguments for peace and jobs based on socially and ecologically useful production.

To work across the peace, labour and environmental movement in support of the Tyne and Wear Association of Trades Councils' motion that was passed at the Trades Council Conference 2024 calling on trades councils and unions to support and promote a new Lucas Plan for a just transition to alternative peaceful production for workers in the defence industries.

Submitted by Sam Mason

9. Workers for Peace

Conference notes:

1. the landslide election of the Labour Government in July 2024, alongside the election of CND vice-President Jeremy Corbyn as one of five independent candidates standing for Peace, social justice and freedom for Palestine;
2. the failure of the Labour leadership to push for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, withdrawal of Israeli troops from that occupied land, and Freedom for Palestine;
3. the commitment of the Labour leadership in government to NATO with urgent funding of arms manufacturing and deployment of military to "bring the UK back onto the world stage";
4. the current UK Defence Security Review proposing that the "NATO-first" pledge will be at the heart of Britain's "Defence" planning;
5. the domination of trade unions representing workers in defence and allied industries in demanding full support for the government's military ambitions, despite widespread opposition from the rest of Britain's trade unions.

Conference believes:

1. that the Labour Government is likely to lead Britain into early direct military engagement in war as part of the drive of the United States of America towards imperialist challenge against China;
2. that the overwhelming majority of the British working class supports peace and social justice, and does not want Britain to go to war;
3. that trade unions have an historic and central role to play in the call for Peace, and in challenging and confronting the war-drive of the current government.

Conference resolves:

1. to call upon the Labour Government to withdraw from the pro-US military framework and unilaterally lead the drive for Peace and nuclear disarmament on the world stage;
2. to strengthen links with all trade unions at local, regional and national level, offering detailed advice and resources towards the adoption of national trade union policies by individual trade unions and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) for Peace and disarmament in the face of global military conflict;
3. to support and encourage MPs and trade union representatives who represent policies for peace with social justice.

Submitted by Plymouth Trades Union Council / Tony Staunton

10. Great? British Energy

Conference notes:

That Ed Miliband, the Minister for the Environment, has made it clear that the Labour Party plan for Great British Energy includes support for new nuclear reactors. These include both Sizewell C and a pledge to order a number of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). It is a known fact that nuclear reactors, which include SMRs, are very costly in contrast to genuine sustainable energy, such as wind, solar or marine. Both SMRs and the more conventional nuclear reactors produce radioactive waste.

There is no solution for the legacy waste let alone for that produced by these new reactors. Global warming will mean that the proposed reactor Sizewell C, which is to be built on the coast, will be surrounded by water in a few years' time. Nuclear reactors carry the constant dangers of terrorist attack or accident: either case would risk explosion of the plant with devastating effects, equivalent to those of a nuclear bomb. Add to that the misery inflicted on generations of uranium miners and their families, who come mainly from indigenous communities. It has also been revealed by academics, Johnstone and Stirling, of Sussex University, that the so called 'civil' nuclear energy programme is kept going simply to subsidise the nuclear weapons projects.

Conference resolves:

1. that the General Secretary of CND will write to the Minister for the Environment to express their opposition to these plans and will ask for a response to the concerns

2. that CND will prepare a template letter for members to write to their MPs along the lines above.

Submitted by Rochdale and Littleborough Peace Group

11. The New Labour Government and the Undercover Policing Inquiry

CND Conference notes:

1. The return of a new Labour government and after 43 years, open reporting by an Undercover Policing Inquiry with interrogation of anonymous Under Cover Officers. The subjects of their infiltration were represented on 15 July 2024 by our General Secretary Kate Hudson for CND speaking under oath at the Inquiry.
2. In May 2024 CND presented an 86-page written Witness Statement to the Inquiry signed by General Secretary Kate Hudson, Roger Spiller former Vice Chair and Paul Oestreicher, Vice President of CND.
3. The bulk of this policing Inquiry dealt with events in the 1980-1990 period and featured statements by undercover officers from Special Branch, the Security Service, the Special Demonstration Squad some reporting to senior officers from the Metropolitan Police.

4. Included in surveillance were the Labour Party, the GLC , London CND with groups and notable members in those groups, were targeted by an undercover officer disguised as a CND organiser. Others accessed CND's National Office then located in Finsbury Park.
5. Under Cover Officers tried to represent CND as subversive, suggest complicity with the then Soviet Union and generally smear CND with accusations of 'entryism' or control by 'extremist' influences! The agents claim they were acting in the interests of public order referencing non-violent-direct action.

In this context CND Conference resolves to:

1. Condemn the actions by former British government security services to infiltrate CND and attempt to smear our campaign.
2. Strengthen CND's campaigning work to support the democratic right to peaceful protest
3. To call on the new Labour government to repeal the Public Order Act which restricts the right to protest and targets peaceful activists taking part in non-violent direct action.

Submitted by Tom Cuthbert

CND's strategic objectives

External Objectives:

1. Elimination of British nuclear weapons and global abolition of nuclear weapons

- Cancellation of Trident by the British government and policy not to replace or enhance Trident nor develop, purchase or deploy other nuclear weapons or allow the deployment of any foreign nuclear weapons on British soil or in British waters.
- An all encompassing Fissile Material cut-Off Treaty is agreed.
- Implementation of an arms conversion policy by the British government.
- Immediate negotiations leading swiftly to the rapid, timetabled abolition of nuclear forces worldwide and the conclusion of a global nuclear ban treaty.
- Prevention and cessation of wars in which the nuclear weapons of Britain or other countries might be used and strengthening the UN role in peaceful conflict resolution.

2. Abolition of other threats of mass destruction or indiscriminate effect

- Full international compliance with agreed Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

- A strengthened Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) agreed.
- Global abandonment of space weapons and missile defence programmes. An international agreement on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space.
- Implementation of a ban on the manufacture, testing and use of Depleted Uranium weapons.

3. Nuclear-free, less militarised and more secure Europe

- Extension of the influence, resources and funding of the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation on Europe (OSCE).
- No military nuclearisation of the European Union.
- Withdrawal of all US military bases and nuclear weapons from Europe and no nuclear or other expansion of NATO.
- Formal Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones in Europe established.
- Britain withdrawn from NATO and all foreign military bases on British soil closed.

4. The closure of the nuclear power industry

- Prevention of new build nuclear power stations and replacement of nuclear by universally acceptable

- sustainable energy technologies
- Establishment of safe policies on nuclear waste storage and on re-use of contaminated land.
- stopping the re-use, trade in and transport of plutonium and depleted uranium.
- independent control and verification of plutonium, uranium and depleted uranium stocks.

Internal Objectives:

Growth in active campaigning leading to increased effectiveness of CND's political influence.

- Facilitate campaigning by individuals.
- Further support for NVDA networks
- CND's media profile heightened.
- Strengthened local groups/regions/nations structure.
- Build alliances with organisations and communities with shared or linked goals.

Increase in CND's disposable income.

- More members/supporters.
- More effective membership fundraising.
- New income sources developed.
- More affiliated organisations.

October 2017

Statement of Aims

CND campaigns non-violently to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create genuine security for future generations.

CND aims to:

- Change government policies to bring about the elimination of British nuclear weapons as a major contribution to global abolition;
- Stimulate wide public debate on the need for alternatives both to the nuclear cycle and to military attempts to resolve conflict;
- Empower people to engage actively in the political process and to work for a nuclear-free and peaceful future;
- Co-operate with other groups in the UK and internationally to ensure the development of greater mutual security.

Guide to CND rules on Conference

1. The constitution of CND is laid down in the documents 'Memorandum and Articles of Association' (Memarts) and 'Regulations made under section 56 of the Articles of Association' (Regs). These lay out the aims and the rules that we operate under and should be referred to for detailed advice. They can be found on the website: www.cnduk.org/about/cnds-structure.
2. Most of these rules can only be changed by 'special' resolutions to the AGM that are agreed by 3/4 or 2/3 majorities; depending on which section they are in. They are 'special' resolutions because there are specific rules about how they are put.
3. The constitution also gives permission for Council to be able to change some rules, sections 5, 6 & 7 of the Regs; the last of these deals with conference and standing orders (SO). There are some changes made in 2022 to reflect practices adopted in an online conference, and emphasising the importance of gender balance in debate.

Membership

4. Company Members are individuals and organisations that support the objects of CND, pay their subscriptions, are admitted by Council, and agree to be liable for £1 if CND is wound up. A special meeting of Council will be convened the morning of Conference to ratify any outstanding Company Membership applications.
5. Individuals and organisations who haven't accepted or are unwilling to accept liability can be members of CND, but have no voting rights at Conference or AGM.
6. Voting rights at Conference are the same as at the AGM.

Voting

7. Individuals have only one vote each. Organisations have up to five votes each and one or more delegates can hold these votes. The maximum number of delegates is the same as the number of votes an organisation is entitled to. An individual can vote as an individual and as a delegate. For votes on resolutions

where a full count is required, procedures will have been sent to delegates in advance of conference.

8. The entitlement of votes (and delegates) per organisation is:
 - Christian CND, Labour CND, Ex-Services CND, Y&SCND & Student CND, Nations & Regions 5 votes each;
 - CND Groups, 1 vote per 5 Company Members to a maximum of 5 votes, all of which can be held by one delegate;
 - Affiliates with more than 5,000 members, 3 delegates with one vote each, with between 2,000 and 5,000 members, two delegates with one vote each, with less than 2,000 members, one delegate with one vote.

(CND Areas that once made up a Region are entitled to five votes between them).

Resolutions

9. Ordinary (policy and organisational) resolutions and strategic objectives, even if passed overwhelmingly, do not change the Memarts or Regs and are subservient to them.
10. Strategy resolutions provide the priorities for CND activities. There should be a strategy debate at every Conference so that we are clear about our priorities and don't overburden our resources.

There are a number of rules, see the Conference Standing Orders, about the number and length of strategic objectives and sub objectives and when changes can be made.

11. Ordinary resolutions that refer to issues not included in the strategic objectives have a low priority but those that do refer to strategic objectives and sub objectives do affect how the objectives are carried out.
12. Although Conference takes the highest level of decisions for CND, Council can take practical considerations, especially financial ones, into consideration before implementation of any of its decisions.

Standing orders

Part 2: The Conduct of Conference

Order of business

12. No changes or additions to the order of business set out in the Final Agenda shall be allowed except by:
 - a. The suspension of Standing Orders under SO 25.
 - b. A proposal from the Steering Committee accepted by Conference.
 - c. Rules for discussion.
13. The CAWG shall set time limits for speeches which shall be set out in the Final Agenda. These limits may be reduced by the Steering Committee or by the Chairperson, if in their opinion the timetable demands it.
14. If, after a resolution has been proposed, there is no speech against, the Chairperson may, at his or her discretion, put the resolution straight to the vote.
15. The proposer of a resolution shall have the right to reply to the debate immediately before the vote is taken, unless the procedure in SO 14 is being invoked. A speaker exercising the right of reply shall not introduce new matter.
16. A resolution or amendment, once on the Final Agenda, may not be withdrawn except by leave of Conference.
17. Except as provided for in SO 15 no one shall speak more than once to any resolution or amendment.
18. Speakers shall be selected by the Chairperson, from those who indicate their wish to speak. In choosing speakers the Chairperson shall attempt to provide a balanced debate between different viewpoints, and in particular shall attempt to call speakers alternately for and against. The Chairperson shall also have regard to the number of times a person has already been called to speak and gender balance.
19. The Steering Committee will assist the Chairperson (who will have the final say) in organising the voting on amendments to resolutions to avoid contradictory resolutions. It will aim to facilitate the moving of procedural resolutions to avoid unnecessary time loss during debates. The steering committee may make necessary adaptations to standing orders 19 and 20 during a public health emergency should the entirety of conference take place virtually and report those

adaptations at the beginning of conference.

20. Votes shall be taken by a show of voting cards. The Chairperson will, in the first instance, be responsible for deciding the outcome of a vote, but a count by tellers will be carried out if requested by the Chairperson or by 30 voting delegates. If the outcome of the vote is close, any voting delegate may call for a recount, the result of which will be final.
21. Whenever the Chairperson speaks any person speaking shall immediately give way.
22. The following procedural resolutions may be put during debate. The proposer of a procedural motion shall be entitled to one minute to explain the reasons for the procedural motion. A spokesperson for the Steering Committee may then speak for one minute, after which the motion will be put to the vote.
 - a. A motion that the resolution be taken in parts (to be specified).
 - b. A motion to refer the resolution under debate. The motion must specify the body to which the resolution is being referred.
 - c. A motion to move next business.
 - d. A motion that the debate should continue.
 - e. A motion that the resolution should now be put.
 - f. A challenge to the Chairperson's ruling.

Motions a), b), c), d), and e) are carried by a simple majority.

Motion f) requires the support of two thirds present and voting to be carried.

No procedural resolution other than the above may be put. When the mover of a resolution has summed up no procedural motion may be raised until the vote has been taken, except in the case of motion f) and then only when the challenge refers to the conduct of the vote.

Reports to Conference

23. All reports may be followed by questions from the floor. All or part of a report may be referred back to Council if the Conference so desires. Reports shall be endorsed by simple majority.

Elections

24. Elections for officer positions shall be conducted by

the system of single transferable vote, except where the position is uncontested, in which case the endorsement of more than 50% of voting delegates shall be required. In the case of only two candidates for Chair and/or Treasurer only one vote will be cast. In all cases, all candidates shall appear on the ballot form(s) in alphabetical order for each officer position.

25. In elections for National Council, the names of all candidates shall appear on one ballot form in alphabetical order. Delegates shall receive a number of ballot papers equal to their voting entitlement. On each ballot paper, delegates shall be entitled to vote for a number of candidates equal to the number of places available. Ballot papers with more than the required number of votes shall be considered spoilt. In both cases, the criteria for deciding whether or not a ballot paper is spoilt shall be clear intent. The final arbiter of what constitutes clear intent shall be the tellers, who may consult with the Steering Committee.
26. Candidates accepting nomination as national, regional or specialist section representatives for National Council on the due date shall then withdraw their name from the ballot for directly-elected National Council members.

Points of Order

27. Any person may raise a point of order concerning these Standing Orders, and shall be entitled to be heard forthwith provided that they:

- a. State the Standing Order covering the matter they wish to raise.
- b. Have not previously raised a point of order in that debate.
- c. Shall not speak for more than one minute. When the mover of a resolution has summed up no point of order may be raised until the vote has been taken.

Suspension of Standing Orders

28. Any of these Standing Orders may be suspended with two thirds of those present and voting to do so. The proposer of such a suspension shall be entitled to one minute to explain the reasons for the suspension. A spokesperson for the Steering Committee may then speak for one minute, after which the motion will be put to the vote.
29. Conference is the supreme decision making body of CND and it is expected that all resolutions passed be fully implemented. However, CND Council has the right to take into account practical considerations, particularly financial considerations, in considering such resolutions.

Speech time limits

- Proposers of Resolutions: 5 minutes
- Proposers of Amendments: 3 minutes
- Speeches during debate: 3 minutes
- Proposer's right of reply 4 minutes

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Glossary

- AUKUS Australia, United Kingdom and United States (Trilateral Military Partnership)
- AFG Administration and Finance Group
- CAWG Conference Arrangements Working Group
- CNDPE CND Peace Education
- COP Conference of the parties (i.e. to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)
- ICAN International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
- NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
- NET Nuclear Education Trust
- NPT Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- TPNW Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- TUC Trades Union Congress