

Contemporary Motions 2012

The deadline for receipt of contemporary motions is 12 noon on Friday 21 September.

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Scrap Trident and support negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

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.

236 words – 250 word max.