

Resolution 1

Opposing increasing nuclear dangers

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CND Conference Notes:

1. In 2026, the hands of the doomsday clock were moved closer to midnight at 85 seconds.
2. Global spending on nuclear weapons reached a record level of \$119 billion in 2025, with Britain overtaking Russia to become the third biggest spender in the world.
3. The British government's Defence Investment Plan includes £64 billion spending on nuclear weapons – representing the largest single area of military procurement in the Plan. Included within this is the purchase of US F35A nuclear-capable fighter jets.
4. French President Macron's new nuclear doctrine that enables other European countries, including Germany and Poland, to participate in nuclear exercises and host French nuclear-capable jets and submarines.

CND Conference further notes:

1. These nuclear developments go hand-in-hand with huge increases in military spending, particularly amongst NATO states in Europe, with, for instance, Germany's spending growing by 24 per cent to \$114 billion.
2. The escalation of the Ukraine war in 2026, the intensification of the use of long-range missiles and drones and the increasing levels of casualties.

CND believes:

1. The war-fighting agenda is increasing the threat of nuclear weapons being used in war. Britain is significantly contributing to this with the purchase of US F35A nuclear-capable fighter jets. The US deployment of new B61-12 nuclear bombs at RAF Lakenheath, means Britain is supporting US's plans for aggressive, pre-emptive use of nuclear weapons in war.

CND resolves:

1. Intensify our campaigning against Britain's nuclear expansion.
2. Strongly promote our 'People not Nukes' campaigning.
3. Strengthen our links with the European anti-bases movement.
4. Build our campaigning at Lakenheath and other US bases.

Resolution 2

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Submitted by Tom Cuthbert, Chair St Albans CND and Coordinating Group

CND Conference notes

a) The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) Review is to be convened for five days at the UN in New York from 30 November to the 4 December 2026.

b) The sabotage of the May 2026 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by both the US and UK delegation in favour of *“nuclear deterrence remaining central to UK security”*.

c) Campaigning for advocacy of the Prohibition Treaty has been supported by CND National Council, Scottish CND and London CND and a steadily increasing number of towns and cities around the world are declaring their support for the TPNW.

d) The statements within days of his appointment as Defence Secretary by Wes Streeting that *“The first duty of any government is to keep our country safe. My job as secretary of state is to maximise our deterrence, and ensure that should deterrence fail, we have the capacity to fight and win”*.

e) Both the Starmer administration and the incoming Burnham government have confused security with spending more on weapons. *“Warheads don’t buy a safer world they make it more dangerous”* -Ellie Chowns MP

CND Conference resolves

a) To critically expose the folly that security is achieved by rearmament for nuclear deterrence and advocate for a genuinely open public debate on the UK’s increasing militarisation.

b) To demand the Burnham government, sends representatives to the Prohibition Treaty Review with a determination to remove US weapons at UK bases and include the future Dreadnought program in negotiations.

c) In the event of a government refusal to attend the Prohibition Treaty demand a General Election with the issue of nuclear rearmament as a critical public issue.

Resolution 3

Campaigning against space-based warfare and US bases

Resolution to CND Conference from Yorkshire CND, Submitted by Dave Webb

Conference notes:

1. The growing importance of space-based warfare capabilities in the preparation and execution of wars.
2. That former commander of UK Space Command, described space as the “central nervous system” of modern military operations.
3. The government Defence Investment Plan includes over £12 billion additional spending on military satellites and space control.
4. The government is preparing to release a new space strategy to bring civil and defence priorities closer together.
5. President Trump’s ‘Golden Dome’ missile defence project will undoubtedly involve US bases in the UK.
6. US bases in the UK including Fairford, Mildenhall, Croughton, Fylingdales and Menwith Hill, are assisting US wars in Gaza and Iran.
7. Declassified UK has reported that the UK’s Tyche satellite provided intelligence information to the US before their attacks on Iran.
8. The US plans to spend \$4 billion on its bases in the UK.
9. The ongoing involvement of US aerospace companies in space operations at Goonhilly Earth Station in Cornwall and forthcoming spaceports in Scotland.

Conference welcomes:

1. Protests at US bases at Lakenheath, Fairford, Croughton, Menwith Hill, Fylingdales and elsewhere.
2. The success of PARC against DARC, the campaign against the US Deep Space Advanced Radar Capability that would be part of the US ambition to dominate space.

Conference resolves to:

1. Continue to campaign against missile defence programmes.
2. Support and encourage opposition to US military bases in the UK and support July 4th protests to declare “Independence from America”.
3. Continue to support the Global Network’s “Keep Space for Peace” week in October.

Resolution 4

Motion: Demilitarising Higher Education – Welfare Over Warfare

Plymouth CND Branch / Tony Staunton

Demilitariseeducation.com

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament notes:

- BAE Systems produces F-35 components used in Gaza bombings;
- Universities maintain research links with arms manufacturers including BAE Systems, Babcock, Callen-Lenz, Elbit, Evolve Dynamics, Leonardo, Tekever, Teledyne, Thales UK, UAVTECH, , and the Atomic Weapons Establishment; and
- Many institutions have ethical investment policies prohibiting investments in arms companies, especially those complicit in war crimes.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament believes:

- The military-industrial complex profits from human and environmental devastation;
- University partnerships with arms companies violate human rights commitments and international law; and
- Public institutions have a civic duty to advance peace and sustainability.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament resolves to:

- Support the Demilitarise Education open letter calling on universities to adopt the dED Treaty;
- Campaign for institutional transparency and termination of partnerships contravening ethical standards and international law;
- Organise campus events amplifying the campaign with staff and students; and
- Build coalitions with UNISON, Unite, NEU, UCU and other unions supporting demilitarisation of education.

**Resolution 5:
Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Centres
Plymouth CND / Tony Staunton**

- 1) The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament notes
 - a. The government sees AI data centres as “Critical National Infrastructure (CNI)” prioritising their “rapid expansion, grid capacity, and strict environmental and resilience standards”;
 - b. The government is creating “AI Growth Zones (AIGZs)” linking “priority data centre sites directly to necessary power and planning support to drive artificial intelligence innovation”; and
 - c. Data centres are currently requesting 50 GW of grid connections – 5GW more than UK peak winter electricity demand.
- 2) The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament believes
 - a. AI is a weapon of war, tested in Gaza;
 - b. AI represents significant and damaging environmental impacts. Unchecked AI data centre growth is also a threat to jobs and a surveillance tool at work, jeopardising social infrastructure including water security and house-building;
 - c. Data centre energy demands cannot be met from renewables. It will require increased fossil fuel consumption and emissions, accelerating climate change; and
 - d. The government is advised by big tech lobbyists and cannot be trusted to enforce international law, human rights law or ethical and environmental standards.
- 3) The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament resolves
 - a. To support national and local community campaigns against the introduction of data centres;
 - b. To call on the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
 - i. to immediately implement a moratorium on data centre developments until there is a clear framework setting out how many data centres are needed, what they will be used for, and how their military, national security, social and environmental impacts will be subject to full and open public and parliamentary scrutiny and managed to mitigate harm, and
 - ii. Require all data centres to report on their power and water usage so that everyone can weigh up the environmental harms against any benefits they may bring; and
 - c. continue to highlight and expose the military and security dangers of Artificial Intelligence.