



Renewal of Trident: Security in Insecure Times

Amendment One

Amend Conference Believes 1-3 to read as follows:

- 1) The first duty of any government is to ensure the security of its citizens*
- 2) The security of the United Kingdom against a variety of threats must be ensured through the use of a variety of means*
- 3) The primary purpose of a nuclear deterrent is to prevent armed conflict with other nuclear armed states*

Amend Conference Notes a-d to read as follows:

- a) Britain's membership of NATO, and its target for all members to spend 2% of their GDP on defence means that if Trident were scrapped, the money currently allocated would have to be spent elsewhere in defence in order to meet the 2% target, and could not be spent on other public services*
- b) The annexation of Crimea, the war in Donbass, incursions into Baltic states, submarine incursions into Swedish waters, the probing of UK air defences by military aircraft, and the shooting down of flight MH17, all point to a Russian foreign policy that is a credible and immediate threat to British security, and to peace in Europe*
- c) President Donald Trump will be a less reliable ally for the United Kingdom, and all of Europe, as evidenced by his statements on NATO and US allies*
- d) Therefore, a credible nuclear deterrent is necessary to protect the security of the United Kingdom, and also as leverage in future arms*

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e) That a liberal foreign policy will include a robust response to all threats to the liberal world order, including Russian aggression

Amend Conference Calls For i to read as follows:

i) Young Liberals to support like-for-like replacement of the UK's nuclear deterrent