

April 28, 2010

RESOLUTION

Moved by Shirley Farlinger, seconded by Eryl Court, that:

WHEREAS

There is a groundswell of support for the abolition of nuclear weapons, which weapons in fact must never be used again, and

WHEREAS

Civil society in most countries would herald the end of the danger of a nuclear holocaust

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That this meeting call on the Government of Canada to endorse and begin negotiations for a United Nations Convention on the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, as proposed by the UN Secretary General in his five point plan for nuclear disarmament. Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Moved by Barbara Falby, seconded by Ted Mann, that

WHEREAS

National figures for CO2 emissions omit military emissions, and

WHEREAS

Total figures are essential for mitigation of ocean acidity levels and the degree of climate change, with high rates of emission threatening mass extinction of species

WHEREAS

Military emissions must be included in national emission totals for accuracy

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That this meeting urge the Government of Canada to have Canada's permanent representative to the United Nations, John McNee, strongly urge the UN Security Council to amend the UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION on CLIMATE CHANGE by mandating reporting of all military emissions. Carried unanimously.

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We, members of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms and activists from other peace organizations gathered in Toronto, call for action in light of our history.

Remembering the terrible atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, we share the longings and determination of atom bomb survivors and peace loving people the world over: nuclear weapons must never again be used and the risk of nuclear holocaust must be ended.

Therefore, we call on the Government of Canada to endorse and support negotiations for a United Nations Convention on the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, as proposed by the United Nations Secretary-General, and to join actively in the global effort to abolish nuclear weapons.