

REVISED DRAFT resolution to go to AFT convention through UUP and other AFT affiliates of USLAW

Whereas 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 10th United Nations Review Conference for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and

Whereas the United States has still not ratified the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and

Whereas U.S. federal expenditures on nuclear weapons and associated costs in fiscal year 2018 were \$21.8 billion, which, redirected into other spending, could have paid for 54,000 elementary school teachers for the year, 500,000 head start slots, 120,000 four-year university scholarships, 175,000 four-year Pell Grant awards, AND 80,000 infrastructure jobs for the year (source:

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/interactive-data/trade-offs/?state=00&program=15>), and

Whereas U.S. military allocations in 2019 (\$717 billion) were 20% larger than the combined spending of the next nine countries (seven of whom are U.S. allies) (Source: <https://www.army-technology.com/features/biggest-military-budgets-world/>), and

Whereas our national security would be better protected if there is universal health care for our people, high quality education and training, affordable housing, environmental justice, and adequate nutrition for all, and full global nuclear disarmament, rather than continuing these bloated military programs, and

Whereas the U.S. Conference of Mayors has called for cuts in the federal military budget and the redirection of funds to urgent human needs, and called upon their city councils or equivalent local governments to hold hearings and join in this call, therefore be it

Resolved that UUP [AFT] calls on the United States to ratify the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and contribute constructively to the eradication of all nuclear weapons from the planet, and be it further

Resolved that UUP [AFT] reiterates its past demand for significant cuts in the military budget, coupled with a program of just transition to productive civilian economic activity for workers and communities now dependent upon military production, and be it further

Resolved that UUP [AFT] urges its members to question all candidates in the current election cycle to press them to endorse and work in support of these policies, and where appropriate to hold hearings in their local communities to assess the local impact of excessive federal military spending in support of moving the money, and be it further

Resolved that UUP [AFT] will convey this resolution to local, state, and federal officials as appropriate, [and be in further

Resolved that UUP forward this resolution for consideration at the 2020 AFT National Convention in Houston {this language to be deleted from the resolution forwarded to AFT}.]