

Resolution on Abolishing Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS the accelerating spread of nuclear weapons, nuclear know-how and nuclear material has increased the possibility that the deadliest weapons ever invented have fallen into dangerous hands;

WHEREAS former US. officials with extensive experience as secretaries of state and defense and national security advisors have advised that steps we are taking now to address this threat are not adequate to the danger;

WHEREAS 80% of the American Public, 115 political leaders from 46 nations, 61 retired U.S. generals and admirals, 34 Nobel Laureates, and a coalition of over 1000 organizations and individuals in 75 countries support nuclear abolition;

WHEREAS the high-alert status of U S. nuclear weapons, combined with explicit and implicit threats to use them by US government and military officials, encourages nations and non-state actors to develop their own nuclear and/or fissile material weapons;

WHEREAS the U.S. is legally bound by the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty to achieve complete nuclear disarmament in all its aspects within a definite time frame;

WHEREAS the U. S. is the best positioned nuclear-armed nation to take first steps toward the abolition of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS the U. S. public has a growing interest and strong positive response to addressing this issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United States work with other countries, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the United Nations to immediately implement actions that will secure to a high standard, and stop the production of weapons-grade fissile material and nuclear weapons around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. take immediate steps to reduce the danger of nuclear attack by working with other governments to eliminate nuclear weapons, to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, to adopt a "no first use" policy, and to lead multi-lateral negotiations with the declared and undeclared nuclear weapons states to achieve the complete and irreversible worldwide abolition of nuclear weapons by the year 2020; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Washington State Democratic Party distribute copies of this resolution to all Democratic members of the Washington State Congressional delegation and Democratic Presidential Candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/2/2008)

46 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at
47 its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.
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49 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting
50 in Spokane.
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