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## **1. RECLAIMING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD**

### **B. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### **1 B1**

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**WHEREAS** the Liberal Governments of Jean Chretien and Paul Martin cut foreign aid as a percentage of GDP in half since 1993; and

**WHEREAS** much of what is called "foreign aid" is in fact corporate welfare which subsidizes the profits of Canadian business in underdeveloped countries; and

**WHEREAS** the differences in wealth between the industrialized world and the underdeveloped world are widening at an almost exponential pace,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a NDP government commit to increasing foreign aid expenditures from 0.29% of GDP to 1% of GDP (approximately \$10 billion) over the period of four years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a NDP government raise taxes on upper income Canadians and corporations to a level which would allow such an increase in foreign aid to occur; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all foreign aid given to Canadian businesses abroad cease and that all aid is provided directly to the basic needs of citizens and communities in the underdeveloped world with the help of not-for-profit agencies and democratically-elected local officials.

#### **OAKVILLE NDP**

#### **1 B2**

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**WHEREAS** the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq was carried out to entrench U.S. power and control of the oil wealth in the region, and not the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, the uprooting of terrorists, or the spread of democracy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP demand that Canadian Forces disengage from any support role for the U.S. and its puppet regime in Iraq, including the training of Iraqi soldiers in Jordan, policing the Persian Gulf, and participating in the occupation of Afghanistan.

#### **OAKVILLE NDP**

#### **1 B3**

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**WHEREAS** Canada is a sovereign nation and has the right to protect its citizens and itself from all other countries; and

**WHEREAS** Canada's involvement in any form of strategic weapon system increases its risk of attack by other nations,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada, and its agencies and corporations, will not participate in the development, deployment, use or support of weapons of mass destruction or similar weapons; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that corporations and research institutions in Canada will not participate in the development or deployment of weapons of mass destruction or similar weapons; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that corporations and research institutions in Canada will not participate in the development of any form of missile defence system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada will not participate in the development, deployment or use of any form of missile defence system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada will withdraw from its participation in NORAD.

#### **HALDIMAND-NORFOLK NDP**

### **1 B4**

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Beginning with the Paul Martin Liberals and continuing with the Harper Conservatives, the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan have become increasingly involved in active combat.

In the recent House of Commons debate on this subject, a debate demanded by the NDP, members of the NDP raised important points but failed to take a clear stand against Canada's combat role. Indeed Peter Stoffer, a NDP MP said during the debate "I support the mission and the troops in Afghanistan and so does our Party."

This is not an acceptable position when world peace hangs in the balance. A combat role in Afghanistan is a no-win situation both for Canada and for the Afghani people. Its only dubious value is to curry favour with the militarist government of George W. Bush.

No matter how noble our intentions, such as "bringing democracy" or "enabling peaceful development", these goals cannot be achieved by violence when the "enemy" cannot be distinguished from ordinary citizens. In such a situation Canadian troops end up acting like terrorists, destroying communities, killing and maiming innocent people. In turn our troops become easy targets for others.

Now is the time for the NDP Caucus and Leader to speak out unequivocally against Canada's present combat role.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nanaimo-Cowichan Federal Riding Association of the New Democratic Party commend Jack Layton and the New Democratic Party Caucus for forcing a debate on Canada's military role in Afghanistan and urge the Leader and Caucus to continue pushing for a vote on this issue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that recognizing the complex nature of the conflict in Afghanistan where foreign troops engaging in combat will make peace more difficult to achieve, we urge the New Democratic Party Caucus and the New Democratic Party Federal Council to oppose the present deployment of Canadian troops in Afghani areas of active combat rather than in peace-keeping operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge the New Democratic Party Caucus to work towards restoring Canada's role as an international peacekeeper rather than following blindly in the destructive path of the present government of the United States.

#### **NANAIMO-COWICHAN NDP**

## **1 B5**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that we urge our government to:

- Take the necessary measures to ensure the safe and immediate withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan;
- Increase significantly our resource and financial commitments to UN-led multilateral peacekeeping and humanitarian initiatives such as in Darfur;
- Strengthen developmental aid to Afghanistan so that reconstruction efforts are achieved and engage civil society in developmental programs fostering good governance, and respecting human rights, gender equality and internationally recognized core labour standards;
- Ensure any future deployment of Canadian troops is debated and voted on by the representatives of the citizens of Canada in the House of Commons.

### **TORONTO-DANFORTH NDP**

## **1 B6**

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**WHEREAS** the so-called “free trade” agreements of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the institution of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are undemocratic and driven by the corporations and banks to maximize private profits and make the worldwide movement of money easier; and

**WHEREAS** the corporate agenda is a serious threat to social programmes; the environment, human and labour rights, and the goals of democratic socialism,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party undertake to explore the means to effect the abrogation and withdrawal of Canada from NAFTA, FTA, GATS, and the WTO; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP is committed to developing and promoting a democratic and participatory system of trade that supports and protects the rights, freedoms and interests of working people, unions, women, Aboriginal peoples, farmers, seniors, and the poor, dispossessed and marginalized peoples.

### **TORONTO-DANFORTH NDP**

## **1 B7**

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**WHEREAS** the Canadian government, military and police participated in the February 29, 2004 coup that overthrew the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS** the de-facto (“interim”) government of Haiti stands accused by international human rights organizations of killings and jailings of several thousands of supporters of the ousted government and of failing to provide the basic necessities of life for much of the country’s population; and

**WHEREAS** the United Nations-sanctioned occupation forces in Haiti, including Canada, have aided and abetted the illegal interim government,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Demand the immediate release of Amnesty International prisoners of conscience former Prime Minister Yvon Neptune and folk singer Annette “So Ann” Auguste as well as all other political prisoners;
- Use all possible means to bring an end to killings and jailings by police and occupation forces aimed at the Haitian poor and their social and political movements;
- Convene a formal Parliamentary inquiry into the role of Canada in the 2004 coup in Haiti, including the circumstances surrounding the 2003 “Ottawa Initiative on Haiti” conference and the role of Elections Canada in the illegal and unConstitutional presidential and legislative elections of 2006;
- End the RCMP training of Haitian National Police, and remove all Canadian police and military personnel from Haiti;
- Announce Canada’s support for the call of the governments of the Caribbean community countries (CARICOM) and the African Union for an investigation into the circumstances of President Aristide’s removal;
- Increase development aid to Haiti and ensure that all aid to Haiti be delivered in cooperation with the duly-elected and sovereign government of that country.

**TORONTO-DANFORTH NDP**  
**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**  
**DURHAM NDP**  
**EDMONTON-STRATHCONA NDP**

**1 B8**

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**WHEREAS** more than 1.2 billion people live in absolute poverty in today’s world, and more than 800 million people live in hunger; and

**WHEREAS** almost half of the world’s population lives on less than \$2 (U.S.) a day; and

**WHEREAS** one third of all deaths, or 50,000 people daily, are due to largely preventable poverty-related causes; and

**WHEREAS** the global community including Canada has responded by launching the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that seek to reduce poverty, hunger, illiteracy, discrimination against women, and environmental degradation by 2015; and

**WHEREAS** Canadians’ unprecedented response to the Asian tsunami disaster is evidence of our commitment to helping global citizens in time of need; and

**WHEREAS** Canada’s current Official Development Assistance contribution is only 0.28% of our Gross National Income (GNI), less than half of the UN target of 0.7% by 2015, endorsed by Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP has repeatedly, including in its 2004 federal election platform, called on the Government of Canada to meet its stated commitment of increasing Canada’s ODA to 0.7% of GNI; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government will soon be tabling the 2005 federal budget,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP calls on the federal government to:

1. Increase its foreign aid commitments by 12 – 15% annually until 2015 in order to meet 0.7% of GNI by 2015;
2. Make the minister responsible for CIDA a cabinet level position, with a legislated mandate that development assistance would only be used for poverty alleviation. This legislation should also ensure there is legislative oversight for humanitarian relief and contributions to multilateral institutions;
3. Triple Canada's contribution to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria to ensure we pay our fair share;
4. Target aid to key areas for poverty eradication;
5. Commit additional financial support for global micro-financing;
6. Increase and enhance federal partnerships with Canadian civil society and overseas partners; and
7. Untie foreign aid.

#### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – JANUARY 2005**

#### **1 B9**

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**WHEREAS** the crisis in Haiti is escalating; and

**WHEREAS** a significant portion of the country has been captured by armed insurgents; and

**WHEREAS** the elected president appears powerless to defend against their march to the capital; and

**WHEREAS** the Caribbean Community's peace efforts have been hampered by scarce resources; and

**WHEREAS** 80 percent of Haitians live in grinding poverty; and

**WHEREAS** economic strangulation imposed by the U.S. and by the World Bank and IMF structural adjustments has made a desperate situation worse; and

**WHEREAS** if President Aristide is removed unconstitutionally, it would amount to Haiti's 33<sup>rd</sup> coup-d'état; and

**WHEREAS** the paramilitary are exploiting the destabilization to reassert themselves again in that impoverished country,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP call on the Canadian government to take the leadership in working with the UN and the Caribbean Community to:

1. Send a UN-led rapid response team to Haiti;
2. Commit to a long-term plan to help make Haiti – the hemisphere's poorest nation – a democratic and economically viable country.

#### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2004**

## 1 B10

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**WHEREAS** the enormity of the global AIDS pandemic, whether measured in lives lost, children abandoned, or nations destabilized necessitates an unprecedented response from the world community; and

**WHEREAS** 70% of the 42 million people infected with HIV/AIDS worldwide live in Africa; 22.5 million Africans have already lost their lives to AIDS, and another person is dying from the disease on that continent every 13 seconds; and

**WHEREAS** over 10 million children in Africa are HIV/AIDS infected, 12 million African children are AIDS orphans, and that number is expected to double to 24 million by 2010; and

**WHEREAS** life-prolonging drugs have helped people living with AIDS in rich countries, but neither these drugs nor other resources to combat the disease are available to the vast majority of people in Africa; and

**WHEREAS** a global campaign to wage an effective fight against the disease needs \$10 billion a year – roughly 1% of current world spending on arms, and 5-10% of the amount expected to be spent on the war in Iraq – yet only a fraction of the needed funds to fight AIDS have been forthcoming; and

**WHEREAS** the spread of this pandemic and the world's failure to respond reveal a system of global apartheid in which the right to health is largely determined by race, gender, class and geography; and

**WHEREAS** Canada is one of the world's most prosperous nations, and home to a health care system based on universal and equal access to essential medical treatment, which is a beacon to many poorer and less developed nations in the world,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that New Democrats press the Canadian government to live up to the values reflected in our own health care system and make a major contribution to the world fight against global HIV/AIDS, by

1. Supporting the call of Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, to be the first country in the world to contribute its fair share\* to the UN Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and Malaria. This would mean, at minimum, tripling its current commitment of \$25 million (U.S. \$) a year to \$75 million (U.S. \$) per year over the next four years.
2. Leading by example to persuade other countries including the U.S. to pay its Fair Share to the Global Fund.

\* Oxfam calculates each donor country's fair share according to GNP.

### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – MARCH 2003**

## 1 B11

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**WHEREAS** the Pentagon plans to use 9,700 guided bombs and 700 cruise missiles in its attack on Iraq (N.Y. Times, February 2, 2003); and

**WHEREAS** about one third of these weapons are "hard target" weapons, i.e. they are hardened with uranium or depleted uranium for maximum penetration; and

**WHEREAS** the residue from these weapons results in serious radioactive contamination of the air and the soil; and

**WHEREAS** the release of this radioactive material will certainly result in both immediate toxic poisoning of both civilians and military personnel, and in long-term radiation damage to the population in the form of leukemia, lymphomas, and birth defects,



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian government be urged to join the European Union in calling for an immediate moratorium on the use of uranium weapons; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Canadian government be urged to submit a resolution to the United Nations defining the use of uranium weapons as a war crime and outlawing their use; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Canada be urged to call for an emergency meeting of the United Nations to address the environmental and health problems arising from long-term radioactive contamination in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Kuwait.

### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – MARCH 2003**

#### **1 B12**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports the peaceful resolution of international disputes through diplomacy and negotiation; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP is a steadfast supporter of multi-lateralism through the United Nations, its bodies and agencies; and

**WHEREAS** the illegal invasion of Iraq seriously undermines the international rule of law; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP unequivocally opposed any aggression against the people of Iraq, based on an expansion of the U.S.- led “war on terrorism” in a resolution adopted January 26, 2003 at the Federal NDP Convention,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP calls on the Government of Canada to:

- a) Oppose the illegal U.S.-led invasion of Iraq begun on March 20, 2003, abruptly halting the peaceful disarmament of Iraq under UN auspices; and violating the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law;
- b) Withdraw Canadian Forces personnel participating in this war through military exchanges with combatant states; and Canadian vessels and aircraft participating in Operation Apollo that are escorting war ships involved in the invasion of Iraq;
- c) Press for removal of the economic sanctions that have created severe malnutrition, disease, suffering and premature death for millions of Iraqis, especially children and other vulnerable citizens;
- d) Demand observance of the Geneva Convention by all parties involved in the Iraqi war.

### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – MARCH 2003**

#### **1 B13**

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**WHEREAS** Canadian troops have been deployed to the southern provinces of Afghanistan on a mission whose terms and conditions have shifted significantly; and

**WHEREAS** serious concerns have been raised about the nature of the command and the aggressive combat role of our Forces, duration of the mission, resource requirements, and about Canada's adherence to the rule of international law including the transfer of prisoners captured by Canadian Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS** equally serious concerns have been raised about the lack of priority and support being given to a comprehensive peace and reconciliation process; and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party is an internationalist Party committed to peace advocacy, human rights and global justice,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal Council of the New Democratic Party endorses the call for an emergency debate upon the return of Parliament on Canada's current and future role in Afghanistan, and for joint hearings by the House of Commons Standing Committees on Defence and Foreign Affairs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Federal Caucus of the New Democratic Party considers all options including the withdrawal of the Canadian troops currently in the southern provinces of Afghanistan.

### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – APRIL 2006**

#### **1 B14**

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**WHEREAS** Canadians opened their hearts and wallets to victims of the tsunami disaster, contributing the largest private and public disaster relief funding in Canadian history; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government failed to set up a special response team tasked with coordinating the government's response and liaising with and among NGOs and multilaterals; and

**WHEREAS** the tsunami disaster, ongoing AIDS/HIV pandemic, and prevalence of TB and malaria that contribute to rob the world of thousands of men, women and children, highlight the need for rationalized, coordinated fundraising on an annual basis,

**THEREFORE BE IT REVOLVED** that the NDP calls on the Government of Canada to:

1. Appoint a senior official with a mandate to coordinate Canada's continuing response to the tsunami disaster, including expediting the delivery of aid, coordinating with NGO efforts, and bypassing obstacles that might handicap the Canadian response, exemplified by Canada's response to the Ethiopian famine crisis.
2. Develop an annual consolidated appeal for disaster relief that would raise funds each year and ensure delivery of aid to new and ongoing emergencies, similar to that of the United Kingdom's Disasters Emergency Committee which permits allocation of funds (including matching funds), and allows for the creation of a reserve, permitting the issuance of funds in the first hours of disaster, greatly improving mobilization efforts on the part of humanitarian organizations.
3. Recognize the ongoing disaster resulting from the AIDS/HIV pandemic and preventable and/or treatable diseases such as TB, measles, and malaria, and ensure that the aforementioned senior official and annual appeal for disaster relief initiatives also be applied to address this issue.

### **FEDERAL COUNCIL – JANUARY 2005**

**1 B15**

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**WHEREAS** U.S. President George W. Bush has violated international law by adopting a policy of pre-emptive military strikes and the use of tactical nuclear weapons; and

**WHEREAS** Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made it clear that he intends to pursue deeper integration of Canada's military and diplomatic structures in line with U.S. goals; and

**WHEREAS** this means the threatened expansion of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as in neighbouring countries such as Iran and Syria,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention endorses the New Democratic Party Caucus vote against extending our troops mission in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP call for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP clearly defines to the Canadian people a policy that re-establishes Canadian sovereignty on military and diplomatic initiatives, and rejects the use of military intervention as a tool for peace.

**USW LOCAL 8412**  
**USW LOCAL 13173**

**1 B16**

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**WHEREAS** over the past five years the manifestations of various elements of official foreign and commercial policies advocated by the U.S. government have met with increased objections from the world community and the citizens of Canada, particularly by those who feel strongly about our stewardship in the areas of human rights, social justice, and various UN covenants and declarations against torture and for the rights of children, women and minorities; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. war on terrorism has been used increasingly as a justification for unacceptable means of dominance and oppression; and

**WHEREAS** Canada is a signature to a number of said UN covenants and declarations against torture, and for the rights of children, women and minorities,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada withdraw its practical and moral support including the use of the Canadian military from any and all such present and future actions.

**USW LOCAL 8412**  
**USW LOCAL 1998**  
**USW LOCAL 8300**

**1 B17**

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**WHEREAS** U.S. President George W. Bush has violated international law by adopting a policy of pre-emptive military strikes and the use of tactical nuclear weapons; and

**WHEREAS** Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made it clear that he intends to pursue deeper integration of Canada's military and diplomatic structures in line with U.S. goals; and

**WHEREAS** this means the threatened expansion of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as in neighbouring countries such as Iran and Syria,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention endorse the New Democratic Party vote against extending our troops being stationed in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP call for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP clearly defines to the Canadian people a policy that re-establishes Canadian sovereignty on military and diplomatic initiatives and rejects the use of military intervention as a tool for peace.

**USW LOCAL 8412**  
**USW LOCAL 1998**  
**USW LOCAL 8300**  
**SEIU CANADA**

## **1 B18**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party has historically championed the struggle for peace and international cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** an increasing proportion of Canadians disagree with the Liberal and Conservative governments' decision to maintain a military presence in Afghanistan,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention endorses the NDP's decision to vote against the continuation of our presence in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call for the immediate withdrawal of our troops in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP Caucus initiate its own public hearings into Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan to give the public an opportunity to debate this issue.

**USW LOCAL 8412**  
**USW LOCAL 1998**

## **1 B19**

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**WHEREAS** Canadians who opposed NAFTA in 1988 argued that the agreement would draw us more and more into the American orbit, weaken our economy, social programs, and culture, drain our resources, and destroy our ability to operate as an independent nation in the world. Twenty years later these fears are being fulfilled. Nearly 90 percent of our trade is with the United States and we are losing not only many of the benefits of our resources and manufacturers but the chance to put them to work improving international trade and bringing about a more equitable world economy. The Federal NDP should begin immediately to take steps to extricate Canada from the free trade agreements, which have moved us into the

American empire. A first step would be for the NDP to set up a task force to study how to get out of these agreements with the least dislocation to the Canadian economy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a NDP government would renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and any other trade agreement, which does not benefit the country. In preparation for this step the Federal NDP will create a task force of representatives from the Party, the Federal Caucus, the labour movement, Canadian business, academia, and the general public to formulate a plan for pursuing an independent Canadian trade policy.

### **OTTAWA CENTRE NDP**

#### **1 B20**

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**WHEREAS** the NDP supports the ideal of achieving sustainable peace for all peoples, it supports the UN Charter objectives “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” and specifically supports the objective as stated in Article 1 to “bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace”; and

**WHEREAS** since 1791, Canada has recognized the rights of individual Canadians to be Conscientious Objectors to military aggression, the use of military force and to warfare; and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-232 – an act respecting conscientious objection to the use of an individual’s income taxes for military purposes – was tabled in 2001 by Mr. S. Robinson,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP continue to work to provide protection and refuge for those individuals who object to fighting in wars that they view as unjust.

### **OTTAWA CENTRE NDP**

#### **1 B21**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP investigate the costs associated with Canada’s withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

### **SAINT BONIFACE NDP MYND**

#### **1 B22**

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**WHEREAS** the port of Churchill is Canada’s only deep-sea arctic port facility and one of the few economic drivers in Northern Manitoba, with the freight activity associated with the port and rail line supporting a network of Northern Communities and industries; and

**WHEREAS** global warming and technological developments in Arctic shipping will extend the shipping season within the next 20-30 years and in fact may see a completely ice-free Northwest Passage within this century which will lead to a fuller realization of Churchill’s advantage related to shipping to International and North American markets as well as a strategic location for the assertion of Canada’s sovereignty,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP urge the federal government to continue to support and promote the Port of Churchill as the centerpiece of a strategy to develop itself as a gateway, wherein trade between Europe/Asia and North America can be routed through Manitoba, due to our geographic location in the centre of the continent and the multi-modal connections to the NAFTA marketplace via the mid-continent Trade Corridor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Federal NDP support Canada's Foreign Policy of developing circumpolar trade routes via Churchill and encourage the Federal Government to consider the port as a strategic location to assert Canada's sovereignty in the North.

**SAINT BONIFACE NDP  
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**1 B23**

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**WHEREAS** one of the fundamental pillars of democracy is justice based on the rule of law applied to everyone without discrimination or favour; and

**WHEREAS** the years since World War II have witnessed the growth of covenants and treaties which extend justice and the rule of law to all nations; and

**WHEREAS** Canada has committed to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions and the Convention against torture; and

**WHEREAS** Canada is complicit in violating these commitments by allowing the United States to deport a Canadian citizen to a country known to practice torture; and

**WHEREAS** the United States has made a practice of the 'rendition' of suspects, without trial, to third countries which are known to practice torture,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention of the New Democratic Party condemn the violation of individuals' rights and of treaties and conventions which are in force and provide guarantees that such practices will cease forthwith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party call on the people and Government of Canada to strenuously work for a more effective United Nations and refuse to work with governments which violate international agreements, treaties and conventions.

**WINNIPEG NORTH NDP**

**1 B24**

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**WHEREAS** the recent softwood lumber deal has made it abundantly clear that the North American Free Trade Agreement has little to do with trade and nothing at all to do with free trade; and

**WHEREAS** the Harper government has demonstrated its willing subservience to the administration in Washington; and

**WHEREAS** continued participation in NAFTA will seriously erode Canadian sovereignty; to the detriment of the Canadian people,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party, persistently and vehemently, advocate the abrogation of NAFTA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP oppose any future trade agreement which threatens the welfare of Canadians or Canadian sovereignty.

### **WINNIPEG NORTH NDP**

#### **1 B25**

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**WHEREAS** the United States launched a pre-emptive attack on Iraq based on false information; and

**WHEREAS** as was suspected at the time, no weapons of mass destruction existed in Iraq, and no link existed between the government of Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda; and

**WHEREAS** 2,500 American soldiers have died in Iraq and tens of thousands of Iraqi citizens have been killed,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party demand the withdrawal of foreign forces from Iraq; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party support progressive political forces in the United States to that end.

### **NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM NDP**

#### **1 B26**

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**WHEREAS** Canada has become involved in a war in Afghanistan through the actions of the previous Liberal government, and the mission was extended by two years by the Conservative government; and

**WHEREAS** a dangerous blurring of lines has occurred between the military and humanitarian role that endangers NGO workers; and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party Caucus was the only Federal Caucus to vote unanimously against the extension of the mission,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports unequivocally the individual women and men of the Canadian Forces, opposes any extension of Canada's counter-insurgency mission in Afghanistan, and calls for the transition out of the U.S.-led Operation Enduring Freedom by February 2007; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports the continuation of development assistance to Afghanistan and democratic peace building in that country.

### **NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM NDP**

**1 B27**

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**WHEREAS** nuclear weapons threaten the future of humanity and the planet; and

**WHEREAS** the threat of proliferation of nuclear weapons and the stockpiles of nuclear weapons continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS** the Non Proliferation Treaty provides a route for the elimination of nuclear weapons and the end of the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports the implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty for both nuclear and non-nuclear states; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports an immediate ban on tactical nuclear weapons and the eventual elimination of all nuclear weapons.

**NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM NDP**

**1 B28**

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**WHEREAS** questions have been raised about Canada's ability to control its Northern waters; and

**WHEREAS** climate change will reduce ice in the far North and present the possibility of unrestricted foreign ship activity,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party believes the Northwest Passage constitutes Canadian internal waters and advocates that Canada assert its sovereignty over the North.

**NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM NDP**

**1 B29**

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**WHEREAS** at the end of the World War II, 14,100 armed forces personnel lost any right to discharge pay, pension, or re-settlement services and had their service records erased because they were "deemed never to have served" for failing to complete their discharge papers properly when the war ended; and

**WHEREAS** many of these veterans served honourably, were neither deserters nor absent without leave, and their failure to file their discharge papers was due in part to the inability of the military to process the demobilization of so many personnel at once,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Minister of Defense and Cabinet to reverse Order in Council #3264 signed August 14, 1946 and re-instate the service records of these veterans so they, their survivors can apply for the benefits to which they may be entitled.

**WINNIPEG CENTRE NDP**



## **1 B30**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party has historically championed the struggle for peace and international cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** an increasing proportion of Canadians disagree with the Liberal and Conservative governments' decision to maintain a military presence in Afghanistan,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention endorses the NDP's decision to vote against the continuation of our presence in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call for the immediate withdrawal of our troops in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP Caucus initiate its own public hearings into Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan to give the public an opportunity to debate this issue.

## **USW LOCAL 8300**

## **1 B31**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports the sovereignty of all nations and the right to self-determination of citizens in all countries as expressed through legitimate democratic processes; and

**WHEREAS** the Venezuelan people have democratically elected President Hugo Chavez and his Bolivarian government in a landslide victory in 1998; and

**WHEREAS** the Venezuelan people have successfully resisted the forceful and undemocratic removal of Hugo Chavez as backed by the United States CIA in 2002 and affirmed their faith in his leadership and in the Bolivarian government in a referendum in 2003; and

**WHEREAS** President Chavez has successfully begun implementation of the mandate given to his Bolivarian government by the Venezuelan people,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to denounce all interference in the sovereign affairs of Venezuelan democratic process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event that such interference is pursued in Venezuela by any nation or international organization, the NDP urge the Canadian government to vocally oppose that interference and provide no Canadian military or Canadian industrial support to aid in that interference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to immediately cease all liaisons or cooperation with members of the Venezuelan opposition, who are engaged in various illegal activities including receiving money from external sources, and who have no base of support amongst the vast majority of Venezuelan people.

## **ONDY**

## 1 B32

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports international development that is characterized by greater equality within and between countries; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Caucus of the New Democratic Party has fought the ratification of the free trade agreements, NAFTA and FTAA, because these agreements contain policies that will inevitably result in an increased economic divide between countries; and

**WHEREAS** the Bolivarian government has initiated innovative relationships of trade and cooperative economic participation that have begun to create the greater level of equality and economic cooperation between countries that the New Democratic Party supports, and that provide a concrete and viable alternative to neoliberalism,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to forge bilateral trade agreements with the Bolivarian government in Venezuela that serve the mutual interests of both nations and their citizens, and contribute to both economic and social prosperity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to pursue economic partnerships with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including but not limited to providing aid in the diversification of Venezuelan oil assets and developing Canadian programs to provide support for regional projects of the Bolivarian government; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to develop federal exchange programs that prioritize the positive social contribution of Canadians to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

**ONDY**

## 1 B33

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**WHEREAS** the Canadian government currently has thousands of soldiers in Afghanistan and has taken over command of the foreign occupation of Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian occupation is propping up a regime composed of barbarous warlords who are little better than the Taliban; and

**WHEREAS** the occupation of Afghanistan is mainly about securing Western (including Canadian) interests in oil and gas in the region; and

**WHEREAS** the Afghani people have had to endure over 50 years of Western imperialism that has ravaged their country; and

**WHEREAS** over half of all Canadians repeatedly oppose the Canadian occupation of Afghanistan,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP call for the *immediate* withdrawal of *all* Canadian troops, of any form, from Afghanistan .

**ONDY**

**1 B34**

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**WHEREAS** President Bush's military invasions, the "supreme war crime" (cf. Nuremberg Tribunal), have increased tensions worldwide and led to the murder of tens of thousands of innocent civilians; and

**WHEREAS** foreign military interventions against the wishes of a sovereign nation are violations of national sovereignty and international legal tradition; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian-initiated "responsibility to protect" doctrine provides justification for American-led military attacks on sovereign nations, and Canada's occupations of Afghanistan and Haiti,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian military cease present (i.e. Afghanistan and Haiti) and future operations (Sudan, Venezuela) that are justified by this doctrine.

**ONDY**

**1 B35**

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**WHEREAS** the Canadian government refused to support the war on Iraq on the grounds that it violated international law; and

**WHEREAS** American soldiers report being repeated given orders they feel as being morally and ethically wrong, at times violating international law; and

**WHEREAS** numerous American soldiers have come to Canada in objection to the U.S. government's war on Iraq and many have applied for refugee status here; and

**WHEREAS** these soldiers would face incarceration and possibly the death penalty if returned to the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party, and indeed most Canadians, supports these War Resisters and empathizes with their situation,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party Membership direct its Parliamentary Caucus to, at the earliest possible time, introduce a bill granting all U.S. War Resisters full refugee status and any needed financial assistance under the regular terms of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, 2005.

**ONDY**

**SCARBOROUGH GUILDWOOD NDP**

**1 B36**

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**WHEREAS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper wants to pursue deeper integration of Canada's military and diplomatic structures in line with U.S. goals,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Convention endorse the Federal NDP Caucus vote against extending the mission of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP call for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP will clearly define policies that re-establish Canadian sovereignty over military and diplomatic initiatives and reject the use of military intervention as a tool for peace.

### **HAMILTON AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL**

#### **1 B37**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP express support for the socially progressive government actions in Latin America; that the NDP express its support for Latin American countries trying to develop cooperative market arrangements that include environmental, labour and social standards; and that the NDP publicize the negative consequences for democratic processes of Northern hemisphere nations interfering in the internal political affairs of Latin America.

### **KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

#### **1 B38**

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**WHEREAS** Canada has become involved in a war in Afghanistan through the actions of the previous Liberal government, and the mission was extended by two years by the Conservative government; and

**WHEREAS** a dangerous blurring of lines has occurred between the military and humanitarian role that endangers NGO workers; and

**WHEREAS** the counter-insurgency nature of the current mission endangers the Afghan population; and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party Caucus was the only Federal Caucus to vote unanimously against the extension of the mission,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports unequivocally the individual women and men of the Canadian Forces, opposes the current extension and any further extension of Canada's counter-insurgency mission in Afghanistan, and calls for the transition out of the U.S.-led Operation Enduring Freedom by February 2007.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party supports the continuation of development assistance to Afghanistan and democratic peace building in that country.

### **VANCOUVER QUADRA NDP**

#### **1 B39**

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**WHEREAS** climate change is causing a rapid shrinking and thinning of Arctic sea-ice, raising the prospect of an international shipping route through the Northwest Passage, perhaps within a decade or two; and

**WHEREAS** unregulated shipping in the Northwest Passage would pose significant environmental and security threats to Canada and its Northern peoples; and

**WHEREAS** Canada lacks any icebreakers that can operate in the Arctic year-round and consequently is less able to enforce its claim,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party believes the Northwest Passage constitutes Canadian internal waters and advocates the immediate acquisition of a robust capability to enforce that claim, including new, multi-purpose Coastguard icebreakers and the construction of a deep-water port near Iqaluit.

### **VANCOUVER QUADRA NDP**

#### **1 B40**

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**WHEREAS** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's repeated anti-Semitic outbursts cause great offence to Canadians and to people around the world; and

**WHEREAS** Iran imprisons, tortures and executes minors and other citizens for their religious and ideological beliefs, including members of the Baha'i faith, trade union activists and prisoners of conscience; and

**WHEREAS** Iran imprisons, tortures, imposes death penalty on, and executes women for defending themselves against sexual assault, such as Iranian citizen Nazarin Fatehi whose only apparent crime was defending herself and her teenage niece from rape by a violent attacker; and

**WHEREAS** Iran is also pursuing nuclear material enrichment, in violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS** Iran has failed to seek justice in the tortured death of Canadian citizen Zahra Kasemi; and

**WHEREAS** Iran continues to imprison Canadian scholar and human rights advocate Ramin Jahanbegloo,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP government will:

- Condemn the Iranian President's anti-Semitic hate-mongering;
- Lead global efforts to convince Iran to release Canadian and Iranian citizens wrongfully imprisoned and/or tortured, in violation of international law;
- Continue demanding justice in the murder and torture of Canadian citizen Zahra Kasemi;
- Work with the international community to convince Iran to abide by International Atomic Energy Agency guidelines and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; and
- Condemn Iran's practice of imprisoning, torturing, imposing the death penalty, and executing women for defending themselves against sexual assault.

### **HALIFAX NDP**

#### **1 B41**

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**WHEREAS** the 2006 peace agreement between the government of Sudan and the major rebel group offers some hope to millions of Sudanese, particularly in the Darfur region, that they may someday return to their homes and begin to rebuild their lives; and

**WHEREAS** more than three million Sudanese are in need of daily humanitarian assistance with hundreds of thousands requiring food urgently; and

**WHEREAS** the deaths of 200,000 Sudanese men, women and children have increasingly been recognized as a 'genocide in slow motion'; and

**WHEREAS** despite promises of 'never again' following the Holocaust, the world failed to prevent genocide from taking place in Rwanda; and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party joins with all victims of genocide in committing to do all within our means to ensure that 'never again' does not become a empty slogan; and

**WHEREAS** the UN is committed to sending a peacekeeping mission to Sudan to work with the African Union to protect the vulnerable and displaced, and monitor implementation of the peace agreement; and

**WHEREAS** Canada, 'founder' of modern peacekeeping, has plummeted from being among the top ten contributor to UN peacekeeping missions to number 57,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a NDP government will:

- Recommit to UN Peacekeeping, and to the creation of a UN rapid response force;
- Continue support for the African Union Force in Sudan until replacement by the UN;
- Commit to participating, in a meaningful way, in a UN peacekeeping mission in the Darfur region of Sudan; and
- Play a proactive role in convincing other rebels groups to sign the peace accord with the government of Sudan.

## **HALIFAX NDP**

### **1 B42**

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**WHEREAS** the NDP remains firmly committed to the goals of the Make Poverty History Campaign: more and better aid; trade justice; cancelling the debt of poor nations; and ending child poverty at home and around the world; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP also remains committed to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of significantly reducing global poverty by 2015; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP recognizes the contribution of Ed Broadbent in raising awareness of child poverty in Canada through his 1989 motion, adopted unanimously by the House of Commons, resolving to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000; and

**WHEREAS** success of the MDG in reducing global poverty depends on donor countries increasing their official development assistance (ODA) level to 0.7% by 2015, a target established by Canada's Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, to which Canada recommitted at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro; and

**WHEREAS** Canada's projected ODA level for 2006/07 and 2007/08 stands respectively at 0.32% and 0.30%; and

**WHEREAS** Alexa McDonough's motion calling on the government to honour its commitment to the MDG was unanimously adopted by the House of Commons on June 28, 2005; and

**WHEREAS** Alexa McDonough has tabled aid legislation that sets poverty reduction as the principle goal of Canada's ODA and spoken on the need to improve the status of women as a fundamental determinant to ending poverty; and

**WHEREAS** Jack Layton and the NDP team secured an additional \$500 million investment in Official Development Assistance in the first ever NDP budget in 2005,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP continue its effective collaboration with civil society, and as government will live up to the commitments Canada made to the Millennium Development Goals by:

- Adopting the NDP's aid legislation (C-243) establishing a legislative mandate for Canada's international assistance department;
- Increasing Canada's ODA level to 0.5% by 2010 and 0.7% by 2015;
- Delivering foreign aid in a manner consistent with Canadian values, Canadian foreign policy, international human rights standards, social justice, and sustainable development principles;
- Working to make Canadian aid independent of World Bank and IMP conditionalities;
- Eliminating tied aid;
- Strengthening the partnership with civil society, both in Canada and overseas;
- Increasing the proportion of Canadian ODA going to programs and projects designed to improve the status and condition of women; and
- Ending child poverty at home and abroad.

## **HALIFAX NDP**

### **1 B43**

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**WHEREAS** Haitian people, despite decades of severe political and economic hardship remain eager to rebuild their shattered lives and set a new course for their nation; and

**WHEREAS** Haiti's new president and Parliamentarians must be given meaningful financial and political support while they assess their people's needs and priorities; and

**WHEREAS** Canada is well-suited to offer significant support in helping to develop Haiti's Parliamentary, judicial, social, economic, environmental and security infrastructure,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Canada work in cooperation with Haiti's democratically elected president and parliament in order to determine the appropriate help Haitians need to attain the independence and prosperity they deserve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP support stable, effective, long-term Canadian support for Haiti with an emphasis on basic human needs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Canada work with Haiti and other nations to strengthen Haiti's justice system, address the conditions of Haiti's prisons, and end the incarceration of political and other prisoners who have not been charged with any crime.

## **HALIFAX NDP**

## **1 B44**

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**WHEREAS** there are no comprehensive global standards for small arms exports despite the fact that there are hundreds of millions of small arms and light weapons in circulation around the world; and

**WHEREAS** the unregulated proliferation of firearms is the source of millions of people's insecurity because deadly weapons continue to fuel violent conflict, state repression, crime and domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Pension Fund invests in the arms industry, including small arms; and

**WHEREAS** a consequence of relatively easy light arms availability has been the proliferation of armed children, many of whom serve as child soldiers; and

**WHEREAS** the majority of gun murder victims are under the age of thirty,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP will work with national and international non-governmental organizations to raise awareness about the need for comprehensive global standards for arms exports, including the banning of the supply of arms to countries and groups violating international human rights, including the rights of children; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP will work vigorously to prevent the investment of Canadian Pension Plan Funds in the Arms Industry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP will work to build upon the progress made to date at the UN on protecting children from small arms.

### **HALIFAX NDP**

## **1 B45**

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**WHEREAS** international aid is increasingly subjected to the security interests of donor countries; and

**WHEREAS** some donor countries, including Canada, support expanding the criteria for Official Development Assistance to include military and security spending, and;

**WHEREAS** international humanitarian law requires that the response to humanitarian emergencies should be proportionate to the needs of the poor,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP will work to ensure that the fundamental principles of Canadian aid delivery will not be compromised by narrow military definitions of security; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP will work to ensure that human rights standards not be compromised when allocating development assistance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP will work against expanding the international definition of aid to include military and security spending.

### **HALIFAX NDP**



**1 B46**

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**WHEREAS** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is binding on all governments and political movements and U.S. foreign policy has often opposed progressive movements and governments and supported regressive and authoritarian ones,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that violations of the Universal Declaration are equally to be condemned regardless of context. Canada's New Democrats reject double standards that find violations of human rights by one more deplorable than violations by another. The cultural relativist view that human rights are not appropriate for certain nations or peoples are to be opposed. Furthermore, this policy does not justify a rejection of actions taken by Americans or their government in support of democracy and human rights.

**BRANT NDP**

**1 B47**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Canada remove its troops from Afghanistan.

**PETERBOROUGH NDP**

**1 B48**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Canada support the complete withdrawal of Israel from Palestinian Territories it occupied in the 1976 War.

**PETERBOROUGH NDP**

**1 B49**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP publicly declare its solidarity with the Bolivarian Revolution and do all in its power to condemn any interference by any foreign government, including the Canadian government intervention in Venezuela.

**PETERBOROUGH NDP**

**1 B50**

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**WHEREAS** the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq aims to entrench U.S. power and control of the oil wealth in the region, and not primarily to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, uproot terrorists, or spread democracy; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are engaged in combat to seek and destroy insurgents, and to prop up a U.S.-puppet government of human rights abusers, drug traffickers and warlords, and to justify aggressive militarism increasingly allied to Washington's global corporate agenda,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP demand that the U.S. get out of Iraq immediately.

**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**

## **1 B51**

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**WHEREAS** Canada's military occupation of Afghanistan is in direct contravention of the spirit and the letter of international law; and

**WHEREAS** not denouncing war crimes is equivalent to consent to said war crimes; and  
**WHEREAS** Canada's military occupation of Afghanistan is demonstrably not in the interest of the people of Afghanistan,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP will call on the Canadian government to withdraw its military forces from Afghanistan immediately and failing a complete withdrawal, the NDP will seek redress in the appropriate court to have our illegal occupation of Afghanistan cease.

### **TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**

## **1 B52**

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**WHEREAS** there can be no lasting peace in Palestine/Israel, or the surrounding region, without social justice,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP supports the Right of Return for all refugees, an end to the Israeli settlements and Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, a halt to the armed aggression, the bulldozing of homes, destruction of olive groves and farms, and the assassination of political leaders and activists by the Israeli state, and the NDP demands the removal of the barrier, still under construction across the West Bank; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP calls for restoration of aid to the Palestinian Authority, demands a halt to military aid and economic trade with Israel until all the above demands are met, and that the NDP campaign for an end to the rule of apartheid laws that make Palestinians and Israeli Arabs second and third class citizens under occupation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP make clear its opposition to the use of suicide bombings against civilian targets.

### **TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**

## **1 B53**

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**WHEREAS** the government led by Hugo Chavez has acted to expand democracy and public services, to improve access to health care, education and land for poor farmers, and to raise general employment, living standards and income levels for the majority of Venezuelans; and  
**WHEREAS** the government of Bolivia, led by Evo Morales, has exercised its sovereign right to take control of the country's natural gas and oil industries in order to foster development and meet human needs; and

**WHEREAS** the United States has a long, dishonourable and violent record of interference in the affairs of governments that take control of their resources in order to raise living standards and end foreign domination,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP actively campaign to prevent or halt economic, political, and military intervention by the United States and its allies against the people and governments of Venezuela and Bolivia, and call on the Government of Canada to oppose any U.S. and allied foreign intervention which undermines the sovereignty of those countries, and

further demand that Canada facilitate increased solidarity, improve bilateral relations, and positively recognize the efforts of the Venezuelan and Bolivian peoples for their self-determination.

**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP  
EDMONTON-STRATHCONA NDP  
DURHAM NDP**

**1 B54**

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**WHEREAS** the so-called “free trade” agreements of the FTA, NAFTA, GATS, the FTAA and the institution of the WTO are undemocratic and driven by the corporations and banks to maximize private profits and make the worldwide movement of money easier; and

**WHEREAS** this corporate agenda is a serious threat to social programs, the environment, human and labour rights, and the goals of democratic socialism,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party is committed to actively campaign for abrogation and withdrawal of Canada from NAFTA, the FTAA, FTA, GATS and the WTO; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP is committed to developing and promoting a democratic and participatory system of trade that supports and protects the rights, freedoms and interests of working people, unions, women, Aboriginal peoples, farmers and peasants, seniors, and the poor, dispossessed and marginalized peoples.

**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP  
DURHAM NDP**

**1 B55**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports the right of Israelis and Palestinians to exist within specified borders and the right of Palestinians to self-determination leading to viable statehood with contiguous borders (two state solution); and

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports democracy and the rule of law,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we condemn the construction of the separation barrier through Palestinian territory as a violation of international law as determined by the International Court of Justice.

**KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

**1 B56**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports democracy through fair, open elections; and  
**WHEREAS** the results of the 2005 Palestinian elections were deemed to meet all requirements for honesty and openness by a body of respected international observers; and  
**WHEREAS** following these elections the Canadian government withdrew funding to the Palestinian government,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian government recognize the elected Palestinian government and restore funding.

**KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

**1 B57**

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**WHEREAS** Israel continues to occupy the West Bank and will possibly withdraw unilaterally from areas as it has in Gaza, without negotiation,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP calls upon the Canadian government to acknowledge only internationally recognized borders that have been agreed upon between the representatives of the democratically elected Palestinian government and the Israeli government.

**KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

**1 B58**

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**WHEREAS** government policy is effectively controlled by very large corporations; and  
**WHEREAS** socially progressive policies are not, for the most part, supported by the current Conservative government, nor were they supported by the previous Liberal government; and  
**WHEREAS** Canada is being deeply integrated with the United States through FTA, NAFTA and NASPPA (the North American Security and Prosperity Partnership Agreement signed by Paul Martin and George Bush in 2005); and

**WHEREAS** our best hope of gaining power to implement progressive policies is to work together with other socially and environmentally progressive groups and individuals,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP, locally and nationally, initiate discussions with other socially progressive groups and individuals, to explore ways to implement progressive policies while there is still time to preserve Canada's national identity.

**KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

**1 B59**

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**WHEREAS** the trend of corporate deep integration is an increasing threat to our sovereignty and autonomy as a country, and to many aspects of our way of life including environmental legislation, health care and other social programs, national defense and security; and

**WHEREAS** it is desired by most Canadians that we be a country which places human and ecological values above corporate profits and capitalism as an end in itself,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP create policy initiatives which denounce deep integration and assert the prerogative and responsibility of Parliament to protect the public interest against the abuses of unbridled capitalism by resisting further attempts to dismantle the tools of state intervention and to build the deteriorating relationship between citizens and government; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our policies contain concrete steps to reduce foreign investment in our country, and to abrogate NAFTA in favour of a more equitable fair trade deal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deep integration policy on social programs, minimum wage, labour organizations and labour union membership are contrary to NDP policy.

**FUNDY ROYAL NDP**

## **1 B60**

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**WHEREAS** the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq aims to entrench U.S. power and control of the oil wealth in the region, and not primarily to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, uproot terrorists, or spread democracy; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are engaged in combat to seek and destroy insurgents, and to prop up a U.S.-puppet government of human rights abusers, drug traffickers and warlords, and to justify aggressive militarism increasingly allied to Washington's global corporate agenda;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP demand that the U.S. get out of Iraq immediately, and that Canadian Forces get out of Afghanistan and disengage from any support role for the U.S. and its puppet regime in Iraq, including the training of Iraqi soldiers in Jordan, and policing the shipping lanes of the Persian Gulf.

### **DURHAM NDP**

## **1 B61**

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**WHEREAS** there can be no lasting peace in Palestine/Israel, or the surrounding region, without social justice,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP supports the Right of Return for all refugees, an end to the Israeli settlements and Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, a halt to the armed aggression, the bulldozing of homes, destruction of olive groves and farms, and the assassination of political leaders and activists by the Zionist state, and the NDP demands the removal of the apartheid wall, still under construction across the West Bank; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP calls for restoration of aid to the Palestinian Authority, demands a halt to military aid and economic trade with Israel until all the above demands are met, and that the NDP campaign for an end to the rule of apartheid laws that make Palestinians and Israeli Arabs second and third class citizens under occupation.

### **DURHAM NDP**

## **1 B62**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP endorse and support the "Hands off Venezuela" campaign. The "Hands off Venezuela" is a worldwide solidarity campaign to oppose U.S. intervention and serve as a counterweight to get the truth to the people. It is supported by trade unions, students, indigenous peoples and progressive people worldwide.

### **SAULT STE. MARIE NDP**

## **1 B63**

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**WHEREAS** the Canadian government, officials, military and police actively and/or passively participated in the February 29, 2004 coup that overthrew the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS** the de-facto ("Interim") government of Haiti, that was installed by the international

community (mostly the U.S.), is accused by international human rights organizations of killings and jailings of several thousand supporters of the ousted government; and **WHEREAS** the United Nations-sanctioned occupation forces in Haiti, including Canada, aided and abetted the illegal interim government,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Convene a formal Parliamentary inquiry into the role of Canada in the 2004 coup, including the circumstances surrounding the 2003 “Ottawa Initiative on Haiti” conference and the role of Elections Canada in the illegal and unconstitutional presidential and legislative elections of 2006;
- Take steps to support and implement the call of the governments of the
- Caribbean community countries (CARICOM) and the African Union for an international investigation into the circumstances of President Aristide's removal; and
- Increase development aid to Haiti and ensure that all aid be delivered in cooperation with the duly-elected and sovereign government of Haiti; and
- Demand the immediate release of all other political prisoners in Haiti.

#### **OTTAWA VANIER NDP**

#### **1 B64**

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**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports the sovereignty of all nations and the right to self-determination of citizens in all countries as expressed through legitimate democratic processes; and

**WHEREAS** the Venezuelan people have democratically elected President Hugo Chavez and his Bolivarian government in a landslide victory in 1998; and

**WHEREAS** the Venezuelan people have successfully resisted the forceful and undemocratic removal of Hugo Chavez as backed by the United States CIA in 2002 and affirmed their faith in his leadership and in the Bolivarian government in a referendum in 2003; and

**WHEREAS** President Chavez has successfully begun implementation of the mandate given to his Bolivarian government by the Venezuelan people,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to denounce all interference in the sovereign affairs of Venezuelan democratic process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in the event that such interference is pursued in Venezuela by any nation or international organization, the NDP urge the Canadian government to vocally oppose that interference and provide no Canadian military or Canadian industrial support to aid in that interference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP urge the Canadian government to immediately cease all liaison or cooperation with members of the Venezuelan opposition who are engaged in various illegal activities including receiving money from external sources.

#### **OTTAWA VANIER NDP**

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**WHEREAS** Canada's economic sovereignty and well-being is threatened by:

- An over-dependence on exports, particularly exports to the U.S.A.;
- The failure of the U.S.A. to live up to the rules of NAFTA (e.g. lumber and beef) despite the fact that the agreement already favoured its interests and those of multinational corporations;
- The present sellout to the U.S.A. of our precious non-renewable energy (locked in under NAFTA) that should be conserved for use by future generations of Canadians; and
- The continuing decline of the more job intensive manufacturing sector of the Canadian economy and our consequent dependence on imported manufactured goods.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party should seek to make Canada more economically independent of the U.S.A. and global trade by taking whatever measures it can to:

- Abrogate NAFTA
- Reduce and eventually eliminate the export of non- renewable energy to the U.S.A.
- Seek new markets (other than the U.S.A.) for the export of surplus foodstuffs and renewable resources
- Redevelop Canadian manufacturing industries to supply primarily our domestic consumer market in order to provide many more well paying and productive jobs for Canadians
- Resist any move to export water.

## **VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH NDP**

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**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are engaged in combat to seek and destroy insurgents, and to prop up a regime involved in a civil war; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian troops are engaged in activities that support the U.S. occupation in Iraq,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian Forces get out of Afghanistan and disengage from any supporting role for the U.S. in Iraq. This includes the training of Iraqi soldiers in Jordan, and policing the shipping lanes of the Persian Gulf.

## **EDMONTON-STRATCONA NDP**

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**WHEREAS** the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq aims to entrench U.S. power and control of the oil wealth in the region, and not primarily to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, uproot terrorists, or spread democracy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP demand that the U.S. get out of Iraq immediately.

**EDMONTON-STRATHCONA NDP**

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**WHEREAS** the invasion of Afghanistan was illegal; and

**WHEREAS** the government has defined no end-point to mark success; and

**WHEREAS** General Hillier has stated that the Canadian Armed Forces will have to stay there at least 10 years; and

**WHEREAS** Canadians were sent there originally to stabilize and help with reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces are directly participating in aggressive operations as part of the U.S.-led "Operation Enduring Freedom" in what is essentially one side of a civil war; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. "Operation Enduring Freedom" has directly and indirectly resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent Afghani civilians,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP Caucus press the government to request the United Nations to enter into negotiations between the various factions leading to a cease fire, thus allowing Canada to revert to its traditional role as Peacekeepers.

**SASKATOON-WANUSKEWIN NDP**

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**WHEREAS** Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States have successively failed to bring peace to Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS** the Afghans should have the right to work out their own future; and

**WHEREAS** the role of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan has escalated without serious debate or vote in Parliament; and

**WHEREAS** both recent Liberal and current Conservative governments have sent our forces to Afghanistan with undefined and unobtainable goals;

**WHEREAS** the engagement of foreign troops in the complex conflict of Afghanistan will make peace more difficult to achieve,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we commend Jack Layton and the New Democratic Party Caucus for forcing a debate on Canada's military role in Afghanistan and urge the leader and Caucus to continue pushing for a vote on this issue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge the New Democratic Party Federal Council and Caucus to oppose the present deployment of Canadian troops in Afghan areas of active



combat, and that unless their role is one of peace-keeping that we support our Canadian Forces by bringing them home.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge the New Democratic Party Caucus to work towards restoring Canada's role as an international peace keeper.

### **SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS NDP**

#### **1 B70**

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**WHEREAS** Canadian branches of American plants are suffering closures, particularly in Ontario, because under NAFTA production is cheaper in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS** parts of Medicare are being given over to privatization, thereby opening the door to American corporations who can then use the terms of NAFTA to attack Medicare itself; and

**WHEREAS** the proportionality clause in NAFTA's energy chapter states that once Canada has begun to export a natural resource, it must maintain exports to the U.S. at the highest percentage of total production historically achieved,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a New Democratic Party government use the six month notice of termination to abrogate the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until the NDP forms government it will give high priority to educating the public of the disaster that NAFTA has been and continues to be for Canadians.

### **SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS NDP**

#### **1 B71**

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**WHEREAS** a large majority of Canadians want exports of Canada's water banned; and

**WHEREAS** many Canadians are convinced that NAFTA enables the United States to make claims on Canada's water, just as it has over Canada's energy resources; and

**WHEREAS** The Government of Canada has insisted that water is not included within the terms of NAFTA,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that in order to remove all doubt from the issue and ensure that Canadians retain control of their most precious resource, the NDP will insist upon an amendment to NAFTA, or an attached Memorandum of Understanding, declaring that water is explicitly excluded from any of the provisions of NAFTA.

### **SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS NDP**

#### **1 B72**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Canada withdraw Canadian Forces from Afghanistan.

### **PRINCE GEORGE-PEACE RIVER NDP**

## **1 B73**

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**WHEREAS** the Palestinian people elected their government in a fair and civil democratic process,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP call on the Government of Canada to respect the democratic choice of the Palestinian people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP work to promote Canadian leadership in developing channels for the Palestinian government to establish positive diplomatic relations with the global community and to encourage negotiations between the Palestinian government and the Israeli government to establish the framework for long-term peaceful co-existence between these nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call upon the Government of Canada to restore humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people immediately.

### **LONDON-FANSHAW NDP**

### **LONDON NORTH CENTRE NDP**

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**WHEREAS** the Iranian government has lied to Canada consistently over the torture and death of Zahra Kazemi in June 2003 and therefore cannot be trusted to speak or act truthfully; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada consistently places too much faith in the power of reason a) to convince the American administration to take Canadian interests into account when developing their ballistic missile defence program and b) to convince the Iranian theocracy to respect human rights and dignity,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal New Democratic Party act in harmony with past policies and call for an immediate cessation of all diplomatic ties and identify other actions and sanctions with Iran, until international pressure has checked the flagrant abuse of government responsibilities in Iran.

### **TORONTO CENTRE NDP**

## **1 B75**

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**WHEREAS** American aggression upon Afghanistan and Iraq has caused further suffering to innocent people far beyond any rational justification; and

**WHEREAS** the American government under George Bush has acted unilaterally with contempt for the democratic procedures of the United Nations and international opinion; and

**WHEREAS** no war is a "just war", but it is especially unjust when trumped-up charges concerning weapons of mass destruction are proven to be absolutely false, as was the case in Iraq; and

**WHEREAS** sooner or later the world must break its addiction to oil and develop alternate sources of energy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal New Democratic Party refuse to support, in any way whatsoever, U.S. military aggression upon Iran and instead continue to promote, even more aggressively, new and healthier sources of energy in Canada or any other country.

**TORONTO CENTRE NDP**

**1 B76**

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**WHEREAS** Canada refused to join the invasion and occupation of Iraq; and

**WHEREAS** a growing number of American military personnel are coming to Canada to seek sanctuary because of their opposition to the Iraq war; and

**WHEREAS** no provision has been made by the Government of Canada to grant the war resisters sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS** Federal NDP Caucus members and candidates have called upon the Government of Canada to offer sanctuary to the American war resisters,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP calls on the Government of Canada to offer sanctuary to U.S. Iraq War resisters who have come to Canada or may come to Canada in the future seeking sanctuary.

**TORONTO CENTRE NDP**

**1 B77**

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**WHEREAS** Canadian troops in Afghanistan are not on a peacekeeping mission but rather a war-making one, to promote the interests of the U.S. and Canadian oil industry, military-industrial company profits and reconstruction profits, and because of the huge profits to be had from the Trans-Afghan pipeline; and

**WHEREAS** the co-chair of Lawyers Against the War (LAW) says that Canadian and other ISAF troops are not authorized to conduct war on terrorism, but rather by becoming enmeshed with the U.S.-led Coalition under Operation Enduring Freedom, Canada becomes vulnerable to charges of being an accomplice to, and participant in, well-documented allegations of international war crimes and crimes against humanity that are being produced as a result of established ongoing Coalition procedures and actions; and

**WHEREAS** these documented criminal actions include illegal abuses, illegal detainment, torture, collusion with illegal "renditions", and illegal detainee handovers,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal Caucus of the NDP call for the withdrawal of the Canadian troops currently in Afghanistan.

**VICTORIA NDP**

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**WHEREAS** working to achieve international peace and security must be a high priority for all humanity; and

**WHEREAS** Canada has had and will continue to have an important role in international peace-keeping efforts; and

**WHEREAS** that international peace and security cannot be achieved without international co-operation and in the absence of social justice; and

**WHEREAS** that successive Canadian federal governments have consistently underfunded the Canadian Forces and slashed Canada's development assistance budgets,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada support federal budget allocations that will ensure adequate funding for the Canadian Forces, so Canada can continue to play a key role in helping to achieve international peace and security; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada work to ensure that the Canadian Forces receive excellent training, equipment and compensation for the dangerous work they are asked to do on behalf of all Canadians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada fight for an immediate increase in Canada's international development assistance budget to a minimum of 0.7% of our GNP, as pledged more than a decade ago.

**ESQUIMALT-JUAN DE FUCA NDP****1 B79**

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**WHEREAS** the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq aims to entrench U.S. power and control of the oil wealth in the region, and not primarily to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, uproot terrorists, or spread democracy; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are engaged in combat to seek and destroy insurgents, and to prop up a U.S.-puppet government of human rights abusers, drug traffickers and warlords, and to justify aggressive militarism increasingly allied to Washington's global corporate agenda,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP demand that Canadian Forces leave Afghanistan and disengage from any support role for the U.S. and its puppet regime in Iraq, including the training of Iraqi soldiers in Jordan and policing the shipping lanes of the Persian Gulf, and express public disapproval of U.S. presence and its actions in Iraq.

**OAKVILLE NDP****1 B80**

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**WHEREAS** NAFTA is undemocratic and driven by the corporations and banks to maximize private profits; and

**WHEREAS** this corporate agenda is seriously harming social programs, the environment, human and labour rights, and the goals of democratic socialism,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party be committed to actively campaign for abrogation and withdrawal of Canada from NAFTA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP is committed to developing and promoting a democratic and participatory system of trade that supports and protects the rights, freedoms and interests of working people, unions, women, Aboriginal peoples, farmers and peasants, seniors, and the poor, dispossessed and marginalized peoples.

### **OAKVILLE NDP**

#### **1 B81**

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**WHEREAS** high interest rates and penalties mean that the poorest countries of the world spend more on repaying crippling debts to the richest countries than they receive in aid,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada incorporate foreign debt reduction as a lynchpin in its international affairs platform of actions to become a high profile election campaign issue and further to be raised by Caucus on an ongoing basis in the House of Commons.

### **NORTH VANCOUVER NDP**

#### **1 B82**

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**WHEREAS** the Canadian government, military and police participated in the February 29, 2004 coup that overthrew the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS** the de-facto ("Interim") government of Haiti stands accused by international human rights organizations of killing and jailing several thousands of supporters of the ousted government and of failing to provide the basic necessities of life for much of the country's population; and

**WHEREAS** the United Nations-sanctioned occupation forces in Haiti, including Canada, have aided and abetted the illegal interim government,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Demand the immediate release of Amnesty International prisoners of conscience former Prime Minister Yvon Neptune and musician Annette "So Ann" Auguste as well as all other political prisoners;
- Use all possible means to prevent police and occupation forces from killing and imprisoning the Haitian poor and members of the Haitian social and political movements;
- Convene a formal Parliamentary inquiry into the role of Canada in the 2004 coup in Haiti, including the circumstances surrounding the 2003 "Ottawa Initiative on Haiti" conference and the role of Elections Canada in the unconstitutional presidential and legislative elections of 2006;
- End the RCMP training of Haitian National Police, and remove all Canadian police and military personnel from Haiti;

- Support the calls of both the Caribbean community countries (CARICOM) and the African Union for an investigation into the circumstances of President Aristide's removal; and
- Increase development aid to Haiti and ensure that all aid to Haiti be delivered in cooperation with the duly-elected and sovereign government of that country.

**KITCHENER CENTRE NDP**

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**WHEREAS** the ongoing occupation of Iraq by a small group of nations compromises the right to self-determination of Iraqi citizens, fosters violent extremism both within Iraq and internationally, undermines international law and the moral credibility of the occupying nations, and has been accompanied by many demonstrable instances of torture and murder of Iraqi civilians by the occupying forces; and

**WHEREAS** the stated objectives of the invasion of Iraq, namely, the elimination of a first-strike capability with weapons of mass destruction and the combating of specific terrorist threats, are known to have been predicated upon entirely false claims about both the existence of such weapons and the connections between the former Baathist regime and the terrorist group Al-Qaeda,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP call upon the Government of Canada to urge upon all occupying forces an immediate end to their military presence in Iraq, and that foreign involvement in Iraq be limited to non-military humanitarian aid, where feasible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Western nations collectively bear much responsibility for the warfare that has destroyed and prevented the redevelopment of services and infrastructure for the Afghani people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call upon the Government of Canada to immediately remove Canadian Forces from Afghanistan, and to increase non-military humanitarian aid for the rebuilding of that nation's physical, political, medical, educational and social infrastructures.

**KITCHENER CENTRE NDP**

**1 B84**

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**WHEREAS** the government of Venezuela has pursued an independent foreign policy in the distribution and use of its petroleum resources, and a positive domestic policy inasmuch as it has invested in health care, education, land reform, and improved living standards for the majority of Venezuelans; and

**WHEREAS** the government of Bolivia has exercised its sovereign right to take control of the country's natural gas and oil industries in order to foster development and meet human needs; and

**WHEREAS** the United States has a demonstrable record of interference in the affairs of governments that take control of their resources in order to raise living standards and end foreign domination,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP actively campaign to prevent or halt economic, political, and military intervention by the United States and its allies against the people and governments of Venezuela and Bolivia, and call on the Government of Canada to oppose any U.S. and allied foreign intervention which undermines the sovereignty of those countries, and further demand that Canada facilitate increased solidarity, improve bilateral relations, and positively recognize the efforts of the Venezuelan and Bolivian peoples for their self-determination.

**KITCHENER CENTRE NDP**

**1 B85**

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**WHEREAS** the so-called "free trade" agreements of the FTA, NAFTA, GATS, the FTAA and the institution of the WTO are undemocratic and driven by the corporations and banks to maximize private profits and make the worldwide movement of money easier; and

**WHEREAS** this corporate agenda is a serious threat to social programs, the environment, human and labour rights, and the goals of democratic socialism; and

**WHEREAS** our larger trade partners have a proven inclination to hold Canada to such agreements while defecting from them when convenient,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party is committed to actively campaign for abrogation and withdrawal of Canada from NAFTA, the FTAA, FTA, GATS and the WTO; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP is committed to developing and promoting a democratic and participatory system of trade that supports and protects the rights, freedoms and interests of working people, unions, women, Aboriginal peoples, farmers and peasants, seniors, and the poor, dispossessed and marginalized peoples.

**KITCHENER CENTRE NDP**

**1 B86**

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**WHEREAS** under NAFTA inequality in Canada has grown dramatically; 60% of Canadian families have seen their income decline, another 20% have seen their income stagnate, while the very wealthiest of Canadians have seen massive increases in their incomes; and

**WHEREAS** NAFTA has led to an increase in fiscal, social and environmental dumping, causing downward pressure on taxes, social programs and environmental standards, as investor demands persistently trump social development, workers' rights and environmental priorities; and

**WHEREAS** under NAFTA the Government of Canada conceded privileged U.S. access to Canada's strategic oil and gas, water and forest resources, in return for a binding dispute settlement mechanism that failed to work; and

**WHEREAS** under NAFTA's energy sharing provisions Canada is forced to increase its crude oil and gas production to supply the U.S. economy and to import half of the oil required for domestic Canadian consumption from unsecured sources; and

**WHEREAS** under NAFTA Canada has surrendered control over key elements of industrial development and energy policy; and

**WHEREAS** under NAFTA, the Government of Canada has surrendered key public policy tools to ensure that the goals of the market are consistent with the broader public good, that balances the needs of the private sector with those of Canadian citizens and civil society; and

**WHEREAS** NAFTA has failed the ultimate test of public policy by not making better the lives of Canadians,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada endorse the consensus reached in Ottawa at the second annual North American Forum on Trade in June of 2006 to seek the development of a people-centered approach to trade that would replace NAFTA brick by brick, starting with democratically negotiated and ratified transparent agreements and the presentation of common legislation in the three national parliaments which would:

- Ensure that the process of trade and investment is a net creator of good jobs that provides solid income and does not put employment at risk in any of the three countries;
- Maintain the rights of peoples to their sovereignty and their democratic ability to chose to preserve or strengthen their sovereignty;
- Guarantee that each participating country has the right to regulate their economy in order to implement a plan for sustainable full employment respectful of the human rights of participating populations;
- Guarantee that each country would have the right to seek a better balance between the State, the market and civil society to promote the public good;
- Establish a rules-based framework that cannot allow the refusal of dispute settlement most recently seen under NAFTA in softwood lumber;
- Establish the preeminence of environmental and labour standards and rights over trade relations and investment rights;
- Promote gender equality and a profound respect for the human rights of workers, including the right to organize and the freedom of association;
- Assure that migration policies are set in conjunction with trade accords and do not criminalize migrants but rather confront internationally the reasons for their departure from their countries of origin, establishing international assistance to promote just and sustainable development;
- Uphold transparency in public administration, including the right to access information;
- Recognize the right of elected representatives to impose social, labour, and environmental performance requirements on investment;
- Recognize the right of elected representatives to protect and enhance public services like health care and education;
- Recognize and protect the collective rights of local communities in the conservation growth and cultivation of biodiversity and uphold indigenous and rural people's rights to land resources and the preservation of their culture;
- Develop mechanisms that will ensure that large transnational corporations are not able to apply a double-standard to their operations when outside their country of origin;
- Promote a positive role for international businesses that promotes sustainable development and a more equitable distribution of resources in the countries where they operate;



- Address issues where subsidies translate into unfair competition for certain large corporations and harm small farmers;
- Support the right to access medicines and health care that must not be limited by the rigid framework of international property rules, which deepen technological inequality between our countries and hamper the protection of biodiversity or the uses that communities make of it;
- Create a social development fund for North America, that is, a mechanism to allow communities to deal with the forces seeking to impose a model of integration and globalization that puts employment at greater risk and hampers sustainable development. This fund will finance community projects to develop infrastructures, improve health, education, the social safety net and the environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party support the following measures to facilitate the replacement of NAFTA:

- Support the construction of an informal North American working group whose goal is the elaboration of proposals and alternatives that promotes a more equitable relationship among our three countries and promote a dialogue with elected representatives in North America;
- Promote the generation of studies and public debates related to the real impact of NAFTA and its replacement in order to foster and guide discussion about the future of the relationship among our three countries;
- Support maintaining permanent monitoring of impacts and regular dialogues with civil society organizations within each country.

#### **BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER NDP**

#### **1 B87**

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**WHEREAS** Canada, as a major military exporter, must ensure its exports are not violating international embargoes; are not being used in violation of the UN Charter or international humanitarian law; are not being used to exacerbate armed conflict abroad; and are not being exported to states where there is a serious risk of their diversion to end-users carrying out such purposes as those previously mentioned; and

**WHEREAS** Tommy Douglas set an example for Canada and the NDP by calling for restrictions on military exports to the United States during the Vietnam War period,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP promote the expansion of controls on Canadian military exports, particularly by ensuring that, contrary to current practice, military exports to the United States should be subject to the same export permit requirements that apply to military exports to any other destination country.

#### **WASCANA NDP**

#### **1 B88**

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**WHEREAS** the proponents of Atlantica stem from the Atlantic Institute of Market Studies, a right wing think-tank out of Halifax, NS, and the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce movement, which represents the interests of a small minority of wealthy families, large

corporations, and the economic/political elites, to the detriment of the working people in Quebec, NB, PEI, NS, and Newfoundland; and

**WHEREAS** proponents of Atlantica, propose to attack working people of Atlantic Canada and Quebec by calling for the scrapping of minimum wage, restricting access to employment insurance, restricting the ability of workers to organize, and the desertification of unions; and

**WHEREAS** the Atlantica initiative implicitly supports the current Neo-Conservative U.S. administration by further allowing the U.S. to rely on Atlantic Canadian energy which fuels America's costly international military forays and global economic expansion; and

**WHEREAS** the Atlantica Initiative represents a heightened version of NAFTA by endorsing further Continental Integration with the U.S., which calls for the harmonization of key policy areas like national defense, law enforcement, environmental legislation and the deregulation of our public services; and

**WHEREAS** the Atlantica initiative fails to promote value-added processing, our traditional resource sector, and local industries as sources of wealth and sustainability,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal New Democratic Party:

1. Work with organized labour, environmentalists, and citizen groups on various campaigns indefinitely until the Atlantica initiative is defeated and exposed for what it is.
2. Develop Policy initiatives that denounce Atlantica and reassert the right of Quebec and Atlantic Canadian working people to living wages, public services, and environmental protections.

## **NBYND**

### **1 B89**

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**WHEREAS** the trend of corporate deep integration is an increasing threat to our sovereignty and autonomy as a country, and to many aspects of our way of life including environmental legislation, health care and other social programs, national defense and security; and

**WHEREAS** it is desired by most Canadians that we be a country which places human and ecological values above corporate profits and capitalism as an end in itself; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP create policy initiatives which denounce deep integration and assert the prerogative and responsibility of Parliament to protect the public interest against the abuses of unbridled capitalism by resisting further attempts to dismantle the tools of state intervention and to build the deteriorating relationship between citizens and government; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our policies contain concrete steps to reduce foreign investment in our country, and to withdraw from NAFTA in favour of a more equitable fair trade deal, which would protect our resources, institutions, values, and autonomy.

## **NEW BRUNSWICK SOUTHWEST NDP**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP get a firm commitment from the federal government that no Canadian Force will be deployed to combat situations abroad, at no time, and under the direction of no one, except when approved by majority vote in Parliament.

### **QUEBEC SECTION**

## **1 B91**

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**WHEREAS** the NDP has always been opposed to neo-liberal globalization; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP is the Party that most criticizes neo-liberal globalization; and

**WHEREAS** negative impacts on globalization are still being felt (non-compliance with NAFTA, relocation of businesses, job losses, job insecurity, widening gaps in the distribution of riches, endangered social programmes, etc.); and

**WHEREAS** these negative impacts affect millions of Canadians,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that neo-liberal globalization and alterglobalization become priorities in the initiatives and declarations of the Federal NDP.

### **QUEBEC SECTION**

## **1 B92**

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**WHEREAS** the North American Partnership for prosperity and security signed in Waco (Texas) this past March 27 by Paul Martin, George W. Bush and Vicente Fox is a step toward a complete integration of Canada to the United States; and

**WHEREAS** NAFTA has significant faults like Chapter 11 and did not meet the citizens' expectations, particularly regarding the true salaries that are stagnating since 1992 despite an increase in imports and GDP; and

**WHEREAS** from 9-11, the federal government has started giving up great chunks of its sovereignty in relation with immigration and refugees, regulation, food and medication approval, natural resources, defence and security,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP vigorously oppose any measure to facilitate continental integration with the United States and any negotiations leading to NAFTA-Plus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call for a moratorium on the application of the Canadian regulation reform called "Smart Regulation" and for the establishment of a multiparty workgroup to make sure that Canada maintains its complete and full sovereignty on the approval process of foods, medication, and any chemicals on its land; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP vote in favour of the cautionary principle as opposed to risk management, regarding the legislative review on health protection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP oppose any measure targeting the alignment of Canadian policies regarding immigration and refugees with those of the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP recommend complete and immediate repeal of the Safe Third Country Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call for a complete review of NAFTA before 2007, on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Agreement, which will specifically review its impact on citizens and its impact on the actual salaries since the beginning of the Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP condemn the fact that this Agreement was reached without consultation or transparency and that it militate to prevent that situation from repeating itself; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP of Canada condemns the policy of the *Bloc Québécois* favouring the abolishment of the Canadian dollar in favour of its replacement with the American dollar.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

### **1 B93**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP adopt a policy against ecological weapons, which would demand the ratification of a treaty about weapons such as the present UN treaties prohibiting nuclear, biological or chemical weapons, “ecological weapon” being defined as any technology that targets the natural geography, ecology or meteorology of an area for a military attack or intervention; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP pursue the prohibition of such armaments and that of the storage, development or sale of any related technology; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP pursue prohibiting the research of this technology for the purpose of its development or sale.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

### **1 B94**

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**WHEREAS** fair trade is a pragmatic and responsible solution, based on the market, that can give rise to a sustainable development, a better environment and an increased international solidarity; and

**WHEREAS** helping families and farmers as well as communities, underdeveloped and developing countries gives them direct access to international markets, so they can be competitive on the world market and receive a fair price for their products; and

**WHEREAS** fair trade allows the families of farmers and communities to self-develop without becoming dependent on international aid; and

**WHEREAS** consuming fair trade products is a political and economic action of solidarity towards other citizens of the world; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian economy, particularly through private businesses, can significantly take part in the fair trade expansion;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that international trade treaties signed and ratified by Canada target fair trade; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the federal government, in its development strategy for regional and international economic integration, and according to a development perspective of an alternative to trade and integration based on the liberalization of markets, foster the

development of policies that conform to fair trade and environmental principles and that they be integrated within the clauses of international trade treaties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that reconstruction and humanitarian development projects foster a better distribution of riches through fair trade as well as a community- and environment-friendly agricultural production; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CIDA prioritize, in awarding its grants to Canadian non-governmental organizations, and within its own development programs, a program targeting the national, regional and local economies based on fair trade and in accordance with the principles of a viable environment and biodiversity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the federal government, in the context of globalization and international market competition, encourage trade with businesses that respect both workers' conditions and the environment.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

### **1 B95**

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**WHEREAS** everyone has been silently witnessing the suffering and humiliation of the Palestinian people for over 60 years; and

**WHEREAS** Israel continues to violate International Law and UN Resolutions condemning the illegal occupation of Palestinian land; and

**WHEREAS** the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague declared that the wall built on Palestinian land was illegal under International Law and should therefore be dismantled,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP emphasize:

its support of the Palestinian People for establishing their own sovereign State and reclaiming the territories presently occupied — as intended by the UN resolutions;

its support of the right, guaranteed by international law, for the Palestinian refugees to return, by virtue of the 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention;

the principle of a compensation for any land or goods lost; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP ask the Canadian Government to:

fulfil its obligations as party to the Geneva Conventions and UN member-country;

lobby Israel to abide by the international law, demolish the Apartheid wall and end any action causing the suffering and humiliation of the Palestinian People, including the demolition of homes, targeted murders and collective punishment against the Palestinian civil population; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP recognize the right of Palestinians to the totality of occupied territories; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP ask Canadian Members of Parliament to submit this resolution to the House of Commons and provide the support needed for the passage and adoption of the request in the spirit of this NDP - Quebec Section resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP ask the Canadian Government to adopt, without delay, the following strategies:

- Excluding the import of all goods produced or manufactured, in part, in illegal Israeli colonies established in occupied Palestinian territories from the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement.

- Blocking all tax free donations from Canadian citizens for the construction, development or improvement of Israeli infrastructures in occupied Palestinian territories, including the colonies.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

### **1 B96**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP include in its next electoral program that a New Democratic government will sign no agreement or treaty without a clear reference to the protection of the workers' rights and the environment.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

### **1 B97**

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**WHEREAS** Canada supports the rights of Palestinians to self-termination by supporting without reserve: a) the Declaration of the Israel-PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) principles signed on September 13, 1993, b) UN Security Council Resolution 242, as well as c) UN Security Council Resolution 338; including the following statement: "... every State in the area [has the] right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries" and "... Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in 1967"; and

**WHEREAS** Canada voted in favour of the A/RES/ES-10/13 Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly, on October 21, 2003, demanding "that Israel stop and reverse the construction of the wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem"; and

**WHEREAS** the UN General Secretary November 24, 2003 report, developed following Resolution ES-10/13, says: "... the scope of construction and the amount of occupied West Bank land that is either being requisitioned for its route or that will end up between the Barrier and the Green Line are of serious concern and have implications for the future.", and « [the barrier] could damage the longer-term prospects for peace by making the creation of an independent, viable and contiguous Palestinian State more difficult, or that increases suffering among the Palestinian People." (Paragraphs 29-30); and

**WHEREAS** with the ongoing construction of the wall, in the absence of international pressures, it is quite unlikely that Israel will allow Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP ask the Canadian Government to pressure the Government of Israel so that the Palestinians' human rights are respected, by adopting one or more of the following strategies:

- Condemning, clearly and repeatedly, the construction of the Israel Apartheid wall in occupied Palestinian territories;
- Excluding Canadian imports from Israeli colonies established in occupied Palestinian territories from the Canada-Israel free-trade agreement;
- Ending all tax free donations from Canadian citizens for the construction, development or improvement of Israeli infrastructures, including colonies, in occupied Palestinian territories.

## **QUEBEC SECTION**

## **1 B98**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP of Canada support the Province of Quebec in the external extension of its internal Constitutional skills.

### **QUEBEC SECTION**

## **1 B99**

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**WHEREAS** the United States government continues to enforce its war-like economic embargo of Cuba, causing increased suffering to the population; and

**WHEREAS** Cuba's socialized economy, extensive social equity achievements, and quality social services ensure that human needs are put first, in stark contrast to rapacious global capitalism; and

**WHEREAS** the loss of the Cuban socialist project would constitute an historic setback for working people everywhere,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP express its solidarity with Cuba, encourage Party members to visit the island, demand the immediate release of the anti-terrorist Cuban five framed and imprisoned in the U.S., demand an end to the U.S. embargo, and demand an end to U.S.-backed efforts to destabilize and sabotage Cuba's socialist gains and national sovereignty.

### **DURHAM NDP**

## **1 B100**

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**WHEREAS** Canada is often seen as a leader internationally in terms of human rights; and

**WHEREAS** the right to water has been recognized internationally, through the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and

**WHEREAS** in 2002, the Canadian Government was the only one to vote against accepting water as a human right at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP support declaring water a human right and work nationally and internationally to ensure action to implement this for all Canadians and people throughout the world.

### **CHURCHILL NDP**

**COMPOSITE OF 1 B8, 1 B42, 1 B81**

**WHEREAS** the NDP remains firmly committed to the goals of the Make Poverty History Campaign: more and better aid; trade justice; cancelling the debt of poor nations; and ending child poverty at home and around the world; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP also remains committed to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of significantly reducing global poverty by 2015; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP recognizes the contribution of Ed Broadbent in raising awareness of child poverty in Canada through his 1989 motion, adopted unanimously by the House of Commons, resolving to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000; and

**WHEREAS** success of the MDG in reducing global poverty depends on donor countries increasing their official development assistance (ODA) level to 0.7% by 2015, a target established by Canada's Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, to which Canada recommitted at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro; and

**WHEREAS** Canada's projected ODA level for 2006/07 and 2007/08 stands respectively at 0.32% and 0.30%; and

**WHEREAS** Alexa McDonough's motion calling on the government to honour its commitment to the MDG was unanimously adopted by the House of Commons on June 28, 2005; and

**WHEREAS** Alexa McDonough has tabled aid legislation that sets poverty reduction as the principle goal of Canada's ODA and spoken on the need to improve the status of women as a fundamental determinant to ending poverty; and

**WHEREAS** Jack Layton and the NDP team secured an additional \$500 million investment in Official Development Assistance in the first ever NDP budget in 2005,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federal NDP continue its effective collaboration with civil society, and as government will live up to the commitments Canada made to the Millennium Development Goals by:

- Adopting the NDP's aid legislation (C-243) establishing a legislative mandate for Canada's international assistance department;
- Increasing Canada's ODA level to 0.5% by 2010 and 0.7% by 2015;
- Delivering foreign aid in a manner consistent with Canadian values, Canadian foreign policy, international human rights standards, social justice, and sustainable development principles;
- Working to make Canadian aid independent of World Bank and IMP conditionalities;
- Eliminating tied aid;
- Commit additional financial support for global micro-financing;
- Strengthening the partnership with civil society, both in Canada and overseas;
- Increasing the proportion of Canadian ODA going to programs and projects designed to improve the status and condition of women;
- Reduce the debt of developing countries;
- Make the minister responsible for CIDA a cabinet level position, with a legislated mandate that development assistance would only be used for poverty alleviation. This



legislation should also ensure there is legislator oversight for humanitarian relief and contributions to multilateral institutions;

- Tripling Canada's contribution to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria to ensure we pay our fair share; and
- Ending child poverty at home and abroad

**FEDERAL COUNCIL – JANUARY 2005**

**HALIFAX NDP**

**NORTH VANCOUVER NDP**

**1 B102**

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**COMPOSITE OF 1 B2\*, 1 B12, 1 B25, 1 B52, 1 B63\*, 1 B70, 1 B85\* AND 1 B89\***

\*except portions relating to Afghanistan (see other resolutions for this component)

**WHEREAS** the New Democratic Party supports the peaceful resolution of international disputes through diplomacy and negotiation; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP is a steadfast supporter of multi-lateralism through the United Nations, its bodies and agencies; and

**WHEREAS** the illegal invasion of Iraq seriously undermines the international rule of law; and

**WHEREAS** the NDP unequivocally opposed any aggression against the people of Iraq, based on an expansion of the U.S.-led "war on terrorism" in a resolution adopted January 26, 2003 at the Federal NDP Convention,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP calls on the Government of Canada to:

- Oppose the illegal US-led invasion of Iraq begun on March 20, 2003, abruptly halting the peaceful disarmament of Iraq under UN auspices; and violating the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law;
- Withdraw Canadian Forces personnel participating in this war through military exchanges with combatant states; and Canadian vessels and aircraft participating in Operation Apollo that are escorting war ships involved in the invasion of Iraq;
- Demand observance of the Geneva Convention by all parties involved in the Iraqi war; and
- Demand the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Iraq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP support progressive political forces in the United States on this issue.

**OAKVILLE NDP**

**FEDERAL COUNCIL – MARCH 2003**

**NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM**

**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**

**DURHAM NDP**

**EDMONTON-STRATHCONA NDP**

**KITCHENER CENTRE NDP**

## **1 B103**

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### **COMPOSITE OF 1 B48, 1 B52, 1 B55, 1 B56, 1 B57, 1 B61 AND 1 B73**

**WHEREAS** there can be no lasting peace in Palestine/Israel, or the surrounding region, without social justice,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP supports the Right of Return for all refugees, an end to the Israeli settlements and Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, a halt to the armed aggression, the bulldozing of homes, destruction of olive groves and farms, and the assassination of political leaders and activists by the Israeli state, and the NDP demands the removal of the barrier, still under construction across the West Bank; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP calls for restoration of aid to the Palestinian Authority, demands a halt to military aid and economic trade with Israel until all the above demands are met, and that the NDP campaign for an end to the rule of apartheid laws that make Palestinians and Israeli Arabs second and third class citizens under occupation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP make clear its opposition to the use of suicide bombings against civilian targets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call on the Government of Canada to respect the democratic choice of the Palestinian people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP work to promote leadership in developing channels for the Palestinian government to establish positive diplomatic relations with the global community and to encourage negotiations between the Palestinian government and the Israeli government to establish the framework for long-term peaceful co-existence between these nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP call upon the Government of Canada to restore humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people immediately.

**PETERBOROUGH NDP**

**TRINITY-SPADINA NDP**

**KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS NDP**

**DURHAM NDP**

**LONDON-FANSHAWE NDP**

**LONDON NORTH CENTRE NDP**

## **1 B104**

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### **COMPOSITE OF 1 B5 AND 1 B26**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada urge the government to:

- Take the necessary measures to ensure the safe and immediate withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan;
- Increase significantly our resource and financial commitments to United Nations led multilateral Peacekeeping and humanitarian initiatives such as in Darfur;

- Support the continuation of development assistance to Afghanistan and democratic peace building in that country so that reconstruction efforts and good governance are achieved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Democratic Party of Canada supports unequivocally the individual women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces and that the New Democratic Party of Canada urge the government to ensure that any future deployment of Canadian troops is debated and voted on by the representatives of the citizens of Canada in the House of Commons.

**TORONTO-DANFORTH NDP**

**NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM NDP**

## **G. HEALTH**

### **1 G1**

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**WHEREAS** in the last 15 years, more has been demanded from the Canadian Forces and the Reserves since the Korean War; we see its men and women undergoing a never-ending succession of deployments to operational theatres, natural disasters and hot spots throughout our world; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian Forces members are now more frequently involved in hazardous Peacemaking Operations; establishing law and order whilst maintaining a fragile status quo amongst warring factions in hostile settings; and

**WHEREAS** the incidence of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome has risen as high as 20% amongst Canada's Peacekeepers and service personnel returning from operational deployments,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Party New Democratic Party of Canada support our Canadian Forces and our Canadian Peacekeepers by calling for:

- The establishment of regional Post Traumatic Stress Treatment and Counseling Centres for members, police forces and their families;
- Improved employment, training and educational programs for our veterans who have become debilitated by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; and
- Improved pension benefits for our veterans who have become debilitated by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and are unable to work.

### **PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**

## **K. JUSTICE & RIGHTS**

### **1 K1**

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**WHEREAS** our border crossings are a vital utility for both Canadians and Americans; and

**WHEREAS** profiteering from our border crossings damages our communities and the economy of all Canadian and American citizens; and

**WHEREAS** all but two of our border crossings are publicly-controlled or regulated,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a NDP government will strive to keep control of border crossings in the hands of local communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a NDP government will put control of future border crossings in the hands of a community-controlled public border authority.

### **WINDSOR-TECUMSEH NDP**