CND 2023 AGM Motion 6

**Nuclear exploitation of the global south**

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CND 2023 conference is aware that in order to develop nuclear weapons:

* 1. so-called first world states including Britain exploited the human and natural resources of the global south and that this has resulted in long-term detrimental impacts on the communities and ecosystems concerned;
  2. exploitation covered parts of Africa and Asia, many Pacific islands, as well as indigenous communities of Australia and New Zealand;
  3. activities included uranium mining, atmospheric, underground, and underwater nuclear testing, and nuclear waste dumping; as well as setting up nuclear-capable military facilities and the use of land sea and air space for military exercises with a nuclear component which still continue today;
  4. nuclear exploitation has resulted in the destruction of ecosystems and indigenous communities being forced off their land; and
  5. indigenous communities have also suffered long-term ill health and disabilities from radiation poising, many of which continue into the present.

Conference recognises that:

1. the overwhelmingly majority of those affected are people of colour;
2. nuclear proliferation cannot be separated from racism; and
3. nuclear exploitation is an area of concern in the Black Lives Matter movement.

Conference decides that CND will help highlight nuclear exploitation of the global south by:

1. seeking to work with appropriate partners in Britain and internationally to highlight this aspect of nuclear weapons;
2. holding a webinar on nuclear exploitation;
3. producing a briefing outlining the ways in which nuclear weapons states have exploited the global south and continue to do so;
4. including global south speakers in CND webinars, meetings, and events as appropriate; and
5. encouraging CND groups to work with local partners on this issue.