

## Emergency motions

### **EM1: Democratic Socialist Movement of South Africa**

#### *Socialist Fight*

This AGM of the LRC calls on the entire Labour movement to defend the democratic rights of the Democratic Socialist Movement of South Africa from the activities of the SACP-linked Communist University internet forum (CU). We reject the allegation that this working class socialist movement is “linked to the apartheid killers that carried out the Boipatong massacre, and the Alexandra and KwaZulu-Natal atrocities during the struggle against apartheid”. We also deplore the “placing members’ information on the internet including names, telephone numbers, employment details and photographs – amounting to a hit list and an invitation to assassinate DSM members. We call upon Cosatu, NUM and the SACP to condemn this reckless endangerment of DSM members’ lives.”

Despite many and various political differences with the DSM (the South African section of the Committee for a Workers International) by the LRC membership we recognise that we must close ranks and defend these Comrades against these vile threats. The striking South African miners are the vanguard of the international proletariat and those who fight their cause must be defended at all costs. We must never again allow violence and assassinations of political opponents to take the place of political struggle, as it did in the 1930s. The language of SACP deputy general secretary Jeremy Cronin, describing the striking workers as “Pondoland vigilante mafias” and condemning the DSM as “counter-revolutionaries” clearly prepares for violent attacks.

### **EM2: Trident Renewal**

#### *Labour Action for Peace*

This AGM of the Labour Representation Committee deplores the recent statement by Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence, that he plans to go ahead with a replacement for the UK's Trident nuclear missile submarines, without waiting for the results of the current Cabinet Office study into alternatives, and contradicting previous statements that a final decision would not be made before the next election in 2015.

We believe that a truly objective analysis of the security needs of the UK would show that the best option would be neither to renew Trident nor to replace it with any other nuclear weapon system. However, there can be no justification for pre-empting the study.

We call on Nick Clegg and the LibDem Party in Parliament to insist on maintaining at least their previously stated position of seeking a cheaper alternative and awaiting the outcome of the study.

We also call on Ed Miliband and the Parliamentary Labour Party to put forward positive proposals for furthering worldwide nuclear disarmament, to which they are theoretically committed.

