

Rethinking Security

for a just and peaceful world

Manifesto 2019

The UK is having a General Election on 12 December. More than ever, we need our political leaders to think about security in the UK and around the world. We're asking them to:

1. RETHINK NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Government must prioritise working with communities to tackle the causes of insecurity. Natural and political environments that nurture people and their potential are fundamental to feeling secure. Tackling climate breakdown, inequality and marginalisation are critical starting points.

2. RETHINK ARMS EXPORT POLICY

Government must stop selling arms to repressive and interventionist states. Selling arms to such regimes destroys thousands of innocent lives and undermines the UK's credibility as a peacemaker. Rigorous export policy guidelines based on presumption of denial, an end to Government export subsidies and a reinvigorated commitment to the Arms Trade Treaty are essential.

3. RETHINK AID SPENDING

Government must keep its aid promises and focus on sustaining peace and development. The commitment to spend 0.7% of national income on overseas development assistance is important, but so is the way aid is spent. Aid should benefit local communities, tackle the long-term drivers of conflict and avoid being used in counter-terrorism strategies or to enforce migration controls.

4. RETHINK HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE UN

Government must back the UN to enhance its leading role in making, building and keeping peace. Thinking beyond national security demands global approaches, not least the Sustainable Development Goals, and unreserved commitment to the UN as the upholder of international law.

5. RETHINK NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

Government must push for nuclear disarmament to make the world a safer place. The UK has long failed to uphold its international legal commitments to pursue multilateral nuclear disarmament. Arms control and disarmament initiatives desperately need a champion state and the UK should step up to fill this void.

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