

RESOLUTION #2

On Ending U.S. Militarized Foreign Policy

Resolved that WPEC concurs with the AFL-CIO National Executive Committee, who declared in August 2011 that: “The militarization of our foreign policy has proven to be a costly mistake. It is time to invest at home”; and, in pursuit of such a redirection in policy and allocation of national resources, be it further

Resolved that WPEC calls for U.S. foreign policy regarding international conflicts to be guided by strategies that prioritize negotiation and diplomatic means over military deployment, whether in Syria, Ukraine, Iran, Pakistan, or other “hotspots” as they may emerge; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC declares that genuine national security requires a well-educated, healthy, fully employed workforce earning living wages that provide a decent standard of living, and a modern, efficient infrastructure to facilitate economic and social activity; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC calls for U.S. military capacity sufficient only for true national defense, which would permit significant reductions in current-level U.S. military and national security budgets; and be it further

Resolved that funds freed by reductions in military and national security spending be reallocated to many urgent human needs; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC will undertake appropriate education and political mobilization among its members to help create the social and political conditions in which this resolution can be realized in public policy; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC’s president or other officer shall report to the WPEC convention delegates no less than once a year what steps the union leadership has taken to implement this resolution; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC will submit this resolution, appropriately changed to refer to AFT where this resolution refers to WPEC, to the AFT timely for consideration at its July 2014 national convention.

Submitted by Barb Smith