10 REASONS WHY TRIDENT MUST GO

1. HUMANITARIAN IMPACT
One ‘small’ nuclear weapon, aside from causing thousands of immediate deaths will destroy infrastructure, including computer systems, and radioactively contaminate areas which poses serious risk to assistance providers. There is presently no effective capacity to deliver appropriate humanitarian assistance. In Scotland, the UK Government has 215 nuclear warheads ready to be loaded onto one of four submarines at Faslane, near Glasgow.

2. SAFETY
As well as the dangers for Scotland from an attack on the nuclear base at Faslane itself, moving the warheads in trucks on Scottish roads (which happens every few weeks) could cause the radioactive plutonium to be released and spread by prevailing winds across the country. Along with the safety issues at the submarine base, these trucks are not subject to the same level of scrutiny or transparency as any other risks affecting Scottish people that are deliberately taken by the UK Government.

3. DEMOCRACY
The Scottish Parliament and the majority of Scottish MPs oppose nuclear weapons and the renewal of Trident. Opinion polls show that the rest of the population want rid of nukes too. This is reflected worldwide, as the majority of countries support prohibition of nuclear weapons. Scotland stands with the world and UK Government should listen.

4. COST
The current figure for Trident replacement is £205 billion, this money could better be spent. Almost one in four (230,000) of Scotland's children are officially recognised as living in poverty, with 6,581 living in temporary accommodation last year.

5. EMPLOYMENT
There are only a small number of jobs at HM Naval Base Clyde, that directly rely upon the Trident programme, compared to the cost. Investment alternatives such renewable energy projects would generate more jobs at appropriate skill levels. A major programme of offshore wind and wave power, for example, could create nearly three times as many jobs.