



2022 Convention Resolutions

Resolution 2022-01: U.S. Hands Off Taiwan and the South China Sea

PASSED: Approve: 696 (89.69%), Disapprove: 80 (10.31%), Abstain: 130

Resolution 2022-02: Oppose a Trilateral Military Alliance between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea

PASSED: Approve: 672 (86.82%), Disapprove: 102 (13.18%), Abstain: 132

Resolution 2022-03: CODE RED for Humanity U.S. and NATO Emissions Reporting

PASSED: Approve: 818 (98.2%), Disapprove: 15 (1.8%), Abstain: 73

Resolution 2022-01: U.S. Hands Off Taiwan and the South China Sea

PASSED: Approve: 696 (89.69%), Disapprove: 80 (10.31%), Abstain: 130

Whereas, Taiwan and the South China Sea represent a key area where U.S. policy is likely to lead to nuclear war, whether by design or mistake, and

Whereas, the de facto government of Taiwan calls itself the Republic of China but is not officially recognized by the United Nations, the United States, Canada, Australia, NATO, nor over 90% of UN members. It exists solely because of the early military support by the U.S. before and after 1949, continuing to the present in various forms. U.S. arms sales to Taiwan in 2020 alone amounted to \$5 billion, and

Whereas, in the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972, President Nixon and Chairman Mao agreed that there is only one China and Taiwan is a part of China, and

Whereas, the time when the U.S. Navy patrolled the Yangtze River is over. The Eurocentric idea that Asian nations require the United States to defend them has no place in the Twenty First Century, and

Whereas, the People's Republic of China does not now, nor has it ever, threatened the territorial security or people's well-being of the U.S., NATO, or any other country allied to the United States,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Veterans For Peace urges the government of the United States to withdraw all military and naval forces from the Straits of Taiwan and the South China Sea, re-examine U.S. arms sales to the ROC in Taiwan, and remember that the resolution of the status of Taiwan is the internal affair of the Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Straits into which the United States has no right to intervene.

NOTE: This resolution does not endorse any political party within the PRC nor any internal policy of the PRC, nor does it favor China over any other Asian nation. Our resolution simply grows out of a central part of our mission: to restrain our government from intervening overtly or covertly in the internal affairs of other nation.

Submitted by Eugene E. Ruyle, VFP Chapter 162 – East Bay

Co-Sponsored by: VFP Chapter 21 – North New Jersey; VFP Chapter 35 – Spokane; VFP Chapter 69 – San Francisco; VFP China Working Group

Resolution 2022-02: Oppose a Trilateral Military Alliance between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea

PASSED: Approve: 672 (86.82%), Disapprove: 102 (13.18%), Abstain: 132

Whereas, the "Indo-Pacific Strategy of the U.S." (2/2022) calls for "deepening our five regional treaty alliances—with Australia, Japan, the ROK (South Korea), the Philippines, and Thailand" in the Indo-Pacific area;

Whereas, the U.S. administration is also working with its military allies to "develop and deploy advanced war-fighting capabilities" in the Indo-Pacific region;

Whereas, on Feb. 12, 2022, the U.S. Secretary of State held a trilateral meeting with the Foreign Ministers of Japan and the ROK in Hawaii and issued a joint statement, committing "to advance trilateral security cooperation;"

Whereas, the three Defense Ministers of the U.S., Japan, and the ROK held a trilateral meeting in Singapore on June 11, and agreed to "deepening trilateral cooperation," including "combined exercises;"

Whereas, the three countries' Special Forces held joint ship-boarding and search drills on July 4, during the RIMPAC naval war exercise;

Whereas, the same three countries held joint anti-missile drills near Hawaii from August 1 to 14, with Australian and Canadian naval forces; and

Whereas, on July 3rd, the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK (North Korea) slammed the trilateral military moves, stating, "the prevailing situation more urgently calls for building up the country's defense..."

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Veterans For Peace, voting by its members in 2022,

Condemns the U.S. administration's push to form a trilateral military alliance with Japan and South Korea;

Warns that the formation of such a trilateral military alliance will increase military tensions on the Korean Peninsula;

Also warns that such a trilateral military alliance involving Japan's military will destroy the Peace Constitution of Japan; and

Urges VFP members and local Chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their respective members of Congress.

Submitted by Ann Wright, VFP Korea Peace Campaign

Co-Sponsored by VFP Chapter 113 - Hawaii

Resolution 2022-03: CODE RED for Humanity

U.S. and NATO Emissions Reporting

PASSED: Approve: 818 (98.2%), Disapprove: 15 (1.8%), Abstain: 73

Whereas, Scientists for Global Responsibility states that 6% of annual world-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions can be attributed to global militaries, yet NATO fails to reveal how it determines its own emissions; and

Whereas, the US Department of Defense (DoD), as the world's largest institutional producer of (GHG) emissions, is a sizable contributor to the climate catastrophe; and

Whereas, the United States ensured that military emissions reporting to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was excluded in the Kyoto Protocol, allowing the DoD to avoid public scrutiny; and

Whereas, the DoD 2021 GHG emissions reporting to the UNFCCC did not separate non-military from military emissions; [assessed](#) as “[very significant under-reporting](#)”; and

Whereas, the failure to include military emissions and projected reduction targets in the U.S. [Nationally Determined Contributions](#) (NDC) exemplifies what Antonio Guterres warns is the “[Criminal Abdication of Leadership](#)”; and

Whereas, the UNFCCC Reporting protocols, themselves, are woefully inadequate,

Therefore Be it Resolved that Veterans For Peace take immediate action to prepare and circulate an uncompromising, public statement calling for governments to require annual military emissions reporting to the UNFCCC consistent with the 1.5oC target specified by the 2015 Paris Agreement, commit to reporting mechanisms that are robust, comparable and transparent, are based on the [GHG protocol](#), are independently verifiable, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and contain clear reduction targets for military technology, and are inclusive of manufacturing and supply lines, overseas bases, bunker fuels, and war-related emissions.

Be it further resolved that Veterans For Peace endeavors to collaborate with organizations world-wide to:

- Exert unrelenting pressure on militarized government to demand immediate and meaningful steps to properly track, scope, and report military emissions at all levels and
- Pressure the UNFCCC to mandate, update, broaden, and clarify military emissions reporting protocols of all militarized governments as indicated.

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VFP Climate Crisis and Militarism Project

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