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Resolution on Scotland

1. This conference recognises the right of the Scottish people to national self-determination.
2. We note the long, close and mutually supportive relations between the working class movements in Scotland and in England and the rest of the UK.
3. Regardless of whether Scotland becomes independent or not we will do what we can to bring the working class movements into closer unity and solidarity.
4. We note that the British ruling class through the current Cameron government supported by the Liberal Democrats and Labour has threatened to ban the Scottish people using the pound sterling in a currency union. This constitutes a declaration of war by means of economic sabotage. We note that the British ruling class has used its influence with the EU bureaucracy to threaten to exclude Scotland from the EU and deny access to European markets and any rights held since 1976.
5. We note that the Cameron government will face a serious political crisis and the Cameron led Coalition may come to an end if it fails to win a No vote in the September referendum.

Therefore this conference resolves to:

1. Counter Cameron's appeal to the people of England, Northern Ireland and Wales by making a case for a Yes vote in the trade union and socialist movements in the rest of the UK
2. Explain why a sovereign democratic secular and social republic would not only be in the interests of the Scottish people but would encourage similar democratic movements in England, Wales and Ireland.
3. Recognise the importance of the Radical Independence Conference as an organising centre for a republican and internationalist approach to the question of Scotland's democracy.
4. Help establish a "Hands Off the People of Scotland" campaign to counter the threats and bullying tactics of the Unionist coalition of Tory, Liberal Democrat and Labour politicians.