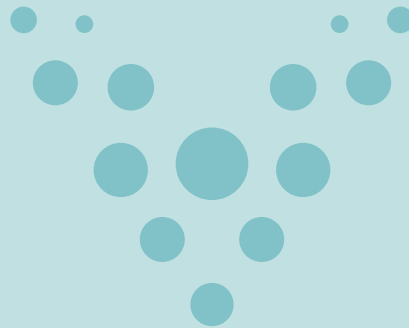


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**SECTION 4:**

**Redefining Canada's Place in the World**

04-01-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CETA AND TPPA

Spadina-Fort York • Hamilton Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the 'free trade' deals serve primarily the interests of global corporations, privatize and de-regulate the economy, worsen labour conditions, empower corporations to sue and obtain compensation from Canadian governments 'interfering' in their ability to maximize profits, and places more obstacles in the path of social ownership and public spending;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign against the deals and declare their intention to withdraw from these deals upon forming a federal government.

04-02-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

ENFORCEMENT OF THE CUSMA

United Steelworkers Local 5296 • NDP Northern Council (Ontario)

WHEREAS:

The CUSMA trade agreement is now in place, replacing NAFTA;

AND WHEREAS the CUSMA contains a Labour chapter with enforceable provisions;

AND WHEREAS the CUSMA contains side letters related to Section 232 tariffs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That as part of the CUSMA, the NDP will push for:

- Use of the labour enforcement mechanisms related to forced labour, discrimination and violence against workers, and;
- Support mechanisms that facilitate free collective bargaining in Mexico;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP will push the Liberal government to ensure that it opposes any potential tariffs and does not agree to quotas on steel or aluminum trade with the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively advocates for a national review of CUSMA and monitors the development of alternatives.

04-03-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

ENSURING CANADIAN COMPANIES RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, garment workers in the global supply chains of Canadian companies who already earn poverty wages, lost work because of cancelled orders, and Canadian mining companies continue to be linked to allegations of human rights violations in overseas operations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP advocate for, and support, providing the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) with the powers to compel documents and testimony so the CORE can properly investigate complaints of human rights violations.

Advocate for and support the implementation of mandatory human rights due diligence legislation in Canada to require companies operating overseas to prevent human rights abuses throughout their global operations and supply chains. Such a law should include liability for harm.

04-04-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

DISCONTINUING DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

West Nova

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS - Changing back and forth from Day Light Savings Time is disruptive and dangerous,

And WHEREAS - This method no longer achieves the results it was intended to create,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the practice of implementing Day Light Savings Time be abolished in Canada and time zones be set at -1 GMT/UCT and we encourage other countries to follow suit.

04-05-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

HEALTHCARE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

Winnipeg Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canadians rely on migrant workers in sectors including agriculture, healthcare and childcare. Migrant workers are precariously employed; lacking paid sick leave and living in densely populated housing conditions. Recent data has reinforced the reality that precarity and low wages limit choices, impacting their personal health and public health efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT, regardless of status, that the NDP fight for migrant workers to have access to high quality public healthcare comparable to the services accessible to Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT healthcare be unrelated to employment status and separate from the workplace and in a safe, confidential, accessible space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP fight for any expansion of healthcare (such as Pharmacare) include access for migrant workers.

04-06-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

RESOLUTION FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH INDIAN FARMERS

Brampton East

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the NDP believes in standing up for working people. Farmers across India have been leading the protest against three farm bills which pave the way for mass privatization of the agricultural sector:

WHEREAS, the Indian Government has met the farmers' peaceful demonstrations with state-sanctioned violence and has suppressed journalists speaking truth to power. This tactic is used by the BJP-led government to attack minorities in India and anyone who dares to dissent.

WHEREAS, the Indian Government also use tactics such as a social media blackout, cutting food and fresh water supply, unlawful arrests and using the media to scapegoat farmers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democrats call on the federal government to condemn India's actions and take a firm stand in standing up for farmers and the human rights abuses being carried out by the Indian government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democrats demand the federal government to call for international accountability to protect the rights of farmers to peacefully protest without duress.

04-07-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

HONG KONG FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats support the democratic principles of freedom of expression and the right to lawful protest; and

WHEREAS New Democrats oppose the anti-democratic actions of the People's Republic of China against lawful protestors, civil society, and the free press in Hong Kong;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

New Democrats believe in:

"Working with international pro-democracy movements to support democratic principles such as the freedom of expression and right to protest by the citizens of Hong Kong against the anti-democratic actions of the People's Republic of China".

04-08-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

GENOCIDE OF THE UYGHUR PEOPLE

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada is a signatory to the United Nations' Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and Canadians should not remain silent in the face of the genocide of the Uyghur people occurring in China.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

New Democrats demand that Canada publicly condemn China's ongoing genocide of the Uyghur people, that Canada address this issue in Parliament and at the United Nations, that Canada demand the closure of the concentration camps, that Canada develop an asylum program to bring the Uyghur people to Canada, and that Canada sanction any corporation with links to forced labour by Uyghur people.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF PALESTINE

Gatineau NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there is a need for greater efforts by Canada to advance the cause of a just two state solution in the Middle East with principled action and measures to resist the ongoing entrenchment of the status quo;

AND WHEREAS recognition of Palestine statehood is long overdue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The New Democratic Party call for Canada to:

Call upon Israel to end its occupation and settlement program, lift the Gaza blockade, recognize its Arab-Palestinian citizens' right to full equality, and address refugee claims fairly;

Ensure all relevant government agencies require accurate identification of settlement products imported and marketed in Canada as products of occupied territories in accordance with UNSC 2334, s. 5; and

Recognize the State of Palestine and upgrade the status of the Palestinian General Delegation in Ottawa to the General Delegation of Palestine, with full immunities.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Cumberland-Colchester EDA • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Huron Bruce NDP Louis-Hébert Durham Region Labour Council Orléans EDA • London North Centre • NDP Milton Riding Association • Ottawa West-Nepean • Ottawa South • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Saint Boniface--Saint Vital • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Halifax • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • South Okanagan-West Kootenay EDA • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • York-Simcoe • Toronto-St. Paul's • Eglinton-Lawrence • Central Okanagan Similkameen • Hamilton Centre • West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country • Vancouver Granville • North Vancouver • Willowdale Riding Association • Spadina Fort York • Burnaby North--Seymour • Laurier--Sainte-Marie Victoria • Thompson-Cariboo-Thompson • Ottawa-Vanier Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • London West • Saskatoon-University • Canada's Young New Democrats Executive • London Fanshawe • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE

WHEREAS: Canada and Israel trade millions in arms facilitating an illegal occupation and the Canada-Israel Free Trade agreement violates international law and UNSC resolutions by encouraging illegal settlements.

WHEREAS: Oxfam & UN experts support banning settlement products as do Amnesty & the Canadian Labour Congress who additionally call to end arms sales.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP Policy Book Clause 4.1.f be amended to include: New Democrats believe in:

- f. Working with partners for peace in Israel and Palestine, respecting UN resolutions and international law, supporting peaceful co-existence in viable, independent states with agreed-upon borders, an end to Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, and an end to violence targeting civilians. To that end:
- i. Ending all trade and economic cooperation with illegal settlements in Israel-Palestine
- ii. Suspending the bilateral trade of all arms and related materials with the State of Israel until Palestinian rights are upheld.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

OPPOSING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski • London North Centre Ottawa South Parkdale-High Park • CUPE BC Division • York Centre • Saanich-Gulf Islands • Parry Sound-Muskoka • London and District Labour Council • Huron Bruce NDP Burnaby North-Seymour • Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge EDA • Beaches-East York Vancouver Granville Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-democrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Milton • Vancouver East • New Westminster-Burnaby • London West • York-Simcoe • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • Spadina-Fort York • Oxford • University-Rosedale York South Weston EDA Saint Boniface-Saint Vital • Eglinton-Lawrence • Hamilton Centre • Thornhill EDA • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Winnipeg Centre • Fredericton • Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam Fed NDP EDA • Victoria EDA • Ottawa-Vanier • Laurier-Sainte-Marie • Scarborough Southwest • Halifax • Willowdale Riding Association • Hamilton Mountain EDA • Toronto Centre • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • London Fanshawe • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The IHRA working definition of antisemitism and its examples have been used to seek to silence criticism, including that of NDP caucus members, of serious violations of Palestinian human rights and international law by Israel, and

WHEREAS: We strongly condemn antisemitism, Islamophobia, white supremacy, and all forms of hatred and intolerance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following be added to Section 4.1 (f) of the NDP 2018 Policy Book

While strongly condemning antisemitism, opposing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition with its examples of antisemitism, which have been used to attempt to silence those who denounce grave abuses of human rights of the Palestinian people, and those who speak out against the illegal occupation and annexation of Palestinian lands, unequal treatment of Arab-Palestinians in Israel, and the inhumane blockade of Gaza.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

ENCOURAGING FRANCOPHONE IMMIGRATION

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS immigration is essential to fill the labour shortage that has a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS Francophone immigration is crucial for the future of Quebec and Francophone communities outside of Quebec;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would ensure that adequate funding is in place to increase the percentage of Francophone immigration; and would adapt current immigration programs to the specific economic, social and labour needs of Quebec and Francophone communities across the country.

RESOLUTION ON MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE WITH IMMIGRATION STATUS

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC • Alfred-Pellan EDA

WHEREAS:

Given the increasing number of Canadian residents with a precarious immigration status;

Given the increasing number of these residents who have no medical coverage;

Given the public health problems and the suffering that this situation causes for society as a whole;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will actively campaign for federal and provincial governments to guarantee that all Canadian residents can receive the health care they need, regardless of their immigration status.

HEALTHCARE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

Guelph NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS migrant agricultural workers, often for low pay and in difficult working conditions, provide an essential service in providing Canadians with food;

WHEREAS migrant agricultural workers contribute to the stability and sustainability of Canada's agricultural sector;

WHEREAS the health of migrant workers impacts the health of other residents of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will work with the provinces to ensure that medicare is provided, with no waiting period, to all migrant agricultural workers.



04-15-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Thornhill EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the people of Jammu and Kashmir have suffered human rights abuses by the governments of both India and Pakistan and denied their right to self-determination. And WHEREAS the long-standing Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan is a cause of regional instability and a threat to global security.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP expresses its solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and intends to use all available political platforms and diplomatic means and ways to facilitate a peaceful resolution of this issue.

04-16-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN TIBET

Parkdale-High Park Etobicoke-Lakeshore • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Parkdale-High Park

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS In 1959, the People's Republic of China violently occupied Tibet and forced HH the Dalai Lama and thousands of Tibetans into exile

WHEREAS The intervening 62 years, have seen Tibetans inside Tibet subjected to violations of their fundamental human rights, including culture, language, religion, and freedom of movement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

[That the following be added to Section 4.1 of the NDP Policy Book]

The renewal of a Sino-Tibetan dialogue that works towards freedom for the Tibetan people, and the safe return of exiled Tibetans to their homeland AND

Reciprocal access for foreigners should be granted to Tibet, and individuals who are involved in denying this access should be subject to Canadian immigration sanctions AND

Magnitsky sanctions should be enacted against any individual responsible for the violation of human rights in Tibet, as defined in the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act, 2017

04-17-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN CANADA

Parkdale-High Park Alfred-Pellan EDA • York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS non-citizens brought to Canada as children have no protection against deportation; and

WHEREAS these non-citizens cannot work legally or access provincial health insurance, post secondary education supports, or employment insurance,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED [That the following be added to Section 4.4 of the NDP Policy Book]

The creation of a fair amnesty programme for undocumented immigrants brought to Canada as children allowing for legal residency and ultimately Canadian citizenship.

04-18-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

HANDS OFF MIGRANT WORKERS

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canadian state occupies nations and supports acts and policies which displace peoples;

WHEREAS half of all new immigrants to Canada lack paths to permanent status and over half a million others are denied status and necessities of life;

And WHEREAS Canada weaponizes its immigration process against these individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for an end to raids and deportations targeting migrant workers, fight for equal human and civil rights for migrant workers, demand recognition of the foreign credentials of immigrants and migrants, demand abolition of the 'live-in' requirement for domestic workers, demand that the Live-In Caregiver Program and the Temporary Foreign Workers Program be scrapped, and continue to press for a national child care program.

HONG KONG FREEDOMS

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS China's Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) violates the principles and intent of the "one country, two systems" constitutional framework for Hong Kong, resulting in human rights violations and erosions of democratic institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP:

- affirms Canada's strong support for the "one country, two systems" agreement;
- urges the Governments of Hong Kong and China to protect and uphold lawful democracy, human rights including freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; and to immediately and unconditionally release political activists and refrain from harassing, or persecuting those engaged in peaceful protests;
- calls on the Canadian Government to strongly affirm Canada's support for the "one country, two systems" agreement and the right of the people of Hong Kong to democratic self-determination and to preserve their democratic freedoms and institutions.

IMMIGRATION MEASURES

Winnipeg Centre Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS immigration processes have been heavily impacted by the pandemic. Countless people have been severely affected by lengthy delay in processing;

Stories of prolonged separation of spouses and their children are rampant;

People are frustrated because previously approved document are expiring; and

Caregivers are penalized through no fault of their own.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP supports:

- a) the call to suspend s. 179(b) of IRPR for family reunification applications and implement a special TRV for spousal sponsorships so that applicants can reunite with loved ones in Canada while their application is in process,
- b) automatically renew and honor immigration documents (ie medical, COPRs, work permits etc) that have expired over the course of the pandemic,
- c) apply caregivers' work interrupted work time due to the pandemic towards their 24-month work requirement,
- d) expand family reunification to include extended family members, and
- e) provide travel exemptions to refugees.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

IMMIGRATION STATUS

*Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP Winnipeg Centre Charlottetown • Ottawa Centre • Ottawa-Vanier • Egmont (PEI) • University-Rosedale EDA*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS 1 in 23 people in Canada are without permanent resident status. Many work in essential industries, but cannot access or assert rights because they risk termination from work and deportation. Thousands have lost lives and livelihoods in the pandemic as a result. Migrants are our neighbours, friends and family.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 2, 4.4 of the NDP policy book be amended to incorporate the following:

- New Democrats believe that all migrants, including refugees, study and work permit holders and undocumented people in Canada must be regularized and given full and permanent immigration status now without exception.
- All migrants arriving in the future must do so with full and permanent immigration status.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT- REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

*Etobicoke-Lakeshore*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: According to UNCHR estimates, nearly 80 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide, including 26 million refugees (nearly half are children) mainly in developing countries;

WHEREAS: Most refugees spend over ten years in exile, having lost all assets and livelihoods, not allowed to legally work, and at risk of violence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Supporting programs tackling root conditions leading to displacement, including climate crises, civil wars and economic devastation, intolerance based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or expressed political viewpoints, and lack of protection for witnesses of crime and corruption, as well as
- b) supporting international and domestic programming to assist and empower refugees and displaced persons, and their host communities/countries.

MIGRANT/UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS ON STATUS FOR ALL

Winnipeg Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS COVID-19 has exposed deep inequalities in our society;

The worst impacts are gendered and racialized felt the most by women and Indigenous, Black and Brown communities;

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of migrant workers and their significant contributions to Canada;

The recent change to the immigration status for migrant workers and undocumented workers have failed to adopt a true humanitarian approach;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1 of the NDP policy book incorporate the following language:

The NDP fully supports the call to regularize all migrants, refugees and undocumented people.

MIGRANT/UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS ON VACCINES

Winnipeg Centre • Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS some of the highest rates of Covid-19 infections are migrants in congregate living and working conditions such as farms, factories and warehouse;

Many migrant and undocumented workers, those who have not been able to renew their work or study permits because of Covid-19 related delays in permit processing don't have a health care card or coverage;

Some employers have started to threaten migrants with job loss/deportation if they aren't vaccinated;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1 of the NDP policy book be amended to incorporate the following language: New Democrats support the call:

- a) to ensure full access to the Covid-19 vaccine to all regardless of their immigration status;
- b) that vaccines be free of charge, not require a health card, be accessible, not be coercive or mandatory.
- c) that no personal information will be shared with enforcement authorities such as immigration/CBSA and that alternative mechanisms for tracking vaccine doses be adopted.

04-25-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH IRAN

*Willowdale Riding Association*

WHEREAS:

the breaking of diplomatic and economic ties with Iran by the Harper Government harmed the Iranian-Canadian community, deteriorated Canada's international standing, and harmed Iranian civilians;

WHEREAS the closure of embassies in Canada and Iran continues to harm Iranian-Canadians by depriving them of consular services and representation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the New Democratic Party commits to resuming normal diplomatic relations with Iran (including the re-opening of embassies), as a matter of utmost urgency.

04-26-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

*Edmonton Riverbend*

WHEREAS:

Policy Resolution: WHEREAS migrant workers in Canada do not have the basic labour rights and civil protections that are afforded to Permanent Residents and Canadian citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Canada should implement a non-discriminatory process for migrant workers to transition and receive Permanent Residency in order to gain access to essential services, programs, and basic civil protections. Furthermore, Canada should enact a robust and fair process to uphold and ensure that these rights and protections are enforced.

04-27-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

STATUS FOR ALL MIGRANT/UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

The worst impacts of Covid-19 are gendered and racialized, felt most by women and Indigenous, Black and Brown communities;

Covid-19 has highlighted the importance of migrant workers;

The recent change to the immigration status for migrant workers and undocumented workers have failed to adopt a true humanitarian approach;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

4.3 (b) be amended to read: Implementing a guardian angels program that would make a pathway to permanent resident status for migrant and undocumented workers in both the health care and non-health care sectors. And further that going forward, permanent resident status be granted upon arrival in Canada.

04-28-20

PRIORITY 0

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

WORKERS AND CITIZENS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

the Liberal government wants to negotiate comprehensive trade and investment agreements with many other states;

AND WHEREAS Canada's trade policy is progressive in name only;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

that the NDP will press the government to only pursue trade agreements that:

- Prioritize enforceable and binding labour rights and standards and environmental standards
- Protect the regulatory autonomy of governments at all levels
- Reject ISDS provisions
- Improve working conditions of workers in Canada and its trading partners
- Protect Canadian manufacturing and cultural industries

AND press the government to report on the sectoral, and distributional, human rights, labour and environmental impacts before initiating formal trade talks;

AND demand more accountability and transparency in trade negotiations, including a Parliamentary vote and ratification of trade deals through the legislative process.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Mont Royal Fredericton • Hamilton Centre • Spadina-Fort York • Scarborough Southwest • Beaches-East York • University-Rosedale • Toronto Centre • Saanich-Gulf Islands Thornhill EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS millions of Palestinians face indignities and injustice from the State of Israel every day and;

WHEREAS, when the 2015 and 2019 NDP federal election campaigns blocked or removed NDP candidates who simply mentioned Israeli state crimes against Palestinians, it was a gross disservice to social justice;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign in support of the demand of Palestinian unions, civil society and unions across Canada and around the world for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against the Israeli state until it dismantles the apartheid wall, allows refugees to return home, ends its demolition of Palestinian homes and olive groves, lifts the siege of Gaza, ends its occupation of Palestinian lands, and terminates its apartheid practices.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM & ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM

Ottawa West-Nepean

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS anti-Semitism and anti-Palestinian racism are on the rise in Canada, oppressing both the Jewish and Palestinian-Arab communities.

WHEREAS anti-Palestinian racism is identified as the targeting of the Palestinian people and denying their historical experience of dispossession, which normalizes their erasure and sets a precedent for negatively stereotyping Palestinians.

WHEREAS the IHRA Working Definition of anti-Semitism includes examples that wrongly conflate the criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism, which has been weaponized to silence legitimate critiques of human rights abuses committed by the state of Israel in regular life, academic spaces, and government institutions.

WHEREAS the IHRA Working Definition of anti-Semitism has been used to criminalize and attack members of the Palestinian community and allies of Palestinian human rights in countries where it has been adopted.

WHEREAS the IHRA Working Definition of anti-Semitism has been rejected by the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, the Ontario Civil Liberties Association and the Canadian Union of Public Employees - Ontario.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP denounces and rejects the IHRA Working Definition of Anti-Semitism and its dangerous usage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP adopts the Independent Jewish Voices definition of Anti-Semitism as follows: "Antisemitism is racism, hostility, prejudice, vilification, discrimination or violence, including hate crimes, directed against Jews, as individuals, groups or as a collective – because they are Jews. Its expression includes attributing to Jews, as a group, characteristics or behaviours that are perceived as dangerous, harmful, frightening or threatening to non-Jews"

Be it Further Resolved to that end, that the Federal NDP shall identify and commit to combatting anti-Palestinian racism in all its forms that aims to silence, defame, smear, and target Palestinians in Canadian society.



REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

RESOLUTION ON THE NEW TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE UNITED STATES

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS this new agreement will increase provincial and territorial government spending on drugs as well as the cost of drugs for Canadians;

WHEREAS the cultural exception included in the agreement does not include digital platforms and could threaten Quebec culture;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would defend Quebec's interests in every trade agreement it negotiates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will oppose any concession or loophole in the supply management system, no matter how small;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would oppose any trade measures that would threaten Quebec culture.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

PROTECTING OUR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Liberals and Conservatives have introduced major loopholes in our supply management system;

WHEREAS supply management is essential for our producers and for the economy of our regions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP opposes the signing of further agreements that open up supply management loopholes. An NDP government would evaluate the possibility of legislating to prevent governments from further eroding our supply management system.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

HANDS OFF VENEZUELA

Saanich-Gulf Islands Winnipeg Centre • Spadina-Fort York • Hamilton Centre • Toronto St Pauls

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP stands for peace, social justice, and non-interference in the affairs of other countries;

WHEREAS the Lima group is an ad hoc group of countries, initiated by the Liberal Government, for the purposes of interfering in the internal affairs of Venezuela;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Section 4.1 of the NDP Policy Book:

"k. Actively oppose foreign interference in Venezuela, defend Venezuela's right to self-determination, and remove Canada from the Lima Group."

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

TITLE: CRITICISM OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL OR THE SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE NOT BE CONSIDERED ANTI-SEMITIC.

West Nova

WHEREAS:

Where As - the State and the actions of the state are separate from the race and religion of the people living in that state; criticism of the right wing government of Israel and the right-wing politicians who make it up does not constitute criticism of all Israelis, let alone all Jews wherever they may live.

And Where As - It is the responsibility of all People to achieve world peace.

And Where As - The conflict in the lands of Palestine will not be resolved until all sides and their supporters are condemned for their use of violence and oppression.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP not censor or punish those members, who seek peace though debate and revealing truth, by applying the label of anti-semitism.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

*Etobicoke-Lakeshore*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS adoption practice must prioritize children's best interests above all;

WHEREAS Canada has a long, complicated, shameful history of adoption practice;

WHEREAS children and infants adopted internationally are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and human trafficking;

WHEREAS Canada has no federal mechanism for evaluating or accrediting adoption agencies in other countries;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 4.4. i include another point: committing to make international & domestic adoption a child-centred practice that recognizes the impacts of racism and colonization through creating an accreditation process with strict ethical regulations for international & domestic adoption agencies placing children with Canadians;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: an NDP government committing to maintain thorough records related to international and domestic adoptions by Canadians;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: respecting the child's right to preserve their identity, as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Canada is a signatory, and provide means for adoptees to obtain any and all records related to their adoption upon achieving the age of majority.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

REMOVAL OF THE EXCESSIVE DEMAND CLAUSE

*Etobicoke-Lakeshore*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP supports equity and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including that no person should be discriminated against on the basis of disability;

WHEREAS it is understood that persons with disabilities are a meaningful and contributory group within Canadian society, regardless of their health or social services needs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this policy be added after 4.4 f: amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in order to remove the health grounds on which a foreign national is inadmissible if their health condition might reasonably be expected to cause excessive demand on health or social services.

SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA

Spadina Fort York Hamilton Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the United States government's war-like embargo of Cuba begets suffering to the Cuban population;

And WHEREAS Cuba's socialized economy and social services prioritizes human needs and social equity – antithetical to global capitalism;

And WHEREAS losing the Cuban socialist project would constitute an historic setback for working people everywhere;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP express its solidarity with Cuba, encourage party members to visit the island, celebrate the release of the anti-terrorist Cuban Five, demand an end to the U.S. embargo, an end to the U.S. occupation of Guantanamo, and an end to U.S.-backed efforts to destabilize and sabotage Cuba's socialist gains and national sovereignty.

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS (TFW)

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The Temporary Foreign Workers program (TFW) creates a two-tier immigration system, locking poor people into dependence on specific corporate employers to secure permanent residence in Canada, while the wealthy immigrate more easily through our points-based regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: §4.3 f of the Policy be replaced with: replacing the Temporary Foreign Workers program (TFW) with a Migrant Worker program tied to no particular employer and with the option to apply for Permanent Residence Status for themselves and their immediate family and with a policy expanding Canada's points-based immigration process to give fair weight to the professional experience and skills of service sector and wider working class immigrants;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Facilitating those currently trapped in TFW to be fast-tracked to citizenship, as reparation for the exploitation and poor living conditions suffered under TFW's unfair, anti-labour rules.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

TIME STANDARDS FOR CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CASE PROCESSING

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

New Democrats believe in the reunification of families as the main priority of Canadian immigration policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A New Democratic government would take the necessary steps to implement a case-processing service standard of 15 months from the initial date of submission for all citizenship and immigration files.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

MILITARY SPENDING IN CANADA

Ottawa South Winnipeg Centre • Ottawa Centre • Orléans NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: Canada has succumbed to US pressure and is planning on expanding military spending by 70 percent.

WHEREAS: Canada is committed to spending \$70 billion on warships and \$19 billion on fighter planes.

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed decades of underfunding to our social programs, resulting in greater inequality.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP

Support UN Secretary-General António Guterres' call for a Global Ceasefire to focus on our struggle to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oppose the Liberal government's planned National Defence budget increases and call for an immediate freeze on the expansion of military spending.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

CANADA OUT OF NATO

Spadina-Fort York • Hamilton Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and Canadian forces in Afghanistan engaged in propping up a US-puppet government of human rights abusers, drug traffickers and warlords, wasting money and lives to further a western agenda of geo-political power and plunder of resources;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign to get Canada out of NATO, to get NATO out of Afghanistan, to remove the NATO nuclear ring around Russian borders, and to disengage Canadian forces from any support role for the U.S. and its client regimes around the world.

REDEFINING CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

ELIMINATION OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

militaries and war have devastatingly negative impacts on civilian populations, including needless deaths, bodily injury and the loss of housing.

militaries and war are a historic institution with no place in a modern society.

in a world with a globalized economy traditional militaries are becoming increasingly unnecessary. other countries such as Costa Rica, Iceland, Samoa and Panama have abolished their armies.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will commit to phasing out the Canadian Armed Forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all members of the Canadian Armed Forces will be retrained, at the expense of the federal government, into civil service roles that help expand Canadian, provincial and municipal social services, such as expanded health care, education, community services, public transit and parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all members of the Canadian Armed Forces continue to receive full salaries and benefits until they assume their new jobs in the civil service.

MOTION ON SANCTIONS APPLIED TO VENEZUELA

Ottawa-Vanier

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Venezuela sanctions caused 40,000 deaths by 2018 and many more by preventing acquisition of essential medical, nutritional and infrastructure supplies

WHEREAS sanctions hurt the most vulnerable and defenceless Venezuelans

WHEREAS these sanctions defy the charters of the United Nations, the Organization of American States and International Humanitarian laws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party rejects the application of the above embargo and sanctions to Venezuela and instead supports a peaceful negotiated solution by Venezuelans to Venezuela's problems without coercion from foreign powers

PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF KASHMIR DISPUTE

Hamilton East - Stoney Creek

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS India recently revoked Article 370 of its constitution, which had allowed Indian-administered Kashmir broad autonomy and privileges, renewing the dispute over Kashmir with Pakistan and China that resulted in heightened diplomatic, military and civil unrest, including widespread human rights abuses, in the area:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada will support efforts by Canada to

- 1) lead diplomatic efforts at the United Nations to de-escalate the situation in accordance with all relevant U.N. Resolutions; and
- 2) mobilize the international community to bring relief to the victims of this humanitarian crisis
- 3) call upon the parties to enter into peace talks concerning Kashmir; and;
- 4) establish a Special Parliamentary Committee to examine all aspects of the India-Pakistan relationship concerning Kashmir, including, but not limited to, consular, economic, legal, security and diplomatic relations.

UPHOLDING HUMAN RIGHTS

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there is no where as clause for this resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP show a willingness to cut diplomatic ties with or impose sanctions on with countries that have a history of human rights abuse and/or refuse to change their behaviour.

REINCARNATION OF THE DALAI LAMA 1

Parkdale-High Park

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS In 1959, the People's Republic of China violently occupied Tibet and forced HH the Dalai Lama and thousands of Tibetans into exile

WHEREAS The PRC have suggested they will interfere in selecting the next Dalai Lama as a way of further legitimizing their ongoing occupation of Tibet

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Section 4.1 of the NDP Policy Book

The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama is solely decided by those within the Tibetan Buddhist faith community, in accordance with the universally-recognized right to religious freedom, and that the Government of the People's Republic of China have no part to play in the process.



PARTY STATEMENT ON TIBET

Parkdale-High Park

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS In 1959, the People's Republic of China violently occupied Tibet and forced HH the Dalai Lama and thousands of Tibetans into exile

WHEREAS The intervening 62 years, have seen Tibetans inside Tibet subjected to violations of their fundamental human rights, including culture, language, religion, and freedom of movement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party make a public statement condemning the ongoing occupation of Tibet by the People's Republic of China, recognizing the historical independence of Tibet as an autonomous nation-state, advocating for the renewal of a Sino-Tibetan dialogue, and encouraging the federal government to enact Magnitsky sanctions for those responsible for human rights violations in Tibet and immigration sanctions for those limiting the access of foreigners to Tibet.

PERSECUTION OF THE UYGHUR PEOPLE

Vancouver-Kingsway

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada is a signatory to the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and should not remain silent in the face of the persecution of the Uyghur people occurring in China;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

New Democrats demand that Canada publicly condemn China's ongoing persecution of the Uyghur people, that Canada address this issue in Parliament and at the United Nations, that Canada demand the closure of the re-education camps, that Canada develop an asylum program to bring Uyghur refugees to Canada, and that Canada sanction any corporation with links to forced labour by Uyghur people.