

Motion for General Meeting

1. UKRAINE

This meeting unequivocally condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which is an act of aggression without justification.

We support the NEU's call for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian troops.

We agree that the Union should:

- i) oppose the Russian invasion of Ukraine and add its voice to those calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian troops;*
- ii) express full solidarity with the people of Ukraine;*
- iii) express full solidarity with anti-war protesters in Russia and across the world;*
- iv) contact education unions in Ukraine to explore what practical support we can offer them;*
- v) support the call from the British Refugee Council on our government to open the borders to refugees fleeing war;*
- vi) call on our government to use every diplomatic measure to bring about a negotiated peace - we believe the deployment of British and NATO forces in Ukraine would be a dangerous escalation in this war;*
- vii) oppose cuts to education spending in order to increase military expenditure;*
- viii) revise and reissue the Union's guidance on dealing with conflict in schools and supporting young people in talking about the current crisis.*

We further agree to make a donation of £2,000 towards humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine.

Proposed: District Committee