

Resolution on the United States' Nuclear Posture passed at the 2003 Conference of California Communities Against Toxics on February 9, 2003.

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration's Nuclear Posture Review directs the Pentagon to prepare contingency plans to use nuclear weapons "in the event of surprising military developments" against at least seven countries, five of which do not possess nuclear weapons, (listed countries include Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Libya, China and Russia);

WHEREAS, The new nuclear posture explicitly blurs the line between conventional weapons and nuclear weapons, increasing the likelihood of the U.S. using nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS, U.S. military analysts are reported to be actively studying lists of potential targets and considering the use of "bunker buster" nuclear weapons in Iraq;

WHEREAS, Congress allocated \$15 million dollars to study the development of the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator at Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories;

WHEREAS, The Pentagon has fast tracked a \$1.26 billion computer program that would determine if a "bunker busting" nuclear weapon would be "needed" and where. Additionally, this program could be used to predict fallout and "collateral damage";

WHEREAS, Analysts predict that a nuclear earth-penetrating bomb will throw off radioactive dirt and dust, and kill tens of thousands of people in an urban environment;

WHEREAS, The U.S. nuclear posture, strategy and budget run counter to U.S. obligations under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty to cease "the nuclear arms race at an early date and to [achieve] nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. is the only country to have ever used nuclear weapons in a war, on two cities in Japan.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, California Communities Against Toxins (CCAT) calls on the President of the United States to re-script the nuclear posture review to pursue global disarmament,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, CCAT calls on the U.S. Congress to end funding for "modifications" of nuclear weapons that give a weapon a new military capability, such as ground penetration and yield variability.

AND LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, Members of CCAT will work actively with other organizations and coalitions to stop the development and use of nuclear weapons globally.