

Indian Ocean as a De-Militarised and Non-Nuclear Zone

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The 19th Triennial Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 17-20 July 1974 in Birmingham, England:

Believing that military encroachment on the Indian Ocean constitutes a threat to world peace

Welcomes the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of 6 December 1974 favouring a zone of peace in that area,

Deplores the proposal of the United States of America to establish a military base on the United Kingdom territory of Diego Garcia and the United Kingdom's decision to provide the facilities to the United States of America and further;

Deplores the presence of the North West Cape base in Australia

Requests the United Nations to take such steps as may be possible to:

(a) Secure the withdrawal of all military bases and naval vessels from the Indian Ocean Zone and

(b) prepare an international convention declaring the Indian Ocean a de-militarized and non-nuclear zone.