



Draft party resolution in support of the Simpol Policy

Conference notes:

1. In competing for investment, governments of all countries are under great pressure from transnational corporations and financial markets to adopt ever more 'business-friendly' policies, often at the expense of protecting the rights of their citizens and the environment.
2. The International Simpol Policy Organisation (ISPO) is promoting a global campaign under which a package of policies, Simpol (the Simpol Policy), is being developed and will ultimately be approved by people around the world.
3. Citizens who support Simpol ("Simpol Supporters") undertake to vote for any candidate at elections, within reason, who pledges to implement the indivisible Simpol Policy package alongside other governments when all, or sufficient, governments have made the same Pledge. Simpol Supporters with a party preference undertake to encourage their preferred party to support Simpol.
4. As the policy content of the Simpol Policy package is currently under development, a Pledge by a candidate or elected official is provisional and may be rescinded.

Conference believes:

1. Competition for investment and the fear of first-mover disadvantage means policy makers are unable to adequately respond to global problems such as climate change, unsustainable use of resources and a trading system which leaves the majority of the human race in poverty.
2. In addition to other measures aimed at protecting the rights of citizens and the environment, implementation of the Simpol Policy alongside other governments, once approved by citizens in Australia and other countries, is a valid way to promote cooperation to address global problems and may achieve far more than can be achieved through conventional policy setting and international diplomacy.

Conference resolves:

1. To support the Simpol campaign by:
 - Requiring party candidates and elected officials to sign the standard Pledge form produced by ISPO. The Pledge is a provisional undertaking to implement Simpol alongside other governments when all, or sufficient, other governments have made the same Pledge.
 - Recommending party members and all Irish citizens become Simpol Supporters,
 - Offering those party policies addressing global problems for consideration in the Simpol Policy development process.
2. When a sufficient number of governments have provisionally Pledged to implement Simpol and the content of the policy package has been finalized and approved by citizens of Australia and other countries, to formally decide at a party Conference or by other means whether to convert the provisional pledge to implement the indivisible Simpol Policy package into a binding commitment to be realized alongside other governments.

Please return a copy of the resolution as adopted to:
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