RESOLUTION 2018-15

Decrying U.S. Aid in the Saudi Intervention in the Yemeni Civil War

WHEREAS, Due to ongoing conflict, exacerbated by U.S.-assisted Saudi bombings and blockades, over a million civilians in Yemen are plagued by the world’s largest cholera epidemic in modern history, a famine is starving half a million children, millions of people are relying on food aid for survival, millions of children are being deprived of schooling, and there is a widespread lack of medical care—with this deliberate use of famine and disease as weapons of war being a violation of the Geneva Accords; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, U.S. approved a $110 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia, and continues to assist the Saudi military with midair refueling and weapons targeting as they destroy Yemen’s water, sanitation, transport, and medical infrastructure, and with naval support for the blockading Saudi and UAE ships, the U.S. is only giving toothless lip-service to the humanitarian needs of the Yemeni people; and

WHEREAS, This suffering has gone largely unnoticed by world leaders and the popular press, and yet cries out for the attention of all people of good will;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County (DPSC) condemns the Saudi regime’s use of blockades and bombing campaigns in Yemen, and demands that our political representatives bring an end to U.S. cooperation with the Saudis in this endeavor by ceasing intelligence sharing, airborne refueling, and the supplying of weapons and other apparatus of war, in order to serve peace and the well-being of the Yemeni people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the DPSC calls upon our legislative representatives to join efforts in the House and Senate to direct the President to withdraw U.S. assets from the conflict in Yemen.

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