

International Security Working Group Remit

The remit of this group is to review the party's policies on International Security, and make updated proposals which communicate our values of liberty, equality, democracy, community, internationalism and environmentalism in a way which helps secure the election of as many Liberal Democrats as possible, at local, regional and national level, in order to promote our vision of society and remove from power a Conservative government that is failing the country.

The group will be expected to build on existing policy proposals as set out in the 2019 Election Manifesto, Policy Paper 132 Britain at the Heart of a Changing World and Policy Paper 123 Safe and Free. The group is expected to consider and address Liberal Democrat principles on diversity and equalities in developing their proposals.

This group will as a top priority:

- Develop up to three headline policies on International Security which the party can communicate widely to win votes.

The working group will develop policies on:

- How we can ensure the UK's security in an uncertain world
- How the UK can promote security around the globe
- The International Security Institutional Architecture
- The role of International Development in promoting global peace and security
- UK Defence Policy
- European Security and Defence Cooperation
- Promoting our environmental security (inc Energy Security)
- Promoting our economic security (eg vulnerabilities of supply chains)
- Global food security
- Combatting International terrorism
- Novel threats e.g. Cyber Warfare
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
- Promoting democracy and liberal values internationally
- Responding to the rise of hostile authoritarian states

The group will not look at food security and nuclear weapons policy, which will be covered by the Food and Farming working group and an upcoming Spokespersons Paper respectively.

The group will also consider the need for institutional change at central, regional and local government levels to embed these approaches firmly in policy.

The group will take evidence and consult widely both within and outside the party. This evidence should inform the group's proposals, which will be presented alongside an analysis of costs and an Equalities Impact Assessment.

A policy paper of no longer than 10,000 words should be produced for debate at Autumn Conference 2023. Prior to that a consultative session should be held at Spring Conference 2023, and a draft policy paper should be presented to the Federal Policy Committee by June 2023.