

# MODEL MOTION ON SOLAR PROCUREMENT

This model motion is for you to table at your local constituency party. It commits your branch to support Stop Uyghur Genocide's campaign to put Uyghur workers' rights at the heart of solar procurement.

Remember to adapt it to your local circumstances first to ensure that all you say is correct and achievable. Once your motion has been passed, remember to let us know so we can share the news with our community.

## THE MOTION:

### This branch/ CLP notes:

- That the public purse is the biggest single buyer of goods and services in the UK and therefore has a lot of purchasing power and leverage.
- That 45% of the world's polysilicon, an essential component in all solar panels, is made in the Uyghur Region under conditions of forced labour. Seeing as this polysilicon can be blended at the ingoting and wafering stage, and upwards of 95% of the world's ingots and wafers are made in China, as much as **97% of the world's solar panels could contain materials made by Uyghur forced labourers.**
- That multiple UK public sector bodies have procured solar panels from companies with forced labour in their supply chain, including the Ministry of Defence and Scottish Waters.
- That the UK's plans to double its solar capacity by 2030 and expand the council-led 'Solar Together' scheme put public bodies at greater risk of long-term complicity in modern slavery practices.
- That solar panels produced in the Uyghur region are also contributing to climate change due to the use of fossil fuels and lax environmental standards across the region. On the path a 'just transition', decision-makers must consider the environmental and human impacts of clean energy production on frontline communities in the Global South.
- That current UK laws relating to supply chain due diligence, including the Modern Slavery Act of 2015, have proved unable to curtail the infiltration of forced-labor-made solar panels into our supply chains.
- That public procurers currently lack the knowledge and resources to stop contributing to the problem.

### This branch / CLP believes:

- That [council name] should stop purchasing solar panels containing materials sourced from the Uyghur region.
- That [council name] should put binding measures in place that work towards a wholesale ban of forced-labour-made panels.
- That, even if complete eradication of tainted solar panels is not achievable in the near term, it is possible to make improvements in procurement and contract management to prevent the exploitation of workers being associated with public sector procurement.

**This branch/ CLP resolves to campaign for [the council] to:**

- Procure more responsibly by adopting and adapting the Responsible Procurement policies to suit local circumstances (such as those modelled by UNISON).
- Engage at appropriate levels such as [insert which senior staff, procurement/contract teams/local politicians] to gain more information and agree a plan of improvement, including dialogue with suppliers to review their entire supply chains from quartz to panels.
- Collaborate with Uyghur advocacy groups such as Stop Uyghur Genocide to help build further awareness and momentum.
- Raise the issue of solar procurement amongst Parliamentarians.

**MOTION DRAFTED IN COLLABORATION WITH:**



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