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CND wants subs to be scrapped

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THE Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament ended its annual conference at Dumbarton yesterday with a call for the scrapping of Britain's nuclear deterrent, in the light of the latest report casting doubts on its safety.

An emergency resolution called on the Government to bring all four Polaris vessels back to Faslane where they could be dealt with relatively safely, with their reactors being shut down pending decommissioning.

It also demanded an immediate halt to the building of any more nuclear submarines.

Earlier, the conference had rejected attempts to change the organisation's name to the

Scottish Peace Campaign or the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace in the light of rapidly-easing international tension.

However, the upswing in the campaigners' mood over the final end to the Cold War had been overshadowed by the impending arrival of the Trident deterrent on the Clyde with an eight-fold increase in the number of nuclear warheads, said a spokesman, the Rev Adrian Rennie.

He accepted that the public perception was that Scottish CND was becoming irrelevant in the new international situation and added: "We've very clearly got an education and persuasion job to get on with."