

Appendix

Table 1: Commitment to Global Development in UK party manifestos 1997

	CDI Criteria	Conservatives	Labour	LibDems	SNP	UKIP	Green
Aid	Aid Quantity	continue to maintain a significant bilateral and multilateral aid programme reflecting the aspiration of meeting the UN's target of 0.7% of GDP for aid	reaffirm the UK's commitment to the 0.7 per cent UN aid target and in government Labour will start to reverse the decline in UK aid spending	Increase Britain's contribution to overseas aid. We will set out a timetable for sustained progress towards achieving the UN target for ODA of 0.7 per cent of GNP within the next 10 years.	recent cuts have taken the UK's GDP share to below 0.3%. The SNP has budgeted for a steady growth from this low point with the aim of reaching 0.7% in six years. This period will allow the development of the necessary infrastructure, both governmental and voluntary, to meet the challenge of overseas aid and relief work	X	Aid should be raised to 0.7% of GNP within five years.
Aid	Fostering institutions	X	strengthen and restructure the British aid programme. A Cabinet minister will lead a new department of international development	X	X	X	The World Bank and the IMF must be reformed. Their decisions should be open to public scrutiny. Projects should not damage the individuals or group rights of local populations
Aid	Transparency and Learning	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	X	X	Promote a timetable for debt relief to the poorest states including a programme for cancelling debt and		X	Third World debt should be written off for the poorest countries and reduced for the rest.

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				<p>the creation of new and additional resources for debt relief.</p> <p>Target Britain's bilateral aid where it is most needed. We will focus Britain's bilateral aid on the least developed countries and end the practice of tying aid</p> <p>Require states that receive UK development assistance to respect the fundamental human rights of their people and suspend UK programmes where these standards are breached</p>			<p>Aid is needed which helps countries to become less dependent on 'gifts' from the rich countries and, instead, to become more self-reliant.</p> <p>priority given to small-scale projects with local self-reliance and low environmental impact technologies</p>
Finance	Financial secrecy- tax justice	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company ownership	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Investment- International commitments	X	X	X	X	Reform detailed EU regulation to businesses in relation to health and safety, the environment, the workplace and the single market that are harmful to business	X

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Finance	International transparency commitments	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global health issues	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technology	Intellectual Property	X	X	X		X	X
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	encourage sustainable development - meeting our commitment to reduce Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions by 10% on 1990 levels by 2010	We will lead the fight against global warming, through our target of a 20 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2010	Our targets include cutting carbon dioxide emissions (the main cause of climate change) by 30 per cent from the 1990 level over the next 15 years	X	X	X.
Environment	Climate Change governance	continue to provide leadership in Europe and internationally on environmental issues, building on the Rio Conference The Prime Minister has committed himself to attending the next UN Environmental Conference in June	We will also work for the successful negotiation of a new protocol on climate change to be completed in Japan in 1997	Take a lead in international environmental negotiations. We will press for tough and legally binding international targets for greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants We will work for the creation of a global environmental organisation. We will promote an environmental equivalent of the Geneva Convention, to outlaw gross acts of environmental destruction in times of			

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				war			
Environment	Paris Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Environment	Investment for renewable energy	a cleaner environment by supporting a Europe-wide reduction in vehicle emissions, and encouraging the manufacture of more fuel-efficient vehicles	We are committed to an energy policy designed to promote cleaner, more efficient energy use and production, including a new and strong drive to develop renewable energy sources such as solar and wind energy, and combined heat and power	To encourage energy saving, we will gradually introduce a 'carbon tax' on fossil fuels, using the funds raised to cut VAT and employers' National Insurance Contributions (the tax on jobs). This is a tax switch, not a tax rise, and will be phased in gradually.	To replace nuclear generation, Scotland requires to develop alternative energy sources that are renewable and sustainable. The SNP Budget contains an allocation of funding for this task, and also funding for schemes of energy conservation, which can reduce our demand significantly by reducing heating bills.	X	X
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trade	Trade justice	Our aim is nothing less than tariff free trade across the globe by the year 2020 We have set out proposals to give companies greater protection against price fixing, dumping, and other restrictive practices by larger competitors	We will use our leadership position in the EU to maintain and enhance the position of the poorest countries during the renegotiation of the Lomé Convention We will support further measures to reduce the debt burden borne by the world's poorest countries and to ensure that	Enhance free trade by further reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers, especially against the poorest countries Improve global labour standards by permitting countries to discriminate against goods produced by nations that maintain practices such as child, slave and forced labour. We will	The Independent Scottish Food Agency will be a partner of the agricultural sector in restoring the domestic and international trade and will also work with producers to instil and enforce the best practices in the world	stronger trading links with countries outside Europe, in South East Asia for instance, and with our natural trading partners of the Commonwealth	The WTO should be disbanded and replaced with an organisation which aims to develop strong self-reliant regions where individual communities meet more of their own needs

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			<p>developing countries are given a fair deal in international trade</p> <p>giving renewed priority to the Commonwealth in our foreign relations. We will seize the opportunity to increase trade and economic co-operation</p> <p>Labour believes the international environment should be safeguarded in negotiations over international trade</p>	<p>support the work of the International Labour Organisation in raising labour standards throughout the world</p> <p>We support the addition of an environmental sustainability clause to the GATT setting out agreed principles of environmental policy against which trade measures can be judged</p>			
Security	Peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions	We will continue to work with international partners to secure peace and stability in areas of tension such as former Yugoslavia; in Kashmir; in Cyprus; and in the Middle East. We will promote reform of the United Nations to make it a more effective organisation for securing international stability. Britain will continue to deploy our outstanding Armed Forces as peacekeepers under the United Nations.	A new Labour government will use Britain's permanent seat on the Security Council to press for substantial reform of the United Nations, including an early resolution of its funding crisis, and a more effective role in peacekeeping, conflict prevention, the protection of human rights and safeguarding the global environment	Strengthen the UN's peacekeeping capability so that it can take earlier and more effective action to prevent or suppress conflict. This should include establishing fast track machinery for negotiations; permanent, on-call, peacekeeping forces made up from high-calibre troops provided by member states; the reinstatement of a Military Staff Committee; the establishment of a UN Staff College to	An Independent Scotland will contribute to, and benefit from, international co-operation especially in peace keeping, training, and conflict resolution. A Peacekeeping college will be established in Scotland to instruct SDF and foreign personnel in the theory and practice of peace keeping and seek to place Scotland in the forefront of	X	X

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				train officers; and improvements to the UN's command control, communication and intelligence capabilities	international peacekeeping efforts.		
Security	Commitment to global security	X	<p>A new Labour government will retain Trident. We will press for multilateral negotiations towards mutual, balanced and verifiable reductions in nuclear weapons</p> <p>When satisfied with verified progress towards our goal of the global elimination of nuclear weapons, we will ensure that British nuclear weapons are included in multilateral negotiations.</p> <p>We will work for the effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and for a strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention</p>	<p>Retain Britain's basic nuclear capability through the Trident submarine force until such time as international multilateral nuclear disarmament can be achieved</p> <p>Resist the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. We will press for the conclusion of a verifiable Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We will ensure that Britain plays an active part in talks to reduce the holdings of strategic nuclear weapons</p>	The SNP have a long standing objection to nuclear weapons. We will negotiate a phased but complete withdrawal of Trident from the Clyde and invest our savings from this costly , deadly and unnecessary nuclear deterrent in conventional defence as well as in other priorities including health and education.	The UKIP favours the maintenance of a nuclear capability	The Green Party supports immediate unconditional nuclear disarmament, promotion of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and a ban on the export of nuclear technology.
Security	Arms exports		Labour will not permit the sale of arms to regimes that might use them for internal repression or international aggression. We will	End the sale of British arms, war material, and 'dual use' technologies to regimes which abuse human rights, and strictly control arms	X	X	The UK Government should end involvement in the promotion of military exports and, in particular, close the Defence Export

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			<p>increase the transparency and accountability of decisions on export licences for arms. And we will support an EU code of conduct governing arms sales</p> <p>Labour will ban the import, export, transfer and manufacture of all forms of anti-personnel landmines. We will introduce an immediate moratorium on their use</p>	<p>sales to regions of tension or potential conflict</p> <p>We will support tighter EU-wide restrictions on transfers of military technology to non-democratic regimes and press for the establishment of a mandatory UN register, in which all arms sales and transfers must be listed</p> <p>We will place an immediate and total ban on the production, stockpiling and export of anti-personnel landmines and work towards a global ban on Landmine production</p>			<p>Services Organisation.</p> <p>All applications for export licenses should be published in advance.</p> <p>The UK should end the export of military, paramilitary and police equipment to governments responsible for sustained human rights abuse, which are involved in armed conflict, or to countries in areas of tension.</p>
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	X	Every country must have firm control over immigration and Britain is no exception. All applications, however, should be dealt with speedily and fairly. There are, rightly, criteria for those who want to enter this country to join husband or wife. We will ensure that	Free immigration laws from racial discrimination. We will ensure that immigration policy is non-discriminatory in its application. We will reform current immigration laws so as to enable genuine family reunions	X	Its policy is therefore to retain and indeed tighten UK borders in order to prevent illegal immigration, and to clamp down on organised crime and on drug trafficking in particular	X

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			these are properly enforced. We will, however, reform the system in current use to remove the arbitrary and unfair results that can follow from the existing 'primary purpose' rule. There will be a streamlined system of appeals for visitors denied a visa				
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	.X	X	X	X	The UKIP wishes the UK to keep its own independent rules on immigration and political asylum	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	We will ensure that, while genuine asylum seekers are treated sympathetically, people do not abuse these provisions to avoid normal immigration controls	The system for dealing with asylum seekers is expensive and slow - there are many undecided cases dating back beyond 1993. We will ensure swift and fair decisions on whether someone can stay or go, control unscrupulous immigration advisors and crack down on the fraudulent use of birth certificates	We will restore benefit rights to asylum seekers and ensure that asylum claims are dealt with swiftly	X	X	X

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Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	X	We will make the protection and promotion of human rights a central part of our foreign policy. We will work for the creation of a permanent international criminal court to investigate genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity	Promote an enforceable framework for international law, human rights and the protection of the environment Support the establishment of an International Criminal Court to deal with genocide and war crimes	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Gender	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Education	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Health	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief	X	X	X	X	X	X

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	CDI Criteria	Conservatives	Labour	Lib Dems	SNP	UKIP	Green
Aid	Aid Quantity	We will work towards the UN aid target of 0.7% of GNP	We remain committed to the UN target of 0.7 per cent of national income devoted to development and will make further substantial increases over the next	Honour the UK's commitment to meet the UN target of increasing overseas aid to 0.7% over the next ten years.	The SNP has a long-standing commitment to raise Scotland's international aid budget to UN recommended levels.	X	The Aid budget should be increased to 0.7% of GDP within 5 years and 1.0% within a decade. It should be used to eradicate poverty and establish greater self-reliance.

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			Parliament				
Aid	Fostering Institutions	<p>We will do what we can to encourage responsible behaviour by aid recipients, by focusing on good governance, and by strengthening civil society, free markets, the rule of law and anti-corruption measures</p> <p>Multilateral aid and development institutions are crying out for reform. In particular, we are calling for the EU to set its house in order. Unless the Commission reforms its management, we will propose a treaty amendment allowing member states to deliver aid bilaterally instead.</p>	<p>Labour is committed to strengthening our partnership for development with Africa. We will work with reforming governments, international institutions, the private sector and civil society in support of nationally owned development strategies.</p> <p>Labour will champion increased effectiveness and a stronger focus on poverty reduction within international institutions – particularly the EU, but also the World Bank, IMF, UN and Commonwealth – with full support for poverty reduction strategies where they genuinely prioritise poverty reduction. We are committed to international action to put the needs of children at the centre of these strategies.</p>	<p>We support the moves already made by the British Government to reduce the debts of the poorest countries. But Britain could lead more rapid action on debt relief by bodies such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Their Poverty Reduction Strategy Programmes should attach at least as much importance to governments taking action to tackle poverty as to liberalising their economies.</p>	<p>An SNP government will establish and fund a voluntary secretariat - "Aid from Scotland" - to coordinate a unified approach and provide a single point of contact for Scotland's aid agencies, ensuring a quick response to global emergencies.</p>	X	<p>The IMF and World Bank should prioritise conflict prevention, the eradication of poverty and disease, environmental sustainability and the transfer of appropriate technologies to the least developed countries. They should run on the principle of one-member-one vote and be accountable to people in developing countries.</p>
Aid	Transparency and Learning	We will also establish a central information service, 'Aid Direct', that will build strong	X	X	X	X	X

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		direct links between aid donors and recipients					
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	<p>We will increase the involvement of charities and the voluntary sector. We will double the proportion of our aid budget spent through aid charities, as they are often better placed than governments to relieve suffering</p> <p>We will press for more effective debt relief, action on HIV/AIDS and conflict prevention and resolution.</p>	<p>By 2006 we want to raise to 70 per cent the proportion of EU aid going to low income countries, and work with the Commission, Parliament and other governments to strengthen the EU's development effort.</p> <p>We are using this aid to support political and economic reform in developing countries. Our aid is an investment to help countries put in place policies to raise the growth rate with greater equity, crack down on corruption, promote human rights, including for women and girls, and develop effective governance and democracy.</p> <p>will work to help more of the heavily indebted poor countries qualify for debt relief where this benefits the poor. And we will work to prevent new</p>	<p>End links between aid and trade. Tied aid is a form of protectionism which inhibits development. We will subject all aid programmes to thorough assessment for their environmental, social and human rights consequences.</p>	<p>We are committed to the cancellation of Third World Debt and poverty eradication, and accept the 2015 International Development Targets. We would seek to reduce Third World debt by pushing for reform of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative to allow for speedier and wider reaching relief to all countries that are in need. International Aid will be in the form of grants or very low interest loans to avoid increasing the debt burden.</p> <p>The SNP does not believe in "Aid for Trade" and would accordingly untie all its aid programmes so that they would not be reliant on buying from Scottish firms, since this may not be appropriate for the recipient country.</p>	<p>We shall reform overseas development policy: foreign aid should be handed to local communities themselves rather than governments or bureaucratic agencies. Aid will be conditional on decent standards of individual freedom and fiscal honesty, but we shall not use it as a weapon to destroy traditional ways of life. Such considerations will also be applied to the remission of international debt.</p>	<p>Britain must write off the bilateral debts of the 40 poorest nations and encourage banks and other countries to do likewise. Debtor states should restrict debt servicing to 10% of their annual export earnings and spread payments over longer periods at fixed interest rates. UN-classified 'middle income' states should make payments in their own currency. Creative reimbursement schemes should be established to fund conservation and development projects from debt repayments.</p> <p>Projects should be planned and led by the local community and should promote basic health care, education, family planning and self-sufficiency in food and energy. Tied aid and damaging large-scale</p>

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			debt burdens through international agreement not to give export credits for excessive military spending or prestige projects.				projects, such as dams and nuclear power stations, should be stopped.
Finance	Financial secrecy- tax justice	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company ownership	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Investment- International commitments	X	X	X	X	X	The proposed Tobin Tax on currency speculation should be introduced. A tax of just 0.25% would raise US \$250 billion a year. This would help stabilise international financial markets and should be paid into an international fund to promote sustainable development.
Finance	International transparency commitments	X	X	Implement the OECD convention on bribery. We will allow UK registered companies to be prosecuted for bribery offences committed overseas. Encourage ethical business practice. We want the UK to play a leading role in	X	X	X

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				seeing the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention implemented world-wide. We will encourage ethical shareholding by reforming corporate governance to enhance stakeholders' rights. We will require the largest companies to report on their social and environmental performance.			
Technology	Government support to R&D for global health issues	X	X	We will increase backing for the development of an AIDS vaccine.			
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	X	We will support hybrid and fuel cell vehicles, which already offer a halving of fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, with cheaper motoring to match – and for cleaner fuels and biofuels. By increasing demand for new technologies we can boost innovation and the vitality of the UK car industry.	X	X	X	All support for the nuclear industry, other than research into decommissioning and safe storage of nuclear waste, should be switched into renewables research.
Technology	Intellectual property	X	X	X	X	X	X
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	We will abolish Labour's Climate Change Levy	We will meet our obligations arising from the Kyoto	The Climate Change Levy is overcomplicated and	We will contribute towards international climate change	X	Global greenhouse gas emissions must reduce by at least

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		<p>package. The necessary carbon dioxide reduction can be achieved far more efficiently by other means.</p> <p>The biggest global environmental challenge is to prevent climate change causing long-term damage through extreme weather conditions. We will meet the commitments made by successive British governments by a comprehensive package of emission permit trading, energy conservation measures, tax incentives,</p>	<p>protocol and have set out a detailed strategy to achieve more – a 23 per cent cut in greenhouse gases by 2010.</p> <p>Britain is developing the first national CO2 emissions trading system in the world. It will help companies find the most efficient way of reducing emissions – and reward them for doing so. Once the system is established here we will seek to extend it around the world.</p>	<p>bureaucratic. We will gradually replace it with a carbon tax falling on all energy use according to its carbon content. We will invest in more energy conservation and efficiency grants. We will introduce a properly monitored emissions trading scheme to allow businesses to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the most cost-effective way, and argue for an EU-wide scheme as soon as feasible.</p> <p>We will ensure that Britain achieves its target well before the deadline, and establishes a new target of a 20% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2010.</p>	<p>targets. We oppose the UK government climate change levy and have particular concerns about its impact on hydroelectric power.</p>		<p>80% from 1990 levels by 2050 to avert catastrophic climate change. The UK should reduce emissions by 20% from 1990 levels by 2005, and by 20% per decade after that, achieving net zero emissions by 2045.</p>
Environment	Climate Change governance	X	<p>We will continue to provide leadership abroad, working for international agreement on climate change, improved integration of the environment in European policies and a strong global environment agency built around the current UN</p>	<p>We will place Britain at the forefront of climate change negotiations, pressing other nations to ratify and implement the 1997 Kyoto protocol by the Rio+10 world summit in mid 2002. We will seek to extend its terms and targets further.</p> <p>All EU policies</p>	<p>We will undertake an evaluation of the risks from climate change and will produce a strategy to address these risks. As a first step to securing this objective an SNP government will commission a State of the Nation Environmental Audit to assess Scotland's</p>	X	X

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			environment programme	<p>should be analysed for their likely environmental impact, with results reported to the European Parliament. This is particularly important for EU overseas aid, where we will support the establishment of a specialised European aid agency. All member states must comply fully with EU environmental standards, and the European Court of Justice should apply higher fines to those failing to comply.</p> <p>The Rio+10 summit in 2002 is an opportunity to improve the international community's ability to tackle environmental threats. We want a substantial increase in resources for the UN Environment Programme and for the implementation of environmental agreements. We also advocate a UN Economic and Environmental Security Council for Sustainability.</p>	<p>current position. From this we will establish a National Environment Plan (NEP), which will set stretching standards and targets to meet Scotland's international obligations, and where appropriate, surpass these objectives. In the short term, at Westminster, we will press for SEPA to be given statutory monitoring powers over military facilities in Scotland so that there is proper environmental regulation of MoD practices such as the dumping of depleted uranium in the Solway Firth.</p>		
Environment	Paris Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environment	Commitment to renewable energy	<p>greater encouragement of renewable energy and cleaner energy generation.</p> <p>We will also review the future of nuclear energy and its role in contributing to reductions in CO2 emissions.</p>	<p>The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution has said the UK will need to cut CO2 production by 60 per cent by 2050, so we need to press ahead with a radical agenda for the development of low carbon economic growth, embodied in our £700 million commitment to renewable energy.</p>	<p>Our top priorities are to reduce energy consumption overall, improving the efficiency with which it is used, and to switch from polluting forms to clean energy sources.</p> <p>We will require a minimum of 10% of the UK's energy to be generated from UK-based renewable energy sources by 2010, increasing by 1% a year thereafter. As well as benefiting the environment, this will create thousands of new jobs in the green energy sector. Waste incineration will no longer be classed as renewable energy.</p> <p>We will decommission and not replace nuclear power stations as they reach the end of their safe operating lives. We will maintain BNFL in wholly public ownership. We will establish an International Centre of Excellence at Dounreay to lead and spread good practice</p>	<p>In government the SNP will seek to ensure Scotland produces 12% of all its energy requirements from renewable sources by 2010, including 25% of its electricity. We will not build any more nuclear power stations. Existing facilities will be decommissioned at the end of their economic or technical capacity. Dounreay will be supported as an international centre of decommissioning, allowing Scotland to export its expertise.</p>	<p>Finally, turning to carbon dioxide emissions, whilst their effects on global warming remain unclear, the continuing use of fossil fuels undoubtedly impairs the long-term quality of life on our planet. We will therefore encourage and support private initiatives in developing energy production from renewable sources - biofuels, wave, wind, solar and hydrogen technologies, with the objective being that these sources should eventually provide for a substantial percentage of our energy consumption.</p>	<p>Energy demand should be cut to a level that can be met from renewable sources. Schemes that avoid wasteful transmission should be encouraged, including combined heat and power plants, distribution networks for surplus heat from industrial and sewage plants, and community-owned wind power schemes. Planning regulations should require new buildings to include solar energy and grey-water recycling systems and be energy efficient. Vendors of houses should have to supply certified energy ratings to purchasers. The Green Party-authored Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 requires local authorities to reduce domestic energy demand by 30%. The government should provide more resources to help them achieve this.</p>

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				on decommissioning.			<p>A target of supplying 25% of energy from renewable sources by 2010 should be set. To meet it, incentives should be provided to wind, solar, biomass, smallscale hydro and biogas generation schemes. Nuclear power stations and reprocessing facilities must be decommissioned as soon as possible. Any privatised facilities should be renationalised without compensation</p> <p>All proposed energy generation schemes should be subject to an environmental impact assessment and existing plants required to fit best available technology to reduce emissions.</p>
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	X	It is imperative that we use natural resources more efficiently and recycle more. We will continue to tax	Protect our Seas We will develop a national oceans and coasts policy in consultation with scientists and the	We will work with anglers and local communities to create a national freshwater fisheries policy that will ensure	Only by withdrawal from the EU can our fishing grounds be protected and the stocks effectively managed. Fishing	Britain must work for fundamental reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy. Fisheries should be controlled

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			<p>pollution and reward clean production. We will develop environmental productivity indicators. We have set a target for the recycling of 35 per cent of household waste by 2015, and will work with all local authorities to introduce kerbside recycling schemes wherever appropriate.</p> <p>We cannot protect the environment without addressing the development needs of the poor, and poverty reduction depends on safeguarding natural resources on which poor people depend</p> <p>We will work to improve marine and forest conservation overseas and in the UK.</p>	<p>fishing industry to provide sustainable livelihoods and prosperity for coastal communities, improved health of the seas for wildlife and a safer environment for marine activities. This will include a network of Marine Protected Areas covering 10 per cent of our seas and piloting Fishing-Free Zones to help the recovery of fish stocks. We will underpin this by introducing consolidated marine legislation in collaboration with the devolved institutions of the UK. We will also implement pollution reduction and prevention programmes to meet targets under the OSPAR convention by 2020.</p> <p>We will protect the environment and create 'green jobs' in urban, rural and marine habitats, for example, through more organic farming, increasing green spaces in urban areas, and woodland</p>	<p>access, maximise economic benefit for our rural economy and ensure the protection of the environment.</p>	<p>stocks, particularly North Sea cod, are on the point of permanent extinction. The UKIP proposes 'fishing-free' zones to allow sustainable stocks to recover, and the prohibition of certain fishing methods that are environmentally damaging and unsustainable. We will draw upon the experience and success of Norway in its management of its fishing grounds. A sustainable fisheries policy will be developed in close co-operation with our fishing communities and fisheries experts, with the primary basis being one of exclusive fishing rights allowed to the British industry (up to 200 miles) under International Law. Access by EU members and other countries will be granted by bilateral agreement.</p>	<p>at local and national levels, subject to international agreements to protect transnational marine eco-systems and migratory fish stocks. Fishing activity should be controlled according to its impact on the marine environment, not just the target species. Fish for the future To protect fish populations, quotas should be based on scientific advice, not political expediency. Increased support should be provided to help fishing communities adjust. Net mesh sizes should be enlarged to protect young fish, and spawning grounds closed to fishing during the breeding season.</p> <p>A Waste Reduction, Re-use and Recycling Bill should be introduced to reduce packaging, set standards for the recycled contents of suitable products,</p>

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				management. Such schemes will form part of our Wildlife Guarantee to protect endangered species. We will also aim to preserve and increase the area of greenfield sites in the UK.			<p>establish deposit schemes for re-usable materials and stabilise the markets for recyclable materials. At least 60% of domestic waste should be recycled by 2007 and Landfill Tax revenues diverted to expand council</p> <p>Strict limits must be set for pollutants, using the critical load approach for air pollution, and reducing hazardous substances in water to natural levels by 2020. Industry should be required to reuse, recycle or process hazardous waste on site and fit best available technology to reduce emissions. All toxic and hormone-disrupting chemicals must be phased out and the chemical industry converted to biodegradable substances by 2020. Eco-taxes must be levied on nonrenewable and polluting</p>

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							<p>resources, in particular aggregates, pesticides, organochlorines, plastics and fossil fuels.</p> <p>The government must implement and enforce the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives and incorporate specific targets for each threatened species and habitat into a mandatory Bio-diversity Action Plan. The practice of artificially excluding areas with development potential from protected Natura 2000 sites must cease. Government planning guidance must give greater protection to Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, wetland areas, flood plains and green belts. Local planning authorities should be required to produce bio-diversity action plans and protect sites of local</p>

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							importance for bio-diversity.
Trade	Trade justice	X	<p>We will promote socially responsible business practice through advisory services on codes of social responsibility, the ethical trading initiative, the Export Credit Guarantee Department's new code of business principles, the Commonwealth Development Corporation's partnership with the private sector, and our initiatives to encourage private investment in infrastructure.</p> <p>We will argue for an early, comprehensive world trade round, to the benefit of industrialised and developing countries alike. The World Trade Organisation must be reformed, not rejected. We will support fairer terms of trade for developing countries, and a reduction in protectionism in the</p>	<p>We will support the initiative started at the Cardiff summit to integrate environmental objectives into all EU activities - particularly in the area of trade policy, where the Commission has sole competence to negotiate on the EU's behalf.</p> <p>Promote genuine liberal trade. The removal of barriers to trade has stimulated economic growth and prosperity throughout much of the world, and the World Trade Organisation has helped establish and maintain international rules which guarantee equal treatment for all members, large or small. However, trade liberalisation has sometimes been pursued at the expense of other objectives, such as environmental protection or public health. We will work to reform the WTO so that environmental objectives and</p>	X	X	<p>These policies require the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to be fundamentally reformed. There should be no new trade round or attempts to expand the WTO remit in issues such as investment, competition, government procurement, public services or biotechnology. A UN body dedicated to the promotion of sustainable trade, economic justice and localisation should replace the WTO. In the interim, WTO Agreements must not undermine the environment, sustainable development or human and animal welfare. The WTO must become democratic, transparent and inclusive. It should consult with civil society and actively encourage parliamentary scrutiny of trade policy.</p>

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			<p>developed world in areas such as agriculture. We will continue to help developing countries exercise their rights within the WTO.</p> <p>We support the promotion of higher labour standards around the world, as well as respect for the environment, as we expand world trade.</p> <p>The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is the place to set labour standards, but we believe there should be closer co-operation between the ILO and WTO through the creation of a joint standing forum of the two organisations.</p>	<p>principles are fully integrated into its activities and poorer countries are helped to participate fully within it.</p> <p>Encourage fair competition. We would press for a global competition authority within the WTO to encourage co-ordination of the anti-monopoly activities of individual nations to tackle the growing concentration of corporate monopoly power more effectively. We want world-wide agreement to reduce subsidies, common in areas such as fossil fuel production, agriculture, forestry and fisheries: this would encourage trade, open markets to poorer countries' exports and reduce environmental damage.</p> <p>Introduce Stronger Environmental Objectives into the Common Agricultural Policy, lending and investment policies of</p>			<p>To free developing countries to produce food for themselves, not export, we must end the dumping of EU surpluses on their markets, reduce meat consumption and stop promoting factory farming abroad.</p> <p>Trade in food should be removed from the scope of WTO rules, freeing individual states to set their own health and environmental standards and achieve self-sufficiency by barring unnecessary imports. The UK market should be localised through farmers' markets, subscription farming and regional marketing.</p>

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				the IMF, World Bank and regional development banks. WTO rules should respect environmental principles as long as these are applied in a non-protectionist way.			
Security	Peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions	We will use Britain's influence in the world for peace and stability, whether in Kashmir or Cyprus or the Middle East.	<p>We will also redouble our efforts to prevent and resolve violent conflicts in Africa, using our new Africa conflict fund to provide help for security sector reform, demilitarisation programmes and tighter controls over small arms.</p> <p>At the UN, where we support a more modern and representative Security Council, with more effective peace-keeping.</p>	<p>Give priority to conflict prevention. It should focus on traditional threats to security but also the consequences of environmental degradation, resource depletion, volatile markets and unfair trade. Preventive diplomacy will be given a higher priority in the budgets of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for International Development and Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>Seek to strengthen the powers of the UN. The UN needs a more active role in holding member states to account for gross and persistent breaches of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Too many UN Conventions and Security Council</p>	We will contribute to international security, conflict resolution, peacekeeping and disaster and humanitarian relief through the European Union Common Foreign & Security Policy and European Rapid Reaction Force, the OSCE, EAPC/PfP and the UN. An independent Scotland will inherit a treaty obligation to NATO. However our opposition to nuclear defence will make our continued participation in nuclear alliances difficult. We therefore propose to negotiate a phased withdrawal from NATO but will retain military co-operation with NATO nations through a variety of international involvements.	X	<p>We should offer aid, diplomacy and appropriate technology to address the environmental problems and internal conflicts that increasingly threaten global security. In exceptional circumstances, if internationally agreed criteria are met, military intervention should be undertaken by a UN peacekeeping force, to which Britain should contribute.</p> <p>The UN Security Council should be reformed to reflect global interests. There should be no vetoes or permanent members. NATO is a destabilising relic of the cold war and should be disbanded.</p>

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				<p>resolutions are flouted and ignored. We propose that the Secretary General conducts an audit to determine outstanding obligations and the action needed to comply with them.</p> <p>Ensure that the United Nations has the resources to act. We will promote the establishment of a Staff College based in Britain to train UN peacekeepers. We also advocate the formation of a UN Rapid Reaction Disaster Task Force to tackle both man-made and natural disasters.</p> <p>Work with Britain's partners in the Commonwealth to make it more effective in promoting conflict resolution, good governance and democratic values.</p>	<p>An SNP government will promote the study of the theory and practice of peacekeeping, and will make its skills available to Scottish Defence Force personnel and to the forces of democratically governed nations</p>		<p>Meanwhile Britain should withdraw and become neutral. US bases should be closed or used to train UN peace-keeping forces.</p> <p>European security should be addressed by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which works by consensus and constructive intervention. The EU should not adopt a military role, such as the Common Foreign and Security Policy or the Rapid Reaction Force.</p> <p>Defensive defence Britain's forces should be defensive, using coastal and anti-aircraft defences, interceptor aircraft, land forces sufficient to meet any risk of invasion, and short range coastal defence vessels. An ability to mount offensive counter attacks would be retained.</p> <p>Support should be increased for landmine victims and</p>

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							de-mining. The government must abide by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, and encourage others to do likewise. The daily bombing of Iraq should be halted immediately and the sanctions lifted.
Security	Commitment to global security	We remain fully committed to Britain's independent nuclear deterrent.	<p>We support Trident, Britain's minimum nuclear deterrent. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty commits us to work for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. We are enthusiastic signatories to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, whose coming into force will impede nuclear proliferation, and we want to see the USA and Russia continue to reduce their nuclear stockpiles.</p> <p>We will seek effective inspections against the</p>	<p>Work for the elimination worldwide of all nuclear weapons. We will urge a new round of multilateral arms reduction talks, but will retain the UK's minimum nuclear deterrent for the foreseeable future</p> <p>Oppose the National Missile Defence System (NMD). The system currently being proposed by the USA represents a threat to international stability and arms control agreements.</p> <p>Put in place a moratorium on the use of Depleted Uranium Shells until there is clear evidence regarding</p>	<p>On Independence we will negotiate the safe removal of Trident from Scotland and an independent Scotland will work to eliminate nuclear, biological and chemical weapons world-wide. Pre-independence we will continue to be part of the coalition against Trident in the UK. But while we have the risk of Trident, we should get the benefit of the jobs at Rosyth, and we will fight any government proposals to remove refitting work from Scotland.</p> <p>SNP MPs will oppose any involvement in a</p>	X	<p>Britain should immediately decommission her nuclear weapons and rule out future use of chemical, biological or environmental weapons, including depleted uranium shells. We should use our ex-nuclear status to promote nuclear disarmament. Britain should oppose the US National Missile Defence System, which threatens a new arms race.</p>

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			development of chemical and biological weapons. We will encourage the US to consult closely with NATO allies on its ideas for missile defence, and to pursue dialogue with Russia on a new framework for strategic arms control that will encourage further cuts in nuclear weapons.	the health risks involved.	possible US National Missile Defence Programme believing it to be unwise and damaging to international relations between east and west.		
Security	Arms exports	X	Labour will lead efforts to control the trade in small arms, and work for a comprehensive action plan at this year's UN conference on small arms, including an international arms surrender fund to provide development aid in exchange for firearms. We will legislate to modernise the regulation of arms exports, with a licensing system to control the activities of arms brokers and traffickers wherever they are located. We will work	End subsidies for arms sold to foreign regimes. We will put an end to the use of Export Credit Guarantees to support arms exports. We will establish a Parliamentary Arms Export Committee to monitor arms exports and scrutinise individual licence applications. We will require arms brokers to register under a Code of Conduct, and revoke the licences of those who break the code.	Defence industries will be subject to end user scrutiny to ensure that Scotland only exports arms to legitimate sources, and not through third parties to the worst regimes.	X	Subsidies of arms exports (around £500 million a year) should be stopped. The Defence Export Services Organisation should be closed and export credits for military goods ended. Exports of military equipment should not be licensed if they might abuse human rights, increase conflict or undermine sustainable development. The end use of any exported military equipment must be monitored and the defence industry helped to convert to useful

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			with EU applicant countries to strengthen their capacity to control legal and illicit arms transfers.				production.
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	X	The primary purpose rule, which split families and did nothing to stop abuse, has been ended. A right of appeal for family visitors has been introduced. immigration rules will remain clear, firm and fair, and help ensure that those who come and work here continue to make a major contribution to our economic and social life.	Free immigration laws from discrimination. We will ensure that immigration policy is non-discriminatory in its application. We will reform current immigration laws so that families are not divided. We will also regularly review immigration policy, separate from our asylum obligations, including an assessment of skills needs of the country in an increasingly global economy.	X	Unlike other parties, the UKIP believes that immigration policy should be the sole responsibility of the British government and Parliament. Withdrawal from the EU means that there will be no further moves towards a 'pan-European' immigration policy. That means, in turn, that we could accept skilled immigrants, many of them from countries with closer historical ties to Britain than the EU. The experiences of Canada and Australia have shown the benefits of admitting immigrants on the basis of skill and experience, not national or ethnic origin. The UKIP will also redress the injustice that EU 'nationals' can bring their families to Britain automatically, whilst	Immigration controls should be progressively reduced as common security increases. Because EU member states have different obligations to their former colonies, a common EU asylum and migration policy is inappropriate. The Schengen agreement must not be used to construct a racist 'fortress Europe'.

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						Commonwealth immigrants have to wait years to unify theirs. The UKIP supports an inclusive concept of British nationality, with common citizenship and shared values.	
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	X	We will also help those granted refugee status to integrate into the local community, supporting them so they can come off benefits and into work.	X	X	X	X
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	Our policy will be that all new asylum applicants are housed in secure reception centres until their cases are determined. This will speed up the process of establishing which claims are well-founded. Asylum applications from safe countries will not normally be accepted. We will ensure that those whose claims are rejected are quickly deported by a new Removals Agency.	The UK is ninth per head of population among European nations for asylum applications. The key is to hear cases swiftly as well as fairly. By cutting the decision time and increasing the processing of claims to over 10,000 a month, Labour has reduced the backlog we inherited. We have tightened controls against traffickers,	Protect people fleeing from persecution by dealing with asylum applications fairly and more quickly, which will also minimise any opportunities for anyone to exploit either the system or asylum seekers. We will introduce fair benefits for asylum seekers to replace the demeaning voucher system. We will review the failing dispersal system, end any unnecessary restrictions on asylum seekers undertaking voluntary work and	The SNP abhors the current treatment of asylum seekers, in particular the voucher system, which causes unnecessary hardship for many asylum-seeking families. We also condemn the rhetoric of too many London politicians towards asylum seekers. We would seek fast and fair assessment.	The UKIP insists that the processing of asylum applications must be speeded up. We approve of the current arrangement in which asylum seekers are detained in reception centres whilst their cases are considered. However asylum applicants must be closely monitored during the application process. The current system, which affords the opportunity to 'disappear' makes a mockery of the law and helps to make	The UK must meet its international obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention. The voucher scheme for asylum seekers should be abolished and replaced with cash payments. Asylum seekers should not be detained. Asylum applications must be speeded up and the dispersal system abandoned. Councils should receive greater government assistance to help settle refugees and

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			<p>and introduced a civil penalty for lorry drivers who bring in illegal immigrants. A national support system has been introduced to relieve pressure on local authorities. Asylum seekers and their dependants whose claims are rejected will be removed from Britain with the aim of more than 30,000 in 2003-04.</p> <p>We support tough penalties for those who engage in the barbaric trade of human trafficking. We will bring forward proposals to ensure a common interpretation of the 1951 Convention across the EU and to improve the international response to regional crises.</p>	<p>review restrictions on paid work by asylum seekers in their first six months. Recognising pressures on host communities, we will ensure that local services are adequately compensated for the cost of supporting asylum seekers. We will work with other countries to ensure that responsibilities are sensibly shared, and to seek a system which discourages illegal trafficking in people.</p>		<p>Britain a popular destination. This opportunity is probably the biggest single cause of the current scale of Britain's problems with asylum seekers. It also creates new social problems in which illegal workers are vulnerable to exploitation and compete unfairly with our own least well off citizens. Britons of all origins favour a firm but fair asylum policy. The failure to process asylum applications rigorously is profoundly illiberal, and it fuels racial conflict. Lax enforcement of policies is unjust to genuine refugees and to the wider public. It rewards criminality and punishes law-abiding behaviour. Rigorous but just asylum laws are essential to preserve a free and tolerant society, and an atmosphere of trust. Freedom from the EU will allow us to give precedence to those refugees who have come to Britain as a</p>	<p>asylum seekers</p>

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						first port of call, rather than first claiming asylum in another EU country, such as France or Italy. The 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees is seriously outdated; outside the EU, an independent Britain could press for its reform.	
Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	We will appoint an Envoy for Religious Freedom.	<p>In the Commonwealth, where we will work to promote human rights and bridge the digital divide.</p> <p>We are committed to encouraging universal observance of human rights. Governments that are democratically elected will be firmer allies for peace; open societies that respect individual freedom will be more reliable trade partners. Labour will be a friend of those denied human rights and a supporter of steps to strengthen them.</p> <p>Labour has played a</p>	<p>Strengthen the fight against discrimination with an Equality Act. This will fight unfair discrimination on whatever grounds, including race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, disability, age or gender identity. A new Equality Commission will be able to investigate potential breaches of the Act and take action in its own name. The Commission will also have responsibility for Children's Rights, through a Children's Rights Commissioner. We will also create a separate Human Rights Commission to safeguard human rights.</p>	X	In 1951, Britain was amongst the first signatories to the European Convention of Human Rights and was a founder member of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. The UK Independence Party supports the principles of that Convention, because they are based on individual freedom rather than state control. But the Convention should be regarded as a series of guidelines, rather than as a binding legal code to be enforced without regard for differing national circumstances.	X

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			<p>leading role in bringing war criminals, notably from former Yugoslavia, to justice, and in establishing a permanent court to try war crimes. We will work to make the International Criminal Court a reality, with Britain as one of its first members.</p>	<p>Support recent European anti-discrimination legislation. We will back measures under Article 13 of the Treaty of Amsterdam on anti-discrimination. This includes race and employment legislation and action.</p> <p>Take account of human rights and development needs in government policy. We will audit relevant government departments to ensure that policies on issues such as aid, arms sales and credit guarantees conform to the standards we have set.</p> <p>Continue the fight against slave labour. We will co-operate with international bodies like the International Labour Organisation to stamp out slavery.</p> <p>Support the International Criminal Court. If it is powerful and well resourced, the Court will enhance human</p>		<p>The UKIP supports the inclusion of the Convention of Human Rights into British domestic law. But the Human Rights Act (1999) that was supposed to achieve this is too rigid and so, ironically, it is against the spirit of the Convention. Instead of creating a culture of freedom and responsibility, it has become a pretext for politically correct interest groups to impose their will on government, society, and those they falsely claim to represent. The UKIP would therefore repeal the Human Rights Act and re-enact it to ensure that it is applied in a manner compatible with British custom and common law.</p>	

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				rights. We will press opponents of the court to recognise its authority.			
Global inequalities	Gender	X	X	Direct aid towards women. Women in developing countries face discrimination and economic exclusion. All aid packages should address gender inequality with a high priority for family planning and maternal health services	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Education	X	We will increase further our support for quality primary education for all, particularly for girls. Our Imfundo project, part of an £800 million education programme, will bring together public and private sector commitment to use IT to ensure effective teacher training and education management.	Promote universal primary education. Education is essential to economic development. We will spearhead initiatives to increase the resources for basic education in developing countries. In return for financial support recipient countries should be obliged to reduce expenditure on arms.	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Health	X	will give top priority to combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, which is inflicting massive human and economic costs across the developing	Working with bodies such as the churches, we will support large-scale AIDS/HIV education programmes and press for mother-to-	X	X	X

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			<p>world.</p> <p>We will work for the creation of a global health fund to make essential drugs and commodities more accessible to the poor, focusing on TB, malaria and HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>This will complement our existing support for the development of basic healthcare systems, and our new tax credits to incentivise research by the drug companies into the diseases of poverty</p>	child AIDS treatment drugs to be made available cheaply.			
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief	X	X	X	<p>The priority of the Scottish Defence Force (SDF), in partnership with Scotland's neighbours, will be to safeguard the land, sea and air space of Scotland.</p> <p>SDF training and equipment will reflect that, as well as the need for rapid deployment overseas.</p> <p>Some units will have specialised training for humanitarian and disaster relief operations.</p>	X	X

Table 3: Commitment to Global Development in UK party manifestos 2005

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Aid	Aid Quantity	We will support further action on debt relief and will work to meet the UN target of spending 0.7 per cent of national income on overseas aid by 2013.	Now, for the first time ever the UK has a clear timetable – 2013 – for achieving the UN target of 0.7 per cent of national income devoted to development.	Liberal Democrats will increase British aid spending from 0.35 per cent of Gross National Income today to at least 0.5 per cent by 2007/08, and set out detailed plans for it to reach 0.7 per cent by 2011 at the latest.	We will contribute the UN target of 0.7% of national income to international development.	X	As a first step we will exceed the UN's target and allocate at least 1% of UK Gross National Investment (GNI) for aid by 2010. We will continue to increase this level through recycling the revenues raised by the introduction of a Tobin tax on speculative currency exchanges. Additional revenue transfers may also be available to developing countries through implementation of carbon emissions trading between North and South.
Aid	Fostering Institutions	X	X	X	X	X	We will also work to reform and democratise the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, ensuring that their work prioritises conflict prevention and eradication of poverty and disease, and enhances

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							environmental sustainability.
Aid	Transparency and Learning	X	X		X	X	X
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	<p>Above all, we recognise that there is a vital thread that links open markets, free trade, property rights, the rule of law, democracy, economic development and social progress. We will use our global influence to champion these principles in the interests of the developing world.</p> <p>We believe that British aid programmes are among the best in the world, so we will negotiate to increase British national control over our international aid spending.</p>	<p>improve the focus and quality of EU aid so it better helps the poorest countries.</p> <p>We have cancelled the debts of the poorest countries and are now pushing others to follow our lead and offer 100 per cent debt relief for the poorest</p> <p>Globally we are pressing for a doubling of aid backed by getting international agreement to an International Finance Facility as supported by the Commission for Africa.</p> <p>We will end the practice of making aid conditional on sensitive economic policy choices, such as trade liberalisation and privatisation.</p>	<p>We will make sure that development assistance, whether delivered from the UK, EU, or multilateral institutions, not only meets the needs of the poor, but does so in ways that contribute to environmental sustainability. This means, in particular, targeting aid on renewable energy, clean water and sustainable agriculture, and increasing market access for green products from the developing world.</p>	X	X	<p>High priority must be given to cancelling the debts of the world's 52 poorest, indebted countries, and whilst this process is being carried out debtor nations should be able to restrict repayments to a smaller percentage of their export earnings.</p>
Finance	Financial secrecy- tax justice	X	more open and accountable reporting of revenues	X	X	X	X

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			from oil and mining – that so often fuel local conflicts.				
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company ownership	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Investment-International commitments	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	International transparency commitments	X	ratification of the UN Convention on corruption	X	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global health issues	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	X	X	X	X	X	<p>The Green Party will aim to provide 40% of the UK's energy from renewable sources by 2020. To meet this, we will provide a range of incentives to producers and divert the subsidies and R&D support currently supplied to the nuclear industry, into renewables.</p> <p>All research and development subsidies for the nuclear industry will be transferred to the</p>

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							development of renewable alternatives.
Technology	Intellectual property	X	X		X	X	X
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	X	<p>We remain committed to achieving a 20 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions on 1990 levels by 2010, and our review of progress this summer will show us how to get back on track. A 60 per cent reduction by 2050 remains necessary and achievable.</p> <p>support emissions trading in Europe and beyond.</p>	<p>Green tax reforms and traded permits should be used to encourage people to act in a more environmentally responsible way. We will change the Climate Change Levy into a Carbon Tax, making it more effective at discouraging the use of the polluting fuels and energy sources that harm the environment. We will also strengthen tax incentives to use smaller and less polluting vehicles and create more energy-efficient homes. We will launch a Treasury-led Environmental Incentive Programme, examining tax reforms that will reduce pollution and protect the environment, on the clear principle of taxing differently, not taxing more.</p>	X	X	<p>This means that by 2030 the UK should reduce emissions from fossil fuels to 15% of their 1990 levels. In order to achieve this, the Green Party will target a 20% reduction by 2010, 50% by 2020 and 85% by 2030; a 90% reduction will then be possible by 2050.</p> <p>'Convergence' means allocating each nation the same per capita allowance for emissions. Nations will be expected to converge on their allocation within a set time period, by means of energy-use reduction and renewable technologies. In the meantime, richer nations that operate in excess of their per capita budgets will be able to purchase surplus emissions allowances from poorer countries. Such trading will result in considerable</p>

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							<p>financial flows to the poorest nations, helping to make the world's economy more equitable (see also section 10). The UK is developing a fledgling emissions trading scheme, and we should continue to develop this into a full carbon trading system in line with the C&C framework.</p> <p>integrated Carbon Tax levied at a rate dependent on the carbon content of a fuel. To protect low-income householders from the effects of higher fuel prices, standing charges will be abolished, and tariffs will be structured in favour of smaller consumers.</p>
Environment	Climate Change governance	X	We will continue to lead internationally on climate change, and to strive for wider acceptance of the science and the steps needed to combat the problem. We will look beyond Kyoto and promote an international dialogue to reach agreement on the long-term goals	We will work through the EU to promote effective and enforceable international agreements to protect the global environment, such as the Cartagena Protocol (on GM products). Liberal Democrat	X	X	X

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			and action needed to stabilise the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We will also work for effective international action to adapt to the impacts of climate change.	plans will make sure that Britain achieves its targets from the Kyoto Protocol (the international agreement on the pollution that causes climate change) well before the deadline. Britain and the EU must take the lead on negotiations for the next set of targets for greenhouse gas emissions. It is vital that we include the US and Australia but we also need to work with developing countries. Our long-term goal is 'contraction and convergence' – which means agreeing for every country a sustainable populationrelated allowance for emissions.			
Environment	Paris Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment	Investment for renewable energy	A Conservative Government will guarantee the security and sustainability of Britain's energy supplies. We will do this by supporting the	We will continue to promote and develop renewable energy sources, to seek high standards of energy efficiency in the public and private sectors,	Liberal Democrats will make sure that at least 20 per cent of the UK's electricity comes from a full range of renewable sources by the year 2020, by	X	While UKIP favours further development of 'clean coal' techniques to make greater use of our own coal reserves, we believe the future has to be nuclear. Most of French	Such a change will demand a radical programme of both large-scale reduction in energy demand and investment in renewable energy – a programme that is easily affordable by

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		development of a broad range of renewable energy sources. We also recognise that energy efficiency must play an increasingly important role in our energy policy.		increasing and reforming the obligation on energy suppliers to use renewable energy. Liberal Democrats will not replace existing nuclear power stations as they come to the end of their safe and economic operating lives – instead we will use renewables and conserve energy. We will encourage the use of alternatives, such as hydrogen fuels, as technology develops.		power is nuclear and our own nuclear stations have been operating for years without incident. Put an immediate stop to the erection of wind turbines. Build more nuclear power plants using standard fission technology and promote research into generation using nuclear fusion.	the UK. Thanks to our climate and rugged coastline the UK is uniquely placed to generate energy from renewable sources. We have an opportunity to lead Europe, not only in energy generation, but also in carbon emissions trading. By restructuring our economy in this way, we can create around 200,000 new jobs and provide long-term energy supply and economic security. To achieve this, the Green Party would adopt the principles of 'Contraction and Convergence' as outlined by the Global Commons Institute. These principles provide a strategic framework for emissions reduction as well as balancing the use of carbon-based fuel equitably between the world's peoples. Within that framework we will enact interlinked policies to reduce the amount of energy used in transportation, industrial production

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							<p>and heating, and to wean the UK off energy from carbon-based fuels. Action on climate change will be government-wide, with a specific Cabinet-level post for co-ordinating policy across all departments.</p> <p>We will invest heavily in renewable energy production, using revenue raised from the introduction of eco-taxes, and by 2010 we will have established two million square metres of solar panels and two million small-scale wind energy systems. We will have also continued the development of on-shore wind and off-shore wind/wave systems. We will also work to increase the adoption of bio-gas from organic sources such as agricultural and sewage waste materials, working with the water companies to build digestion plants.</p>

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							We will decommission all nuclear power stations as they come to the end of their life.
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	The common policies on agriculture and fisheries are unsustainable, damaging to free trade and conservation, and waste huge sums of money. The CAP needs further and deeper reform. And, because fisheries would be better administered at the national level, we will negotiate to restore national and local control over British fishing grounds. We are determined to ensure national control in this area.	X	<p>We will devote resources to protecting biodiversity in developing countries, where many species of rare plants and wildlife are seriously endangered.</p> <p>We will support international agreements and activities designed to stop international environmental crime, such as illegal logging or illegal trade in endangered wildlife, and improve customs training to tackle these illegal activities more effectively.</p> <p>The CAP fails to protect the interests of rural communities, family farms and the environment. We will press within the EU to speed</p>	X	<p>The UK Independence Party will take back control and put in place an agreed long-term strategy for management and conservation. Re-establish British control over our coastal waters with sufficient rebuilding of our fisheries protection fleet to enforce this. Fishing licences to stipulate acceptable practices such as mesh sizes of nets. Fishing prohibited in temporary 'fallow' zones to allow stocks to recover.</p> <p>The UK Independence Party is strongly in favour of measures – imposed and enforced by our own government and local authorities – that minimise the production of waste and maximise the amount that is recycled. We also</p>	<p>The Green Party will therefore follow the example set by New Zealand, and adopt a national Zero Waste Strategy. As a first step we will introduce a Waste Reduction, Re-Use and Recycling Bill which will legislate to reduce packaging, outlaw incineration, set standards for the recycled contents of products, and stabilise the market in recyclable materials. A Zero Waste Agency will be established to oversee resource re-use and recovery, and by 2010 we will aim to be recycling 60% of domestic waste.</p> <p>The World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIP agreement) has extended the areas in which intellectual property</p>

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				<p>up reform so that the public funding available is used to provide public benefits. These should include improved access and environmental protection, support for traditional farming and organic systems and new opportunities for agricultural products and local markets. We will use the UK's CAP flexibility to support family farms and aid new entrants more effectively.</p> <p>We will seek early further reform of the Common Fisheries Policy to give local fishermen and other stakeholders a real say in the management of their own regional waters. We will introduce a Marine Act to create a marine planning system to resolve problems of conflicting uses of the sea and sea bed. This would establish conservation zones</p>		<p>strongly support 'green' farming methods and the protection of our parklands and wildlife habitats. Finally, the importation of genetically modified food and the planting of GM crops is another matter over which the EU has assumed control, in consultation with the large biotech corporations. Outside the EU, UKIP would be able to respect the widespread public concern over these matters and we would prohibit the planting of GM crops until exhaustive long-term tests have convinced us that they are safe</p>	<p>rights now apply, to include natural resources held in common such as micro-organisms, traditional remedies, plants and seeds. The Green Party believes that private companies should not be able to patent genetic resources, and we will seek to amend the WTO rules accordingly.</p> <p>we would extend the ban on foxhunting to other blood sports and replace all vivisection with humane research methods. End live animal exports from the UK Implement a full ban on the production and sale of eggs produced from hens kept in battery cages (including 'enriched' cages) Work to introduce a tough EU Directive on broiler chicken rearing Ban all imports of fur products</p> <p>We will introduce an Organics Target Bill to achieve 30% organic</p>

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				for highly sensitive areas and strengthen protection of commercial fish stocks, dolphins, porpoises and other endangered marine wildlife.			<p>production by 2012. The Bill will provide for a ten-year conversion plan and the necessary resources to implement it, for example, assistance for starting farmers' markets, farm box schemes and locally owned co-ops.</p> <p>It is time to abolish the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and replace it with support for organic farming, local food markets and measures to increase biodiversity in our countryside</p> <p>The more recent Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) has similar problems and fails to protect the marine ecosystem.</p> <p>We will implement the precautionary principle for new technologies (see section 6) and continue to campaign for a complete ban on genetically modified food in Europe</p>
Trade	Trade justice	X	During Britain's EU presidency	Working through the EU and the	And we will support the reform of	Another substantial benefit that becomes	For a sustainable future, world trade

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			<p>this year, we will work to promote economic reform, bear down on regulation; make progress in the Doha development trade round</p> <p>We also know that without fairer trade rules and private investment, poor countries will not generate the growth needed to lift themselves out of poverty.</p> <p>We will press for the conclusion of an ambitious trade deal that will completely open markets to exports from poorer countries; for further reform of rich countries' agricultural subsidies, including the EU's Common Agricultural Policy and a 2010 timetable to end agricultural export subsidies.</p> <p>We do not believe poor countries should be forced to liberalise. We will allow them to sequence their trade reforms, so they can build their</p>	<p>World Trade Organisation, we will seek to remove the subsidies and tariff barriers that prevent the poorest countries in the world selling their goods on fair terms.</p> <p>We will work to end the dumping of subsidised agricultural exports by developed economies which is wrecking farming in Africa and other parts of the world.</p> <p>We will work to make sure that agreements to liberalise new sectors proceed on a genuinely voluntary basis, without undue pressure on developing countries.</p> <p>We will require companies benefiting from open markets to behave responsibly, and we will promote a new international agreement to encourage investment, particularly in the poorest countries.</p>	<p>international trade organisations to create a more level playing field between rich and poor nations.</p>	<p>possible on leaving the EU is the removal of a whole range of unnecessary and damaging regulations – a task that all recent British governments have promised but failed to undertake.</p> <p>The EU treaties give the European Commission the task of creating regulations and directives in the areas of health and safety, the environment, employment and the single market.</p>	<p>needs to be reformed so that it becomes fair trade, emphasising local economies and respecting the human and environmental context in which trading takes place.</p> <p>In the medium term the WTO should be replaced by a new trade organisation, but in the short term we will work to radically overhaul the existing organisation by incorporating a General Agreement on Sustainable Trade (GAST). Such an agreement would favour the local over the global and give back to individual states their right to discriminate over the type and quality of trade they engage in.</p>

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			capacity to compete globally.	We will argue for reforms of the World Trade Organisation, World Bank and International Monetary Fund to make sure that trade and development policies support rather than hinder environmental sustainability.			
Security	Peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions	we believe that Britain must remain committed to rebuilding Iraq and allowing democracy to take hold. And a Conservative Government will work to achieve peace in the Middle East based on the principle of Israel secure within its borders and a viable Palestinian state.	<p>We will continue to strongly support the peace process between India and Pakistan, and back moves to resolve the long-running dispute over Kashmir.</p> <p>Many people disagreed with the action we took in Iraq. We respect and understand their views. But we should all now unite to support the fledgling democracy in Iraq. British troops should remain in Iraq under a United Nations mandate as long as the democratically elected government there wants them. They will continue to</p>	<p>Britain must never again support an illegal military intervention. But by invading Iraq the Government has imposed on us a moral obligation to work towards a stable, secure and free Iraq. We welcome the recent elections.</p> <p>We will seek to strengthen and enlarge Iraqi security forces so that they can assume greater responsibility, include Sunni leaders in the political process, and ensure adequate provision of food, water, sanitation and health care for all</p>	<p>An SNP government will always uphold the rule of international law. We believe that the war in Iraq was illegal and we will always oppose wars waged without international legal authority. We will ensure that Scotland makes her contribution towards international peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.</p> <p>We will join the world community where necessary to preserve peace and security.</p> <p>We will establish a Scottish Centre for</p>	<p>The UK Independence Party insists that Britain retains the freedom for independent military action and co-operation wherever we see fit. Since NATO has served Britain well in the past, we shall continue this alliance, without committing Britain to joining the United States in any future military adventures.</p> <p>Withdrawal from the European Union will coincide with withdrawal from the EU's common defence plans and also enable us to retain our independent seat in international</p>	<p>We will seek the withdrawal of UK troops [from Iraq], who should be replaced by UN peacekeepers.</p> <p>A Green government will rebuild our international reputation and introduce a real ethical foreign policy. This will be based on peaceful diplomacy (e.g. increased use of peacekeepers to help prevent conflict), arms reduction, nuclear disarmament, the reform of international bodies and the promotion of lasting common security through aid, fair trade, environmental sustainability and</p>

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			<p>train Iraqi security forces to take responsibility for their own future.</p> <p>We welcome the wider process of democratic reform across the Middle East, and we will work with our allies to encourage and promote economic and political change.</p> <p>We strongly support the peace process between Israel and Palestine.</p> <p>Resolution of the conflict is crucial to peace in the region and the wider world. The conference held in London in March 2005 has started the process of helping a democratic government in Palestine build security and prosperity. We will work tirelessly to bring about a peace settlement in which a viable and independent state of Palestine lives alongside a safe and secure Israel.</p> <p>We support the reform</p>	<p>the Iraqi people. We will support the transition to a fully democratic and legitimate government, aiming to withdraw British troops by the expiry of the UN mandate at the end of the year; the openended presence of coalition forces is destabilising and fuels the insurgency.</p> <p>The best way to achieve security and to tackle the threat from terrorism is through international action. Britain must work through the United Nations, as a committed member of the EU, and with the US to promote international law, democracy and respect for human rights. We will work to reform the UN and the EU to make them more responsive to international challenges.</p>	<p>Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution, to promote peaceful alternatives to armed conflict.</p>	<p>bodies such as the United Nations. British armed forces to be deployed only when this is clearly in the national interest. Our forces are not world policemen or international social workers.</p> <p>Preserve our standing within NATO and disengage from any commitment to a common European force. Our forces are not a vehicle for political ambitions or for furthering European integration</p>	<p>economic stability.</p> <p>We will work to reform the United Nations by abolishing all permanent seats on the Security Council and introducing decisionmaking by majority vote.</p>

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			<p>of the Security Council so it becomes more representative and has a stronger focus on conflict prevention. We support the recommendation of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel for a Peace-building Commission to assist countries emerging from conflict and to develop mechanisms to enhance conflict prevention.</p> <p>We will also press for reform of the World Bank and IMF to improve transparency, give more say to developing countries and, with the EU better focus their efforts on the poorest countries, particularly in Africa.</p>				
Security	Commitment to global security	X	<p>We will continue to lead European defence cooperation. We will build stronger EU defence capabilities, in harmony with NATO – the cornerstone of our defence policy – without compromising our</p>	<p>We will press for a new round of multilateral arms reduction talks, retaining the UK's current minimum nuclear deterrent for the foreseeable future, until sufficient progress has been</p>	X	X	<p>We will also decommission the UK's nuclear weapons and rule out future use of chemical, biological or environmental weapons, including depleted uranium shells.</p>

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			<p>national ability to act independently. We will ensure the new EU battle groups are equipped and organised to act quickly to save lives in humanitarian crises.</p> <p>We have worked with the US to ensure that Libya has given up its WMD, and we will continue with France and Germany to ensure that Iran does not develop nuclear weapons. In North Korea we will support the multilateral approach of the Six Parties talks.</p> <p>And we will work to put an end to the international network of trade in weapons of mass destruction.</p> <p>We are also committed to retaining the independent nuclear deterrent and we will continue to work, both bilaterally and through the UN, to urge states not yet party to non-</p>	made towards the global elimination of such weapons.			

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			proliferation treaties, notably the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to join.				
Security	Arms exports	X	Labour has already introduced a strict regime to control the export of conventional weapons, and we led moves for EU-wide measures. We will work actively to secure an international treaty on the arms trade.	Arms sales contribute to conflict, so we will establish a cross-party Parliamentary Arms Export Committee to monitor arms exports and scrutinise individual licence applications. We will require arms brokers to register under a code of conduct and revoke the licences of those who break the code. We will support the establishment of an International Arms Trade Treaty.	X	X	A Green government will act to reduce arms sales worldwide by ending subsidies and credits for UK arms exports, closing the Defence Export Services Organisation (DESO) and the Export Credit Guarantee Department, and disbanding the service units that presently demonstrate British defence equipment. We will join Sweden, Finland and the Netherlands in negotiating a legally binding, international Arms Trade Treaty to regulate arms transfers according to recognised standards of human rights and humanitarian law.
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	We have set out a series of practical and considered steps to restore control and fairness to our immigration system. First of all we will take	We need skilled workers. So we will establish a points system for those seeking to migrate here. More skills mean more points and more	There remains a positive economic benefit from managed immigration to fill the demand for skills and labour that are in short	X	Having taken Britain out of the EU, the UK Independence Party would aim to approach zero net immigration both by imposing far stricter limits on legal	We will ratify the 1990 UN 'Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families'

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		<p>proper control of our borders. We will ensure 24-hour surveillance at our ports, and restore full embarkation controls. Border security is currently divided between seven different bodies reporting to three different cabinet ministers. We believe that the time has now come to establish a British Border Control Police, whose sole job will be to secure Britain's borders. We will introduce a points-based system for work permits similar to the one used in Australia. This will give priority to people with the skills Britain needs.</p>	<p>chance of being allowed to come here. We will ensure that only skilled workers are allowed to settle long-term in the UK, with English language tests for everyone who wants to stay permanently and an end to chain migration. Where there has been evidence of abuse from particular countries, the immigration service will be able to ask for financial bonds to guarantee that migrants return home. We will continue to improve the quality and speed of immigration and asylum decisions. Appeal rights for non-family immigration cases will be removed and we will introduce civil penalties on employers of up to £2,000 for each illegal immigrant they employ.</p>	<p>supply. We will consult with business and the public services to agree numbers of work permits for economic migration to make sure that Britain continues to prosper.</p>		<p>immigrants and by taking control, at last, of the vexed problem of illegal immigration. Adopt a 'points' system for evaluating applications for work permits based on an identified need for specific skills and other tests of suitability. Applicants from EU countries to be treated in the same way as those from any other country. Stricter control of residence rights granted because of family connections</p> <p>Reinstate embarkation controls to check those entering and leaving Britain. It is essential to keep proper records of those crossing our borders – the government has admitted it has little idea who is in the country.</p> <p>'Britishness' tests to encourage those settling here to acquire knowledge of our language and</p>	

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						culture and to assimilate fully into our society.	
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	Our objective is a system where we take a fixed number of refugees from the UNHCR rather than simply accepting those who are smuggled to our shores. Asylum seekers' applications will be processed outside Britain.	X	We will work within the EU to develop common standards so that all EU countries take their fair share of refugees.	X	Set our own criteria for determining those deemed to be refugees. No refugee status to be considered for asylum seekers who arrived via some other 'safe' country.	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	X	X		X	<p>More rigour in deporting those who are refused the right to stay. Only one in five are currently removed.</p> <p>All those entering Britain with the intention of staying to be subject to health checks for certain communicable diseases.</p> <p>Some of these measures will require amendments to our human rights law (which UKIP will undertake – see section 10) and the reinterpretation of parts of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees. However, we</p>	honour our obligations under the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

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						believe that greater clarity about the criteria for refugee status, faster assessment and better enforcement will discourage people-trafficking and result in a system that is far more humane than at present. Funding for the above measures will be provided as needed. There will be savings from the £2 billion a year that is now spent on supporting and assessing asylum seekers.	
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	We will set an overall annual limit on the numbers coming to Britain, including a fixed quota for the number of asylum seekers we accept. Parliament will set, and review, that number every year.	X		X	X	
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	On asylum, a Conservative Government will not allow outdated and inflexible rules to prevent us shaping a system which is more humane, more likely to improve community relations and better managed. So we will	We can and should honour our obligations to victims of persecution without allowing abuse of the asylum system. We will: * Fast-track all unfounded asylum seekers with electronic tagging	The Home Office has a record of delays and bad decisions on asylum, so we will transfer responsibility for assessing asylum claims to a dedicated agency to sort out the mess,	X	X	We will commit extra resources to the initial decision-making process. We will grant all asylum seekers access to benefits and the right to work, and ensure there is an independent appeals tribunal in line with

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		take back powers from Brussels to ensure national control of asylum policy, withdraw from the 1951 Geneva Convention, and work for modernised international agreements on migration.	where necessary and more use of detention as we expand the number of detention places available. * Remove more failed applicants. We have more than doubled the number of failed asylum seekers we remove from the UK compared to 1996. By fingerprinting every visa applicant and prosecuting those who deliberately destroy their documents we will speed up the time taken to redocument and remove people and will take action against those countries that refuse to cooperate. By the end of 2005, our aim is for removals of failed asylum seekers to exceed new unfounded claims.	ensuring that those who need help get it, whilst those who don't can't abuse the system. We will also end asylum-seekers' dependence on benefits, allowing them to work so they can pay their own way and use their skills to benefit everyone.			international standards. The Green Party will review the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act, particularly with regard to issues of access to legal advice, childcare and levels of subsistence allowance. We will support common, European policies that result in better treatment for asylum seekers
Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Gender	X	X	X	X		X
Global inequalities	Education	X	With this leadership and extra money, we can now work to	X	X	X	X

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			ensure all children go to school,				
Global inequalities	Health	X	and millions of people in Asia and Africa suffering from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria have access to treatment. In particular, we will press for an international agreement on universal access to AIDS treatment by 2010 and for all people in poor countries to have access to free basic healthcare and education. Our long-term aim is to help lift a billion people out of poverty	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief	X	We will press for more radical reform of the UN humanitarian system, so it is better equipped to save lives.	X	X	X	X

Table 4: Commitment to Global Development in UK party manifestos 2010

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Aid	Aid Quantity	a new Conservative government will be fully committed to achieving, by 2013, the UN target of spending 0.7 per	We remain committed to spending 0.7 per cent of national income on aid from 2013, and we will enshrine this	Increase the UK's aid budget to reach the UN target of 0.7 per cent of GNI by 2013 and enshrine that target in law. We will hold the	X	X	Increase aid. We will exceed the UN's 0.7% target and allocate at least 1% of UK Gross National Product for aid by 2011, adding an extra £4.5bn pa. Aid

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		cent of national income as aid. We will stick to the rules laid down by the OECD about what spending counts as aid. We will legislate in the first session of a new Parliament to lock in this level of spending for every year from 2013.	commitment in law early in the next Parliament	G8 to its Gleneagles pledges on aid, including on the 0.7 per cent target.			should be targeted for the poorest, not involve economic policy conditions, respect gender equality and not be diverted to equipping security forces
Aid	Fostering Institutions	X	The extension of the G8. • A clearer mandate for the World Bank to focus on the poorest countries and promote low-carbon development; and for the IMF to focus on financial stability, with both becoming more inclusive. • Radical UN reform, including new membership of the Security Council, budgetary reform, and an overhaul of UN agencies. Continuing reform of NATO and stronger international co-operation to tackle	Support reform of the global financial institutions such as the World Bank and IMF.	X	X	Reform the UN and other international institutions. The current structure of the UN Security Council, with permanent seats for France, the UK, the US, Russia and China, is made undemocratic and often impotent by the right to veto. Poor countries in particular need better representation. We will work to reform the United Nations by abolishing all permanent seats on the Security Council and introducing decision-making by majority vote. Keep an International Aid Department separate from the Foreign Office, with its own

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			security challenges, while building the capacity of regional security organisations including the African Union. • The enduring role of the Commonwealth – a unique organisation for fostering understanding and trust, spanning a quarter of the world's population.				Secretary of State, so as to separate foreign policy interests from humanitarian assistance.
Aid	Transparency and Learning	We will be completely transparent about the cost and performance of DfiD programmes by independently evaluating programmes and by introducing, where appropriate, payment by results. We will ensure british aid money is properly spent by publishing full details of british aid on the DfiD website. this will include spending data on a project-by-project basis, published in an open and standardised format	X	X	X	X	X

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		<p>so that it can be used by third party websites. in addition, we will work to bring about improved transparency of aid spending by other development organisations.</p> <p>We will create a new MyAid Fund to allow British people a direct say on aid spending, as well as giving people in developing countries more say over how aid is spent in their communities.</p>					
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	<p>We support the millennium Development goals and will continue to work towards them. We will maintain an independent Department for International Development (DFID) and keep aid untied from commercial interests</p> <p>So we will stop giving aid to China and Russia and review which other countries should get British aid. We will</p>	<p>From 2013 we will provide climate assistance additional to our commitment to provide 0.7 per cent of national income in overseas aid. No more than ten per cent of our aid will be counted towards climate finance.</p> <p>To increase accountability, we will allocate at least five per cent of all funding developing country</p>	<p>Push for a renewed international effort on debt and support 100 per cent cancellation of the unpayable debts of the world's poorest countries. We will also take measures against 'vulture funds' and lobby for similar action at international level.</p>	X	X	X

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		<p>focus</p> <p>more on the poorest, paying particular attention to development within the Commonwealth.</p> <p>establish a Poverty Impact Fund to support innovative and effective British povertyfighting groups which do not currently qualify for government funding;</p>	<p>budgets for the purpose of strengthening the role of Parliaments and civil society.</p> <p>Our leadership on debt cancellation has freed 28 countries from the shackles of debt. We will continue to drive this agenda, building on legislation to clampdown on vulture funds.</p>				
Finance	Financial secrecy- tax justice	X	Further action will be taken to strengthen developing countries' tax systems, reduce tax evasion, improve reporting, and crack down on tax havens	Ban banks from facilitating the transfer of funds obtained by corruption. We will crack down on tax havens which allow individuals and corporations to avoid paying taxes to developing countries	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company ownership	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Investment- International commitments	X	X	Work with other countries to establish new sources of development	X	X	Promote an international Financial Transactions Tax (a Robin Hood Tax) on

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				<p>financing, including bringing forward urgent proposals for a financial transaction tax and a cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions from aviation and shipping.</p> <p>Ensure that the developing world is prepared to deal with the consequences of a changing climate. We will ensure that adaptation and mitigation measures are financed by industrialised nations on top of existing aid commitments.</p>			<p>transactions between financial institutions, and introduce unilaterally a small levy on foreign currency transactions involving the pound sterling</p>
Finance	International transparency commitments		We will fight corruption, investing more to track, freeze, and recover assets stolen from developing countries.	X	X	X	Fully implement and enforce the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention.
Technology	Government support to R&D for global health issues	X	X	X	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	X	X	X	at Westminster we will be demanding the release of the Fossil Fuel Levy money so it can	X	Set up a national Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to promote and integrate

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					<p>be used to deliver £200 million new investment in renewables.</p> <p>We are also investing in innovation and the industries of the future. We have launched the £10 million Saltire Prize to provide the largest innovation prize for marine renewables, and established a new £12 million fund for research and development putting Scotland at the forefront of this emerging and potentially planet saving technology. The Saltire Prize has already seen 146 expressions of interest from 27 different countries, and we are proud to be working with experts from around the world and with National Geographic, one of the largest scientific and educational institutions in the world, to promote and develop this initiative.</p>		research and development on public health and environmental protection.
Technology	Intellectual	X	X	X	X	X	X

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	property						
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	<p>we will create Britain's first Green Investment Bank – which will draw together money currently divided across existing government initiatives, leveraging private sector capital to finance new green technology start-ups. We will reform the Climate Change Levy to provide a floor price for carbon, delivering the right climate for investment in low carbon energy production. We will increase the proportion of tax revenues accounted for by environmental taxes, ensuring that any additional revenues from new green taxes that are principally designed as an environmental measure to change behaviour are used to reduce the burden of taxation elsewhere.</p>	<p>We will set a target for a zero-carbon Britain that doesn't contribute at all to global warming – making the British economy carbon-neutral overall by 2050, reducing carbon emissions in the UK by over 40 per cent of 1990 levels by 2020 as a step on the way.</p>	<p>Promote the transition to a low-carbon economy in Europe, by moving unilaterally and immediately to an EU emissions reduction target of 30 per cent by 2020, adopting new long-term targets and policies for clean energy and energy efficiency; and expand investment in energy technology innovation, within Europe and internationally.</p> <p>Boost investment in clean energy by reforming the EU emissions trading scheme – bringing in a tighter cap on emissions, auctioning as many allowances as possible, and encouraging other European countries to increase the use of reserve prices in allowance auctions.</p> <p>• Engage with major emitters and deepen diplomatic co-operation between the EU and emerging economies and developing</p>	<p>Scotland's marine environment is undoubtedly one of our most prized assets and alongside incentives for new oil recovery we believe the offshore taxation regime should also support the development of Carbon Capture and Storage. Our vision is for Scotland to be an integral part of a North Sea CO2 storage hub – delivering the transportation links and storage sites and benefiting from the potentially multi-billion pound investment in research.</p>	<p>Repeal the UK's Climate Change Act and return to a Department of Energy</p> <p>Immediately repeal disastrous EU Directives such as the Large Combustion Plant Directive. The Directive threatens to put the lights out by closing a quarter of the UK's domestic coal and energy plants by 2015 without providing any realistic, working alternatives. UKIP will pull out of EU Carbon Trading Schemes, the proposed EU Carbon Tax and binding targets on renewable and bio fuels</p> <p>Stop funding the UN's International Panel on Climate Change and the UN Framework Convention, and fund the Met Office according to forecast accuracy</p> <p>Establish a Royal Commission under a High Court Judge that will allow scientists to reach a conclusion about the facts and economic implications</p>	<p>UK needs to adopt an initial annual carbon dioxide emissions reduction target of around 10 per cent, with the aim of reducing emissions by 90 per cent from 1990 levels by 2030, and 65 per cent by 2020 – starting now.</p> <p>Discourage use of fossil fuels by bringing back the fuel duty escalator, increasing duty in real terms by 8% per annum and through a series of other measures in this manifesto.</p> <p>• In the longer run, introduce carbon quotas (see box on page 37) and protect low-income households, especially pensioners, from fuel poverty. Without these measures, 'peak oil' will disastrously undermine our social fabric.</p>

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		<p>green individual Savings accounts to help provide the financial backing we need to create a low carbon economy.</p> <p>As part of our commitment to move towards a low carbon future, we can confirm our aim of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. In government, we will lead from the front by delivering a 10 per cent cut in central government emissions within twelve months and by working with local authorities and others to deliver emissions reductions.</p>		<p>countries, provide enhanced financial support for low-carbon solutions and lead international efforts to promote the transfer of technologies that will help to tackle climate change.</p>		<p>of global warming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ban schools from using global warming propaganda such as Al Gore's film 'An Inconvenient Truth' · Divert billions of pounds of funding from wasteful global warming-related spending toward environmental improvements of real value <p>Protect the environment by controlling immigration and the associated building demand</p>	
Environment	Climate change governance	<p>explore ways to help the very poorest developing countries take part in international climate change negotiations, and work to make our aid 'climate-smart'</p> <p>should agree a second Kyoto commitment period, provided all countries</p>	<p>Internationally, we will continue to work for an ambitious, fair and legally binding climate change agreement, building on the Copenhagen Accord to limit global temperature rises to two degrees Celsius. In the next Parliament, we</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats are committed to securing a legally binding global agreement on limiting the increase in global temperatures to below 1.7 degrees Celsius. We believe that such an agreement must be based on reducing emissions overall, while equalising emissions</p>	X	X	X

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		are brought within a clear legal framework.	will use our leadership in the EU to push for a strengthening of Europe's 2020 emission reductions from 20 to 30 per cent by 2020 as part of an ambitious global deal. This would mean the UK increasing its current target of a 34 per cent reduction. As part of the negotiations, we believe Europe	between the developed and developing worlds – the principle of contraction and convergence. Work through the EU to make sure that the environment is fully integrated into the objectives of international institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organisation. • Work to increase the resourcing of the UN Environment Programme and improve the enforcement of international environmental treaties.			
Environment	Paris Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment	Investment for renewable energy	introducing an Emissions Performance Standard to limit the levels of greenhouse gases our power stations produce; clearing the way for new nuclear power stations – provided they receive no public subsidy; creating four carbon	We are planning for around 40 per cent of our electricity to come from low-carbon sources by 2020 – renewables, nuclear and clean fossil fuels. A major drive for energy efficiency will be enhanced by a 'smart grid' using new	X	Plans to harness over 11 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2020 could deliver up to 20,000 jobs across the supply chain, and over £30 billion investment in Scotland's economy. and the recent announcement of 10 project agreements under the Pentland Firth and Orkney	A 25-year programme of building nuclear power stations that will provide Britain with 50% of its future electricity demand. This will cost on average of £3.5 billion p.a. Abolish costly EU hindrances on businesses such as carbon cap schemes, emissions	Prioritise the new 3 Rs: Remove, Reduce, Replace. First remove demand altogether where possible (e.g. by stopping the carbonintensive activity altogether, or by true zerocarbon technology); then reduce demand(e.g. by energy-efficiency measures); then switch to renewables for whatever energy

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		<p>capture and storage equipped plants, taking coal – one of the most polluting fuels of all – and transforming it into a low carbon fuel of the future</p> <p>delivering an offshore electricity grid in order to support the development of a new generation of offshore wind power, and establishing at least two Marine Energy Parks</p> <p>giving local authorities the power to establish new district heating networks which use biogas and other low carbon fuels;</p> <p>allowing communities that host renewable energy projects like wind farms to keep the additional business rates they generate for six years; and,</p> <p>giving incentives for smaller-scale energy generation, including capturing heat that is currently wasted.</p> <p>end Labour's use of the Export Credit</p>	<p>information technologies.</p> <p>We are committed to meeting 15 per cent of our energy demand from renewables by 2020. We already have more offshore wind-power than any other country in the world, and our plans could see this increase up to 40 times, alongside other renewable technologies such as tidal and marine, solar and sustainable bio-energy. We will make a decision early in the next Parliament on the feasibility of alternative options for a tidal energy project on the Severn, taking full account of the environmental impacts.</p> <p>We have taken the decisions to enable a new generation of nuclear power</p>		<p>Waters leasing round with Crown estate will generate 1.2 GW of wave and tidal marine energy off Scotland's north coast, as well as the potential to create 2,600 jobs and investment of up to £4 billion by 2020. Our nation has no less than 25% of Europe's offshore renewable resource.</p>	<p>trading, landfill taxes and renewable subsidies</p> <p>Increase nuclear power generation to provide up to 50% of our electricity needs. Because Britain's domestic energy plants are ageing and renewable energy sources have been shown to be unreliable, UKIP will pass hybrid Acts of Parliament to accelerate the planning process and allow old reactors to be replaced</p> <p>• Support the efficient extraction of indigenous coal for use in cleaner, coal-fired electricity generation plants</p> <p>• Oppose wind farms in general and require large new wind power schemes to be funded by the market. Most current schemes have proved uneconomic, often operating at less than a third of capacity - sometimes less than a tenth - thereby producing a derisory amount of power</p>	<p>need is left.</p> <p>The private sector has not responded to the challenge of renewable energy with sufficient vigour and investment. We would introduce a massive programme of direct Government investment in largescale wind and other renewable generation, and investment in the grid, spending as much as £20bn over the Parliament and creating 80,000 jobs in installation and equipment manufacture.</p> <p>Aim to obtain about half our energy from renewable sources by 2020 and ensure that emissions from power generation are zero by 2030.</p> <p>• Phase out nuclear power and resolutely oppose any new nuclear power stations. Nuclear power is expensive and takes longer to produce than renewable energies.</p>

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		<p>Guarantee Department to support investment in dirty fossil fuel power stations, and instead use it to help spread new green energy technology to developing countries; and,</p>	<p>stations, and a programme of four clean coal plants with carbon capture and storage technology with a levy to fund them. We are the only Government in the world to have banned new unabated coal-fired power stations. To secure this investment – likely to be worth around £150 billion over the next decade – we have reformed the planning system to reduce delays for major infrastructure. We will now reform the regulatory system to provide the certainty that investors need, and create a Green Investment Bank to help finance this transformation.</p> <p>Block any new coal-fired power stations – the most polluting form of</p>			<p>Ensure any large new wind farms are constructed offshore. UKIP regards onshore wind turbines and the accompanying power lines as eyesores in beautiful countryside</p> <p>Incentivise and support electric road vehicles, the comprehensive electrification of rail lines and accompanying infrastructure</p>	<p>In addition to its known risks, there is still no safe or affordable way of disposing of nuclear waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permit any further investment in new coal-fuelled power stations. • Encourage renewable heat and combined heat and power by levying a waste heat tax on new power stations and by helping councils develop heat distribution networks in suitable urban areas. Work to increase the adoption of biogas from organic sources such as agricultural and sewage waste materials, working with the water companies to build digestion plants. • Oppose the large-scale cultivation of bio-fuels, especially in poor countries where they compete with land for food, or result in the destruction of tropical forests.

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			<p>power generation – unless they are accompanied by the highest level of carbon capture and storage facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject a new generation of nuclear power stations; based on the evidence nuclear is a far more expensive way of reducing carbon emissions than promoting energy conservation and renewable energy. <p>Improve energy efficiency in the commercial and public sectors, by strengthening the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme and requiring companies and government departments to report on their energy use and set targets for reducing it. We will set a 30 per cent energy efficiency improvement target for 2020, and will commit the government to the goals of the 10:10 campaign as a first step.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce stronger planning policies to support onshore wind, tidal, wave, solar and geothermal energy schemes, and help local planning authorities to make more consistent decisions. Give micro-renewables ‘permitted development’ status. • Bring the electricity network and gas mains into a fully accountable public sector and develop them where needed for renewable energy schemes. • Introduce smart meters and appliances. • Enlarge and develop renewable energy feed-in tariffs paying premium rates for large and small producers of renewable electricity • Support Europe-wide renewable energy initiatives such as an under-sea grid for offshore wind and marine power, concentrating solar power plants in southern Europe and the North African deserts and the building

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							of highly efficient long-distance high-voltage DC power lines.
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	<p>We will support the strongest protection for endangered species and work to protect vital habitats from destruction. We will tackle the smuggling and illegal trade in wildlife through our new border Police force. We will fight for wholesale reform of the Common fisheries Policy to encourage sustainable practices, give communities a greater say over the future of their fishing industries, and bring an end to the scandal of fish discards. We will take forward the marine and Coastal access act and ensure that its conservation measures are implemented effectively, including the creation of marine Conservation Zones. We will be equally vigilant in ensuring the welfare of animals. We will promote the</p>	<p>In stimulating the sustainable use of resources, we will move towards a 'zero waste' Britain, banning recyclable and biodegradable materials from landfill and continuing the move towards universal water metering in areas of water stress.</p> <p>We have banned foxhunting and animal testing for cosmetics and tobacco, and we will bring forward further animal welfare measures. We will campaign internationally to end illegal trading in ivory and to protect species such as polar bears, seals and bluefin tuna, as well as for an EU-wide ban on illegally logged timber, banning it domestically if this does not succeed.</p>	<p>Protect the world's forests, not only to reduce carbon emissions but also to preserve this crucial reservoir of biodiversity. We will argue for an international target of zero net deforestation by 2020; support a new system of payments to developing countries to enable them to reduce deforestation; and adopt at EU – or, if necessary, at UK – level a new law making it illegal to import or possess timber produced illegally in foreign countries</p> <p>Work with other countries to develop an international labelling system for the environmental impact of products, helping consumers choose those with the least impact on resource use and pollution.</p> <p>Work within Europe for</p>	<p>The Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) forces fishermen to throw away about half the whitefish caught at a cost of some £60m. These discards are at the heart of the CFP's failure. They represent a moral and environmental obscenity and stopping these discards is one of the keys to securing a more prosperous and sustainable future for Scots fishermen. The Scottish Government is working with the fishing industry and environmental groups to take forward measure such as CCTV, selective gear and real time closures and we believe this is the way forward so our fishermen can land more and earn more without the damage to the stocks that discards represent.</p>	<p>Require all commercial species of fish caught, regardless of size or species, to be landed and recorded. This will allow the Government to determine how best to manage the recovery of UK fishing grounds. To preserve fish stocks, UKIP will establish a system of moveable 'No Take Zones' allowing fish to spawn and assisting recovery in overfished areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ban all forms of industrial fishing and pair trawling for bass. Industrial trawlers have helped cause a catastrophic decline in key fish species · Strengthen the UK's Fishery Protection resources to guard British fishing grounds 	<p>Replace the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with support for smaller farms, organic agriculture, local food markets, and measures to increase biodiversity in our countryside – European subsidies must support planetfriendly farming.</p> <p>Replace the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) with policies that prioritise protection of the oceans and provide sustainable support to fishing communities. In particular, properly finance the implementation of the Marine and Coastal Access Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support GM-free zones and continue to work for a complete ban on genetically modified food in Europe. • Intensive livestock farming is a major contributor to

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		<p>highest standards of farm animal welfare. We will work to reduce the use of animals in scientific research. We will promote responsible pet ownership by introducing effective codes of practice under the animal Welfare act, and target irresponsible owners of dangerous dogs.</p> <p>To give wildlife greater protection, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> firmly oppose any resumption • of commercial whaling and do all we can to ensure that the international moratorium stays in place; • press for a total ban on ivory sales and the destruction of existing stockpiles; and, • promote new green spaces and wildlife corridors to help animals adapt and thrive in the face of climate change 	<p>An economically viable and environmentally sustainable fishing industry is vital for our coastal communities. We will push for fundamental reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy.</p>	<p>further reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, while continuing direct support for farmers, especially in upland and less favoured areas. We believe that a greater proportion of that support should be targeted at conservation, the environment and tackling climate change, as well as at providing food security for a rapidly growing world population. Organic and reduced-input foodstuffs should be encouraged.</p>			<p>greenhouse gases through the production of methane. We will work to measure and reduce the impact of our meat and dairy consumption, while recognising that traditional rotational grazing has potential for storing carbon in the soil.</p> <p>Ensure that the European ban on seal imports is implemented fully; ban the import of real fur products, but ensure that real fur is clearly labelled until a ban is in place; press the EU to ban fur factory farming; bring in non-lethal alternatives to shooting seals at fish farms.</p> <p>Maintain the ban on hunting with dogs and extend to other blood sports, including the use of snares, and oppose badger culling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately ban causing harm to animals (including but not only primates) in research, testing and education, and

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							<p>invest in the development of alternatives to animal experiments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End live animal exports and limit journey times for all animal transport. • Implement a full ban on the production and sale of eggs produced from hens kept in battery cages (including 'enriched' cages). • Protect biodiversity and human and animal health. We will always adopt the 'precautionary principle' with regard to any alleged benefits of new technologies such as genetic modification, cloning, xenotransplantation and nanotechnology. • Regulate the companion animal trade including a ban on the import of so-called 'exotic pets'. <p>Promote landscape-scale conservation, using reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and the planning system to</p>

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							<p>encourage restoration of heathlands, woods, marshland and other important habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce dramatically the use of pesticides and introduce measures such as 'buffer zones' around sprayed fields to protect humans as well as wildlife. <p>Protect wildlife abroad by cracking down on the illegal trade in wildlife products such as ivory, protect biodiversity in British Overseas Territories, and oppose all forms of commercial and 'scientific' whaling.</p>
Trade	Trade justice	encourage the establishment of a Pan-African Free Trade Area, which has the potential to transform that continent's economies.	<p>We will encourage other countries to ratify the ILO conventions on labour standards, as we have done.</p> <p>We will work with the private sector, trade unions and co-operatives to promote sustainable development, quadruple our funding for fair</p>	X	X	Be the Party of the Commonwealth. UKIP will seek to establish a Commonwealth Free Trade Area (CFTA) with the 53 other Commonwealth countries. The Commonwealth Business Council estimates that a CFTA would account for more than 20% of all international trade and investment, facilitating annual trade exchanges worth more	<p>Promote fair trade, so that trade with developing countries is based on decent pay and conditions, with a fair price paid to producers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that trade deals, whether global or with the European Union, allow developing countries to retain control over their economies and do not force through

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			and ethical trade, and press for a fair World Trade Organisation deal, with no enforced liberalisation for poor countries, and increased duty-free and quota-free access.			than \$1.8 trillion and direct foreign investment worth about \$100 billion. Yet the Commonwealth has been shamefully betrayed and neglected by previous governments. Commonwealth nations share a common language, legal and democratic systems, account for a third of the world's population and a quarter of its trade, with the average age of a citizen just 25 years. India, for example, will soon become the second largest world economy and Britain should not be tied to the dead political weight of the European Union, but retain its own friendly trading and cultural links · Actively pursue trade deals with trade blocs such as the countries in the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. This will secure trade benefits for all countries concerned	deregulation and liberalisation. Support the decent work agenda, by encouraging developing countries with which we work to implement core International Labour Organization standards. • Ensure that UK companies operating abroad adhere to environmental and human rights standards.
Security	Peacekeeping and	We will support humanitarian	We will continue to press for	Make the EU use its collective weight	The SNP's approach to international	Strengthen our commitment to NATO,	Take the troops out of Afghanistan.

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	humanitarian interventions	<p>intervention when it is practical and necessary, while working with other countries to prevent conflict arising.</p> <p>work to establish a new special relationship with India, the world's largest democracy;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek closer engagement with China while standing firm on human rights; • elevate our relationships with many friendly nations, including in the Middle East, as well as North Africa, South Asia and Latin America; • press to keep the EU's doors open to those countries, including Turkey, that wish to join, conditional on the rigorous application of the accession criteria; • support permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council for Japan, India, Germany, Brazil and African representation; 	<p>stronger international action against terrorism and learn the lessons of recent experience to prevent and defuse conflict and build stability and the rule of law in places that would otherwise shelter terrorist networks. We have shown in Afghanistan and elsewhere that our military, diplomats and development staff can set an international standard for joint working, but we will not put the aid budget under military control. We will spend at least half of our new bilateral aid in fragile and conflict-affected states.</p> <p>We will continue to drive reform of the humanitarian agencies at the UN and work to build an international</p>	<p>effectively in other areas of foreign policy. Britain can have a far stronger voice on relations with Russia, China, Iran and the Middle East peace process when it joins with the rest of Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be critical supporters of the Afghanistan mission. The military surge must be accompanied by a strategy to ensure a more legitimate government, tackle corruption and win over moderate elements in the insurgency. We will continue to demand a strategy that involves other players in the region. We believe that a successful strategy will stabilise Afghanistan enough to allow British troops to come home during the next Parliament. <p>Remain committed to the search for a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A sustainable</p>	<p>relations would be based on principles that define Scotland as a nation: compassion, fairness and humanity – and as such the SNP will always uphold the rule of international law. We believe these principles should also define the UK's approach overseas.</p>	<p>while withdrawing from all EU operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reappraise our operations in Afghanistan to create a single, clear and achievable mission or seek to negotiate a withdrawal with our NATO partners <p>Promote democracy, genuine human rights, and free determination around the world, supporting, for example, a free Tibet, a democratic Burma and an independent Taiwan</p>	<p>It is now absolutely clear that our security has been compromised, not improved, by our part in the counterproductive invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe that the best way forward is a regional peace process involving all the Afghan people and the countries in the region.</p> <p>Not attack Iran. Iran's genuine security concerns must be properly addressed, and military intervention would be counterproductive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As preconditions of continued favourable trading relations, oblige Israel to end the siege of Gaza, stop settlement expansion and commit to ending the occupation. We recognise that peace will be only be achieved when the principal peacemakers adopt a less one-sided approach. <p>Otherwise reduce defence expenditure, partly by withdrawing</p>

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		<p>and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthen the Commonwealth as a focus for promoting democratic values and development. <p>We will work with our allies across the world to prevent conflict and secure peace. We will maintain a strong, close and frank relationship with the United States.</p> <p>To ensure our global security further, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work towards greater stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan; support concerted international efforts to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon; support a two-state solution to the Middle East Peace Process; promote stability in the Western Balkans; always be ready to assist Cypriots in their efforts to agree a just, balanced and lasting settlement to reunite their island; and, play our part in efforts to make the world safer from the dangers of nuclear weapons 	<p>consensus on 'responsibility to protect', while supporting the International Criminal Court in bringing previously untouchable criminals to justice. We will advocate a new international convention to enable the prosecution of perpetrators of genocide and crimes against humanity.</p> <p>All the countries of the region have a role to play in delivering the vision of the Arab Peace Initiative – normalised relations between Arab states and Israel in return for a Palestinian state. They also have a shared interest in preventing the acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran. This is the gravest nuclear threat to global security since</p>	<p>solution can be reached in the context of two separate Israeli and Palestinian states, mutually recognised and internationally accepted within borders which are secure and based on the situation before the 1967 conflict. We condemn disproportionate force used by all sides. We believe Britain and the EU must put pressure on Israel and Egypt to end the blockade of Gaza.</p>			<p>from Afghanistan, and by reviewing the need for certain expensive weapons systems, but always ensuring that where our forces are committed they are properly equipped.</p>

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		and nuclear proliferation.	<p>the foundation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty in the 1960s. We support engagement and pressure on the Iranian regime; it is threatening its own people as well as the security of the region and the world.</p> <p>In Africa, Labour has made aid, trade, conflict prevention and good governance a priority. We will support the final stages of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan, and maintain the pressure for Zimbabwe to transition back to democracy as quickly as possible.</p> <p>We will work with Greece and Turkey for long-term stability in Cyprus; and continue to support bilateral efforts by India and Pakistan to improve</p>				

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			<p>relations. The two countries have profound ties to the UK, which we are determined to nurture. We will keep up the pressure for the release of Aung Sang Suu Kyi and a return to democracy in Burma. We strongly support reconstruction and reconciliation in Sri Lanka. We believe that both the LTTE and the Government of Sri Lanka must be held to account for the loss of civilian life, and we will continue to urge the Sri Lankan Government to fulfil its commitment to a full and fair investigation into war crimes committed in the final months of the civil war.</p>				
Security	Commitment to global security	X	X	Rule out the like-for-like replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system. At a cost of £100 billion over a	we will continue to lead the campaign for the scrapping of the UK's nuclear deterrent. We, like the majority of	Maintain Britain's independent nuclear deterrent with existing Trident submarines and then replace them with four British-built	Not replace Trident. We cannot conceive of any circumstances in which we would use these expensive

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				<p>lifetime it is unaffordable, and Britain's security would be better served by alternatives. We support multilateral nuclear disarmament and will ensure that the UK plays a proactive role in the arms reduction talks starting later this year</p> <p>Support action by the international community to stop Iran obtaining nuclear weapons. We would follow a diplomatic route of active engagement, and are ready to back targeted sanctions, but we oppose military action against Iran and believe those calling for such action undermine the growing reform movement in Iran.</p>	<p>Scots, do not want the obscenity of weapons of mass destruction on Scotland's shores. We have no doubt that our nation would prefer to see resources spent properly equipping our troops in afghanistan and invested in jobs, on meeting our international development commitments and on building a fairer, stronger society here at home rather than on nuclear missiles that can wipe out half the planet.</p> <p>We have a moral objection to nuclear weapons and are firm in our belief that when the UK government is planning cuts in important budgets, they should not be wasting £100 billion on buying a new generation of nuclear bombs. We have been proud to stand alongside Scotland's faith groups, the STUC and community campaigners in</p>	submarines armed with US missiles	and immoral weapons; we would decommission the existing system and not renew it

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					opposition to Trident and its replacement and we will continue to do so.		
Security	Arms exports	X	Having played a leading role in the international agreement to ban cluster bombs, we are leading the campaign for a legally binding global arms trade treaty in 2012.	Support the establishment of an International Arms Trade Treaty to limit the sale of arms to dangerous regimes and work for a full international ban on cluster munitions. We will ensure that British arms are not sold to states that would use them for internal repression. We will require arms brokers to register under a code of conduct and revoke the licences of those who break the code.	X	X	Act to reduce arms sales worldwide by ending Government support for and subsidies of arms exports, including through UK Trade & Investment's Defence & Security Organisation and the Export Credits Guarantee Department. • Press for successful negotiations over a robust and comprehensive global Arms Trade Treaty.
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	setting an annual limit on the number of non-EU economic migrants admitted into the UK to live and work; limiting access only to those who will bring the most value to the British economy; and, applying transitional controls as a matter of course in the future for all new EU Member States.	Our new Australian-style points based system is ensuring we get the migrants our economy needs, but no more. We will gradually tighten the criteria in line with the needs of the British economy and the values of British citizenship, and step up our action against illegal immigration. There will	Immediately reintroduce exit checks at all ports and airports. • Secure Britain's borders by giving a National Border Force police powers. • Introduce a regional points-based system to ensure that migrants can work only where they are needed. We need to enforce any immigration system through rigorous checks on businesses	an 'earned citizenship' system, similar to those in Canada or Australia, would allow Scotland to attract high-skill immigrants who can add to the strength of our economy and help deliver growing prosperity for the whole nation.	Regain control of UK borders. This can only be done by leaving the European Union. Entry for work will be on a time-limited work permit only. Entry for non-work related purposes (e.g. holiday or study) will be on a temporary visa. Overstaying will be a criminal offence • Ensure all EU citizens who came to Britain after 1 January 2004 are treated in the same way as citizens	Our immigration policies must be fair and non-discriminatory, respect the integrity of families and be applied promptly and effectively. • Our international policies should everywhere seek to reduce the economic, political and environmental factors that force people to migrate. Emigration should be a positive

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			<p>be no unskilled migration from outside the EU. Skilled jobs are now advertised here first for four weeks with more vacancies going to local workers, and public procurement will in future give priority to local people. The points-based system will be used to control migration with limits for highskilled workers and university students.</p> <p>We know that migrants who are fluent in English are more likely to work and find it easier to integrate. So as well as making our English test harder, we will ensure it is taken by all applicants before they arrive. Local councils and other public services should keep funding for translation services</p>	<p>and a crackdown on rogue employers who profit from illegal labour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise deportation efforts on criminals, people-traffickers and other high-priority cases. <p>We will let law-abiding families earn citizenship. We will allow people who have been in Britain without the correct papers for ten years, but speak English, have a clean record and want to live here long-term to earn their citizenship. This route to citizenship will not apply to people arriving after 2010.</p>		<p>from other countries (unless entitled to 'Permanent Leave to Remain'). Non- UK citizens travelling to or from the UK will have their entry and exit recorded. To enforce this, the number of UK Borders Agency staff engaged in controlling immigration will be tripled to 30,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that after the five-year freeze, any future immigration for permanent settlement will be on a strictly controlled, points-based system similar to Australia, Canada and New Zealand • Return people found to be living illegally in the UK to their country of origin. There can be no question of an amnesty for illegal immigrants. Such amnesties merely encourage further illegal immigration • Require those living in the UK under 'Permanent Leave to Remain' to abide by a legally binding 'Undertaking of Residence' ensuring they respect our laws or face deportation. Such citizens will not be 	<p>choice, not the outcome of desperation. In particular, free movement within the EU is a fact. We should press for EU policies that make all parts of the EU an attractive place to live.</p> <p>should not tolerate the long-term presence of large numbers of people whose immigration status is not defined. Such immigrants are vulnerable to exploitation by unscrupulous employers and others, undermining national terms and conditions of employment. We would open up ways for existing illegal migrants who have been here for three years to become legal. In particular, a legal status must be provided for people who have not succeeded in their claim for humanitarian protection but who cannot be</p>

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			<p>to a minimum. Many public-sector workers are already required to meet minimum standards of English; we will build on this to ensure that all employees who have contact with the public possess an appropriate level of English language competence.</p> <p>Because we believe coming to Britain is a privilege and not a right, we will break the automatic link between staying here for a set period and being able to settle or gain citizenship. In future, staying will be dependent on the pointsbased system, and access to benefits and social housing will increasingly be reserved for British citizens and permanent residents – saving the taxpayer</p>			<p>eligible for benefits. People applying for British citizenship will have to have completed a period of not less than five years as a resident on 'Permanent Leave to Remain'. New citizens should pass a citizenship test and sign a 'Declaration of British Citizenship' promising to uphold Britain's democratic and tolerant way of life</p> <p>Require all travellers to the UK to obtain a visa from a British Embassy or High Commission, except where visa waivers have been agreed with other countries. All non-work permit visa entrants to the UK will be required to take out adequate health insurance (except where reciprocal arrangements exist). Those without insurance will be refused entry. Certain visas, such as student visas, will require face-to-face interviews, and UKIP will crack down on bogus educational establishments</p>	<p>returned to their country of origin due to the political situation the</p>

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			hundreds of millions of pounds each year. We will continue to emphasise the value we place on citizenship, and the responsibilities as well as rights it brings, through the citizenship pledge and ceremony, and by strengthening the test of British values and traditions			<p>Reintroduce The 'Primary Purpose Rule' (abolished by the Labour Government), whereby those marrying or seeking to marry a British citizen will have to convince the admitting officer that marriage, not residence, is their primary purpose in seeking to enter the UK</p> <p>· End the active promotion of the doctrine of multiculturalism by local and national government and all publicly funded bodies</p>	
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	X	Genuine refugees will continue to receive protection	End deportations of refugees to countries where they face persecution, imprisonment, torture or execution and end the detention of individuals for whom removal is not possible or imminent, except where there is a significant risk of absconding.	X	Enforce the existing terms of the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees until Britain replaces it with an Asylum Act. To avoid disappearances, asylum seekers will be held in secure and humane centres until applications are processed, with limited right to appeal. Those seeking asylum must do so in the first 'designated safe country' they enter.	Where we are limiting numbers, our priority must be to meet our obligations to refugees and those seeking sanctuary, including the increasing numbers of people displaced by environmental change, above the needs of our economy.

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						Existing asylum seekers who have had their application refused will be required to leave the country, along with any dependants	
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	X	Asylum claims are back down to early 1990s levels, and the cost of asylum support to the taxpayer has been cut by half in the last six years.	Take responsibility for asylum away from the Home Office and give it to a wholly independent agency, as has been successful in Canada. • Push for a co-ordinated EU-wide asylum system to ensure that the responsibility is fairly shared between member states. • Allow asylum seekers to work, saving taxpayers' money and allowing them the dignity of earning their living instead of having to depend on handouts. • End the detention of children in immigration detention centres.	X	X	We would review the asylum procedures to ensure that destitution plays no role in the asylum process by allowing those seeking sanctuary to work. • We would review the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, particularly with regard to issues of access to legal advice, childcare and levels of subsistence allowance. • Those who have been trafficked should not be subject to summary deportation. They should receive a temporary right to stay and have the same right to apply to remain as others seeking to migrate. • Those seeking sanctuary should not be detained, and in particular the

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							administrative detention of children is unacceptable and should cease immediately.
Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	A Conservative government will always speak up for freedom and human rights. Torture is unacceptable and abhorrent, and we will never condone it.	Human rights and democracy are a central feature of our foreign policy for a simple reason – we believe human rights are universal, and it is the job of strong and mature democracies to support the development of free societies everywhere – while upholding our own legal and moral obligations	X	X	Repeal the 1998 Human Rights Act and withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. In future the British courts will not be allowed to appeal to any international treaty or convention that overrides or sets aside the provisions of any statute passed by the UK Parliament	Outlaw the use of torture, including the practice of extraordinary rendition. We support free speech and the right to protest.
Global inequalities	Gender	X	We will help save the lives of six million mothers and babies by 2015 and, because international focus on the needs of women and girls is vital, we will double core funding to the new UN Women's agency	Prioritise health and education programmes which aim to promote gender equality	X	X	X

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Global inequalities	Education	X	We will spend £8.5 billion over eight years to help more children go to school	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Health	Malaria continues to kill nearly a million people per year, despite the fact that it is easily preventable and treatable. So, as part of our commitment to increase aid funding, a Conservative government will spend at least £500 million per year tackling malaria and will strongly support efforts to develop a malaria vaccine.	maintain our pledge to spend £6 billion on health between 2008 and 2015 and £1 billion through the Global Fund to support the fight against HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria; fight for universal access to prevention, treatment and care for HIV/AIDS by 2010; and deliver at least 30 million additional anti-malarial bednets over the next three years. We will provide £1 billion for water and sanitation by 2013, driving this issue up the international agenda, and over £1 billion on food security and agriculture. We will push for the establishment of a	Health and education programmes that reduce maternal and infant mortality, and restrict the spread of major diseases like HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. We will focus effort on supplying basic needs like clean water.			

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			<p>Global Council on Child Hunger</p> <p>we will work closely with NGOs and developing countries to eliminate user fees and promote healthcare and education free at the point of access</p>				
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief						

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Aid	Aid Quantity	We will continue to meet the 0.7 per cent target	We are proud that Labour MPs passed the historic law that commits Britain to spend 0.7 per cent of our gross national income on international development.	Maintain our commitment to spend 0.7% of UK Gross National Income on overseas development, which the International Development Act 2015, introduced by a Liberal Democrat, now enshrines in law. We will adhere to the OECD's definition of what activities qualify	We have long supported the United Nations target to spend 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) on international development and will continue to support UK spending at this level – which must be calculated on current, not former, measurements of GNI.	UKIP will repeal recent legislation committing aid spending to 0.7 per cent of GNI. We object to taxpayers' money being sent to already economically thriving countries; countries with poor human rights' records; and to money being spent on politically correct vanity projects that do nothing to lift developing nations out of poverty. We also believe charity should begin at home. UKIP will bring overseas aid spending into line with that of the United States, which has a very similar level of deficit and overall debt as a percentage of GNI to the UK. USA aid currently stands at 0.2 per cent of GNI and this is what we will match.	Increase the overseas aid budget from 0.7% of GDP to 1.0% of GDP over the Parliament, costing around £6 billion a year in 2019.
Aid	Fostering Institutions	maintain an independent Department for International Development	X	X	X	DFID has already shown itself to be wasteful and lacking in focus on aid outcomes, yet its budget has been protected from recent government cuts.	X

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						UKIP takes a very different view: when DFID's budget is reduced, we see no reason to keep DIFD running as an independent Government department. We will close DFID and merge its essential functions into the Foreign Office, retaining a single Minister for Overseas Development.	
Aid	Transparency and Learning	We will insist that every government and organisation we fund meets global transparency standards.	X	Conduct a full Bilateral and Multilateral Aid Review to ensure that the Department for International Development continues to work in the right places and through the right channels.	X	X	X
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	keep aid untied Our aid budget meets the OECD aid rules, and we will actively engage in international discussions to ensure that these rules fully reflect the importance of peace, stability and effective institutions for reducing poverty	We will work in fragile and conflict-affected states to improve the lives of those affected by violence, prioritising the protection and education of women and children. We will rebalance the budget to focus funding on the world's poorest	Create a new civil society partnership scheme to build links between peoples in rich and poor countries, including partnerships between communities, trade unions or emergency services. Ensure UK and EU development aid, free	As part of a commitment to focus on aid quality, we believe that overseas aid funding should not be used for defence related expenditure and should not undermine public services in developing countries. And, we are in favour of an audit of	X	Aid will not be tied, and will be distributed in ways that are focused on poverty eradication, supporting grassroots initiatives, women's rights and environmental sustainability while respecting local priorities. Writing off and writing

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		Our International Citizen Service has given thousands of young Brits the opportunity to volunteer abroad. We will triple it in size. We will also double our successful Aid Match scheme, which matches donations to charity from the aid budget. We will boost partnerships between UK institutions and their counterparts in the developing world, and help people in the UK give or lend money directly to individuals and entrepreneurs around the world	countries.	trade and investment agreements support environmental goals and sustainable investment, including maintaining the UK's International Climate Fund and supporting direct bilateral programmes with developing countries on climate change	outstanding debt owed by developing countries, with debt relief provided as appropriate.		<p>down unpayable international debt, avoiding paternalistic aid, and securing the rights of First Nations peoples. Trade that supports the well-being of workers that can be achieved without breaching sustainability limits is useful, but a blind commitment to 'free' trade is not.</p> <p>Fight for the writing-off of international debts for the poorest countries and limiting repayments for other low-income countries, to ensure they can fund decent public services for their people</p> <p>Help poorer countries to fund climate change adaptation and build resilient communities through the UN Adaptation Fund.</p> <p>We recognise that the UK owes them a climate debt for our disproportionately high emissions and contributions to global pollution and climate damage.</p>
Finance	Financial secrecy-	X	We will extend the	We will lead	X	X	Take real action to

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	tax justice		sharing of tax information to developing countries, increase DFID's help to governments to collect more of their own taxes, tackle corruption, and ensure good governance	international action to ensure global companies pay fair taxes in the developing countries in which they operate, including tightening anti-tax haven rules and requiring large companies to publish their tax payments and profits for each country in which they operate.			end tax evasion and avoidance and transfer mispricing by transnational corporations, which steals resources especially from poorer countries. Support global efforts to develop a fairer global tax system
Finance	Financial secrecy-public company ownership	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy-public company accounts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	Investment-International commitments	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance	International transparency commitments	X	X	X	X	X	Ensure UK companies operating abroad respect international human rights and environmental standards and do not encourage corruption, enforcing the UN Convention against Corruption and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, and reporting fully upon their activities.
Technology	Government	X	X	Invest to eliminate	X	X	X

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	support to R&D for global health issues			within a generation preventable diseases like TB, HIV and malaria and explore new ways to support public and private research and development into treatment for these and other deadly diseases and infections.			
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	X	X	Increase research and development and commercialisation support in four key low-carbon technologies where Britain could lead the world: tidal power, carbon capture and storage, energy storage and ultra-low emission vehicles.	X	Ensure that adequate government funding goes to research on major environmental issues such as climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, and less is spent on military research.	Spend £2.5 billion over the Parliament on an intensive research and deployment programme for other renewables such as wave and tidal stream generators or other approaches, and also for storage technologies
Technology	Intellectual property	X	X	X	X	X	X
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	At home, we will continue to support the UK Climate Change Act. We will cut emissions as cost-effectively as possible, and will not support additional distorting and expensive power sector targets	X	Continue pushing for a 50% reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and the greater use of EU funds to support low-carbon investments, while ensuring the UK meets its own climate commitments and plays a leadership role in efforts to combat climate	We will use our influence at Westminster to ensure the UK matches, and supports, Scotland's ambitious commitments to carbon reduction	The Climate Change Act is doing untold damage. UKIP will repeal it. We will also scrap the Large Combustion Plant Directive and stop the EU's planned Medium Combustion Plant Directive. Both attempt to close down secure, reliable and economical electricity generation and replace it with	Research, promote and support farming methods that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enable carbon storage and have minimum impact on wildlife, as established by rigorous and reliable research. In particular, we should encourage eating less and better meat.

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				<p>change.</p> <p>Work with regulatory bodies and financial investors to establish a global reporting standard for fossil fuel companies on the potential impact of future restrictions on carbon emissions on their asset base.</p> <p>Cooperate with other European countries to address environmental threats and tackle climate change by securing agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and developing the EU Energy Union.</p>		<p>expensive, intermittent, unreliable renewables. We will encourage the re-development of British power stations and industrial units providing on-site power generation.</p>	<p>have a reasonable chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change, we need a 90% reduction in greenhouse gases in the UK in the next 15–20 years and a zero-carbon economy by 2050 (see the box for how we derive these targets). This is much more challenging than the 80% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050 in the Climate Change Act 2008. Although we celebrate, defend and uphold the Climate Change Act, it must also be strengthened. A Green transformation would have huge benefits: more comfortable homes, better health, less pollution, lots of jobs, and far less dependency on foreign fuel imports.</p> <p>Allowing countries that currently emit very little carbon dioxide to increase their emissions, using their energy resources to reduce poverty and</p>

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							improve their people's well-being. Requiring all other countries to reduce their emissions to a small per capita limit, fixed to be consistent with a global limit that keeps temperature rises below 2 degrees C.
Environment	Climate change governance	We will push for a strong global climate deal later this year – one that keeps the goal of limiting global warming to two-degrees firmly in reach. .	We will expand the role of the Department of International Development to mitigate the risks of a changing climate, and support sustainable livelihoods for the world's poorest people. We want an ambitious agreement on climate change at the UNFCCC conference in Paris, in December. We will make the case for ambitious emissions targets for all countries, strengthened every five years on the basis of a scientific assessment of the progress towards the below two degree goal. And we will push for a goal of net zero global	Work to secure agreement on a global climate treaty at the 2015 UN Climate Conference, supported by a well-financed Green Climate Fund to assist poorer countries to tackle and adapt to climate change.	that both Scotland and the UK are able to play a constructive role at this year's UN Climate Change Conference And, we will call on the UK government to match the approach of the Scottish Government with a dedicated Climate Justice Fund	X	A global policy of Contraction and Convergence in which rich countries' use of finite energy resources contracts, while that of poorer countries expands, to converge on an equitable and sustainable per capita sharing of global energy, designed to keep within 2 degrees C of warming. Only in this way can poor countries improve living standards while the world as a whole avoids hitting resource and climate limits.

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			emissions in the second half of this century, for transparent and universal rules for measuring, verifying and reporting emissions, and for an equitable deal in which richer countries provide support to poorer nations in combatting climate change.				
Environment	Paris Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment	Investment for renewable energy	Onshore wind now makes a meaningful contribution to our energy mix and has been part of the necessary increase in renewable capacity. Onshore windfarms often fail to win public support, however, and are unable by themselves to provide the firm capacity that a stable energy system requires. As a result, we will end any new public subsidy for them and change the law so that local people have the final say on windfarm applications. We have been the greenest government	X	The world's first Green Investment Bank and low-carbon energy market, helping almost treble renewable electricity generation meet our goal of reducing energy demand by 50% by 2030. Make saving energy a top infrastructure priority, stimulating private sector demand with our new Electricity Demand Reduction market, new market-shaping energy efficiency standards, support for industry, particularly SMEs, and a programme of tax incentives and public	We will seek to maximise support for offshore wind, including by seeking alterations to the current Contracts for Differences (CFD) regime to ensure that support is given to the offshore wind sector to not only generate renewable energy but also to boost manufacturing opportunities and ensure Scotland sees maximum investment. Allocations from the next round of CFD should be made early and projects in Scotland should be prioritised and receive their fair share of funding. We	UKIP supports and will invest in renewables, where they can deliver electricity at competitive prices. At the moment, the only major renewable technology that meets this test for affordability is hydro, so we will withdraw taxpayer and consumer subsidies for new wind turbines and solar photovoltaic arrays, while respecting existing contractual arrangements. Wind power is hopelessly inefficient and wind farms rely heavily on reserve back-up from	We believe this requires an energy policy that: Reduces the amount of energy we need, mainly by improving energy efficiency. Ends fuel poverty. Invests massively in renewable generation. Reorganises the energy generation and supply industry, in particular breaking the dominance of the Big Six suppliers. Puts community, cooperative and locally owned clean energy generation and supply at the heart of our energy

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		<p>ever, setting up the world's first Green Investment Bank, signing a deal to build the first new nuclear plant in a generation, trebling renewable energy generation to 19 per cent, bringing energy efficiency measures to over one million homes, and committing £1 billion for carbon capture and storage. We are the largest offshore wind market in the world.</p>		<p>investment. Our plans for insulating homes are set out in more detail in Section 7.5, below.</p> <p>Stimulate a minimum of £100 billion more private investment in low-carbon energy infrastructure by 2020.</p> <p>Set a legally binding decarbonisation target range for 2030 for the power sector of 50–100g of CO₂ per kWh, which can largely be achieved by expansion of renewables, with an indicative target of 60% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030. We will support investment in energy storage and smart grid technology to enable this higher reliance on renewables. Regulate to end the use of unabated coal in electricity generation by 2025 because of its high carbon emissions and impact on local</p>	<p>want to see a long-term commitment to the development of this industry.</p> <p>And we will press for onshore wind to continue to receive support through the lifetime of the next Parliament. Our ambition is not limited to wind. We want the UK government to remove barriers that are limiting growth in the hydro sector and believe there should be additional support for pump hydro and Carbon Capture and Storage schemes. We also wish to see a big expansion in community heating schemes and believe the Renewable Heat Incentive should continue beyond 2015.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has ambitious targets to support community energy generation and we will press the UK government to</p>	<p>conventional power sources. They have blighted landscapes and put money into the pockets of wealthy landowners and investors, while pushing up bills for the rest of us</p> <p>UKIP supports the development of shale gas, provided safeguards are in place to protect local communities and the environment. Community Infrastructure Levy income from shale gas operations will be earmarked for lower Council Taxes or local community projects.</p>	<p>system.</p> <p>Invest substantial amounts of public money (up to £35 billion over the Parliament) in renewable generation and in the National Grid, if necessary, to make sure renewable generation grows quickly enough. This would include both large-scale generation and small- and medium-scale renewable generation schemes funded through local authorities. This capacity would not necessarily be publicly owned and would include community-owned schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give the Green Investment Bank full borrowing powers to help fund this investment. • Concentrate on expanding mature renewable technologies such as wind energy and solar PV in the period until 2030 and bringing down costs, in part by reducing planning constraints,

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				<p>air quality, and require any new gas stations built after 2030 to be fitted with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology. We will implement a second phase of CCS projects by 2020.</p> <p>Expand community energy, building on Britain's first ever community energy strategy with additional financial and regulatory support. We will encourage Councils to be proactive in delivering energy saving and electricity generation.</p> <p>Encourage onshore wind in appropriate locations, helping meet our climate targets at least cost. We will end ideologically motivated interference in local planning decisions for wind farms by Government Ministers.</p> <p>Use biomass primarily for heating</p>	make it simpler for communities to establish local energy companies and easier for community schemes to access the grid.		<p>including those for onshore wind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all schools, hospitals and other public buildings have solar panels by 2020. • Encourage all social landlords to develop plans to install solar panels on all suitable properties, building on Kirklees Council's pioneering £10 million plan to install solar panels on 2,000 Council homes over the next two years. Schemes such as these can save people on low incomes the equivalent of up to two weeks' rent. • Set deployment targets to bring down costs and attract investment in manufacturing and supply chains, aiming for 42 GW of offshore wind by 2020 and 60 GW by 2030, and for 25 GW of solar PV by 2020. • Spend £2.5 billion over the Parliament on an intensive research and deployment programme for other renewables such as

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				and small-scale power generation, act to encourage the wider use of biogas and argue for the reform of EU policies on biofuels and biomass which help drive deforestation, including ending all support for food-crop based biofuels after 2020.			<p>wave and tidal stream generators or other approaches, and also for storage technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase out fossil-fuel-based generation, including the closure of all coal-fired power stations by 2023 at the very latest. Phase out nuclear power within ten years. Ban all UK fracking operations – following a growing number of nations worldwide – and withdraw all relevant licences as soon as possible. Ban other new fossil fuel developments such as other unconventional fossil fuels and open cast coal. End fossil fuel industry tax breaks, phase out other harmful fossil fuel subsidies (domestic and international) and use the money saved to help fund other parts of our energy programme. Work with financial institutions,

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							<p>local councils and others to encourage divestment from fossil fuels and develop alternative investment in efficiency and renewables programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the potential deployment of carbon capture and storage to existing biomass and gas power stations only as a transitional technology. • Develop biomass generation only where it can be done in a sustainable way giving regard to the environmental and human costs of some large-scale biomass fuel operations. • Set in law a decarbonisation target for the power sector of 25–50 grams of carbon dioxide per kilowatt hour by 2030. • Expand electricity storage capacity, including using the potential storage capacity of electric vehicles, and develop the commercial and

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							regulatory framework to make this a reality. • Introduce smart meters and appliances.
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	<p>Earlier this year, we announced the creation of a new Marine Protected Area around the Pitcairn Islands – the largest protected expanse of sea in the world. We will now go even further, creating a Blue Belt around the UK's 14 Overseas Territories, subject to local support and environmental need. We will designate a further protected area at Ascension Island, subject to the views of the local community. And, off our own coasts, we will complete the network of Marine Conservation Zones that we have already started, to create a UK Blue Belt of protected sites</p> <p>We will oppose any resumption of commercial whaling, and seek further measures at the EU</p>	We will build on our strong record on animal welfare – starting with an end to the Government's ineffective and cruel badger cull. We will improve the protection of dogs and cats, ban wild animals in circuses, defend the hunting ban and deal with wildlife crime associated with shooting.	<p>Provide greater resources for international environmental cooperation, particularly on actions to tackle illegal trade in timber, wildlife and fish.</p> <p>Argue for an EU and global target of halting net global deforestation by 2020 – including supporting better forest law enforcement and governance and sustainable agriculture, closing loopholes in the EU Timber Regulation and ensuring that by 2020 only legal and sustainable timber products can be sold in the UK.</p> <p>Push for the creation of a marine nature reserve in the Arctic Ocean, promote the highest possible environmental standards for UK companies operating</p>	<p>While responsibility for animal welfare is devolved to the Scottish Parliament –and the SNP in government is already working to improve the conditions of kept animals, including consultations on responsible dog ownership and wild animals in travelling circuses, and giving consideration to further protection at slaughter, the registration or licensing of horse establishments and a review of tail docking in working dogs - at Westminster we will support further animal welfare measures with a global focus. This includes action to end the illegal ivory trade and protect species such as polar bears and bluefin tuna.</p>	<p>Protect our coastal eco system by ending destructive industrial fishing practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End the slaughter of dolphins by banning pair trawler fishing for bass 	<p>Because 94% of the biodiversity for which the UK is responsible is found in our Overseas Territories, ensure that conservation of the environment of the Overseas Territories, including their marine areas, is funded to a level equal to their global significance. We would also immediately extend ratification of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity to all uninhabited territories, and work with territory governments to agree a timeline for ratification of the Convention in all inhabited territories.</p> <p>Seek to reform the Common Agricultural Policy and reform our national agri-environment schemes to prioritise and support farmers who farm sustainably and enhance biodiversity</p>

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		<p>and internationally to end shark-finning. We will promote effective worldwide measures for tuna conservation, press for a total ban on ivory sales, and support the Indian Government in its efforts to protect the Asian elephant. We will press for full 'endangered species' status for polar bears and a ban on the international trade in polar bear skins, as well as for greater attention to be paid to the impact of climate change on wildlife and habitats in Polar Regions in the Arctic Council and other international fora.</p> <p>high animal welfare standards to be incorporated into international trade agreements and into reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. We will ban wild animals in circuses and press for all EU member states to ensure that animals are only sent to</p>		<p>in the region and press for a ban on EU-flagged vessels undertaking industrial fishing in the previously unfished areas of the Arctic.</p> <p>Establish a statutory waste recycling target of 70% in England.</p> <p>ww Encourage the growth of anaerobic digestion to produce biogas for heat and transport, and sustainable fertiliser, working with Local Authorities to extend separate food waste collections to at least 90% of homes by 2020.</p>			<p>on farmed land with a variety of farming styles, methods and scales.</p> <p>Foster environmentally sustainable agriculture, land management and a secure food supply by properly supporting valid, rigorous and reliable research into all areas and types of farming including organic farming.</p> <p>Work to ensure sustainable fishing policies, leading to sustainable fishing communities, at both the national and European levels as appropriate. In particular, fishing quota allocations should reward local sustainable fisheries.</p> <p>Support a moratorium, at national and EU level, on the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in all agricultural systems, including production of human food and animal feed, and on importation of</p>

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		slaughterhouses that meet high welfare standards. We will encourage other countries to follow the EU's lead in banning animal testing for cosmetics and work to accelerate the global development and take-up of alternatives to animal testing where appropriate.					<p>GM food or feed.</p> <p>A ban on the production and sale of foie gras.</p> <p>A ban on the cloning of farm animals and on the sale of meat and milk from these animals.</p> <p>Ending genetic selection for fast growth or high yields where this results in compromised welfare such as ill health or pain.</p> <p>Protection for British farmers from low-welfare imports.</p> <p>Increased support and resources to build expertise in wildlife crime within the justice sector, including: strengthening sentencing in this area, gathering data on the trade, ensuring police forces implement local strategies and ensuring funding of the Wildlife Crime Unit.</p> <p>A ban on the import of exotic pets.</p>

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							<p>An end to the keeping of primates as household pets.</p> <p>Enhanced public education and awareness to reduce demand.</p> <p>Allocation of resources to support other countries in tackling poaching and human/wildlife conflict</p>
Trade	Trade justice	X	We will work with companies to ensure they have sustainable supply chains that are free from slavery, treat their workers fairly, and pay taxes where they are due	Extend existing reporting rules to establish consistent requirements on all large UK companies to report on the social, environmental and human rights impacts of their activities and those of their supply chains.	X	X	<p>Promote fair trade, in particular seeking to ensure that workers in poor countries receive decent pay and conditions within International Labour Organization (ILO) standards.</p> <p>Initiate democratic discussions, alongside international trade unions, citizen groups and the ILO, to investigate the potential for a global minimum wage to address in-work poverty and exploitation.</p> <p>Ensure that every country has the political space to make its own democratic choices, without pressure to prise open its</p>

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							<p>economy for 'free' trade. In particular, we oppose the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (see 'The Green Party opposes the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership' box).</p> <p>Ensure that trade deals allow poor countries to control their economies; we will take the UK out of trade agreements that go against this.</p>
Security	Peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions	<p>work for peace, stability and an inclusive settlement in Syria and Iraq; and pursue a comprehensive political and military strategy to defeat ISIL</p> <p>uphold the sovereignty, integrity and capacity of Ukraine, and continue to reject Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea</p> <p>stand shoulder to shoulder with our NATO allies, reassuring all its members – especially those closest</p>	<p>Labour Government would not propose the use of military force without judging whether reasonable diplomatic efforts have been exhausted, the action is proportionate and in partnership with allies, whether there is a clear legal basis, and if there is a clear plan, not just for winning the war but also for building a lasting peace.</p> <p>Peace and security in the Middle East are one of Labour's most important</p>	<p>Use all aspects of government policy – trade, aid and diplomacy as well as military cooperation – to focus UK policy on conflict prevention. This will require a joint approach across the MOD, FCO, DFID and other departments, and we will continue to assess UK government actions for their impacts on conflict prevention and security. This will be a priority within the 2015 Strategic</p>	<p>The UK's standing in the world has been damaged by our involvement in the illegal war in Iraq. We wish to see proper oversight and approval for any future UK military action, which would need to be in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter and approved by Parliament.</p> <p>We will call on the next UK government to pursue a two state solution for Israel and Palestine and to support the</p>	<p>Our commitment to NATO must be upheld and we will not shirk our responsibilities towards our allies, but UKIP believes our parliamentary democracy should be consulted at every opportunity, before committing any taxpayer resources, or our forces, to combat situations.</p> <p>In the South Atlantic, we must not 'negotiate' or kowtow to Argentine aggression</p>	<p>A new, holistic and consistent approach to peace and defence, which is focused on genuine peacekeeping and respect for the sovereignty of peoples around the world.</p> <p>Work to reform the United Nations and associated bodies, to reflect better the needs and interests of all countries, and make the UN more representative and effective through abolishing permanent seats on the UN</p>

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		<p>to Russia – of their security, and continue to support the Euro-Atlantic path for Western Balkan nations</p> <p>ensure that the significant achievements of our Armed Forces in Afghanistan are maintained; and support the Government of Afghanistan in ensuring that the country remains stable and never again becomes a haven for international terrorists</p> <p>support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, robustly defending the right of Israel to protect its security, while continuing to condemn illegal settlement building, which undermines the prospects for peace</p> <p>protect global security by helping to lead international efforts to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon;</p>	<p>foreign policy objectives. We remain committed to a comprehensive two-state solution – a secure Israel alongside a viable and independent state of Palestine.</p> <p>There can be no military solution to this conflict and all sides must avoid taking action that would make peace harder to achieve. Labour will continue to press for an immediate return to meaningful negotiations leading to a diplomatic resolution.</p> <p>Labour will also continue to honour the UK's commitment to support Afghanistan as it seeks to secure an inclusive and durable political settlement.</p> <p>In December 2014, the NATO-led ISAF mission in Afghanistan ended. We can never repay the debt owed to the brave servicemen and women who have sacrificed and risked their lives in</p>	<p>Defence and Security Review (SDSR), which should begin immediately after the election.</p> <p>Engage with and strengthen multilateral UN and treaty-based institutions worldwide.</p> <p>Support the UN principle of Responsibility to Protect. This principle focuses on the security of individuals, rather than states.</p> <p>Promote democracy and stability in Ukraine and neighbouring countries against an increasingly assertive Russia. We will work closely with EU and other international partners to exert maximum economic and political pressure on Russia to stop interfering in the affairs of sovereign Eastern European nations, and will stand by our obligations under the NATO treaty in the event of threats</p>	<p>formal recognition of a Palestinian state.</p>	<p>over the Falkland Islands, but uphold and respect the islanders' decision – through the self determination of a recent referendum – their overwhelming desire and right to remain British.</p> <p>In the Middle East, UKIP wants to see nations at peace, but acknowledges that sectarianism, fuelled by historical Western involvement, has rendered this all but impossible within a generation. We want to see a peaceful, two-state solution in Israel and the Palestinian territories</p>	<p>Security Council (UNSC).</p> <p>Seek negotiated settlements to a range of conflicts around the world and block sales of weapons and military equipment that increase misery and death for non-combatants and have particularly destructive impacts on vulnerable peoples, notably women and children</p> <p>We opposed military interventions in Afghanistan, Libya and Iraq, and will oppose all future interventions that lack a sufficient moral, legal and democratic mandate or when military action risks being counter-productive, for example by providing fertile recruitment, fundraising and propaganda opportunities. We will instead advocate for regional solutions to conflicts and for the UK to take a lead in advancing diplomatic, economic and</p>

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		<p>and work to ensure that North Korea ends its development of nuclear weapons.</p> <p>uphold the democratic rights of the people of Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands to remain British, for as long as that is their wish, and protect our Overseas Territories</p> <p>stand up for the rule of law and human rights in Zimbabwe support a democratic transition in Burma</p> <p>promote reconciliation and human rights in Sri Lanka, including through supporting the UN investigation into war crimes, which the Prime Minister was instrumental in securing following his historic visit to Jaffna</p> <p>actively support Cypriots to find a peaceful and lasting settlement to reunite their island.</p>	<p>Afghanistan to protect our national security. As power and wealth continues to shift from West to East, our relationship with Asia will be fundamental to our long-term prosperity. Labour will set up an Asia Step-Change Taskforce to ensure a more strategic and effective dialogue with regional partners, including China, both in the commercial realm, and in other areas, from cultural exchange to human rights.</p> <p>We will lead efforts to reshape the UN humanitarian system to better equip it to save lives.</p>	<p>to NATO member states. We will work with the EU to develop an EU energy strategy that will reduce reliance on Russia's energy supplies. Continue to work with international partners – Western, African and Arab – to tackle Islamic fanaticism embodied by organisations like the so-called Islamic State (IS) in Iraq and Syria and Boko Haram in Nigeria.</p> <p>Recognising that airstrikes alone will not defeat IS, continue a comprehensive approach, in compliance with international law, to supporting the Iraqi government in standing against IS, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖❖ Assistance in strengthening its democratic institutions. ❖❖ Training the Iraqi Security Forces and Kurdish Peshmerga fighters. 			<p>political solutions to the threats posed by terrorist groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would provide humanitarian support for the millions of refugees displaced by these conflicts. • We seek a just, sustainable and peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, based on mutual recognition of the rights to independent statehood for Palestinians and Israelis. We condemn human rights violations by both parties and the oppression and disproportionate use of aggression by the Israeli government against the people of Gaza. We seek to suspend the EU–Israel Association Agreement. • We condemn state-sanctioned breaches of human rights by countries such as China, Syria, Sudan and Pakistan, as well

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		<p>We will work closely with our allies to continue to strengthen NATO – supporting its new multi-national rapid response force.</p> <p>We will maintain our global presence, strengthening our defence partnerships in the Gulf and Asia.</p> <p>Later this year, we will hold a National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review to plan for the future.</p>		<p>❖❖ Humanitarian relief to help alleviate the suffering of displaced Syrians and Iraqis.</p> <p>ww Support the moderate opposition in Syria, who are fighting both President Bashar al-Assad and IS. We will continue to push for an inclusive political transition in Syria, which would enable Syrian moderates from all sides to unite against extremism and tyranny.</p> <p>ww Remain committed to a negotiated peace settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which includes a two-state solution.</p> <p>We condemn disproportionate force used by all sides. We condemn Hamas' rocket attacks and other targeting of Israeli civilians. We condemn Israel's continued illegal policy of settlement expansion, which undermines the possibility of a</p>			<p>as by individuals or organisations, and we advocate the use of sanctions and legal action via the International Criminal Court for those violating international human rights standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would work to support a negotiated settlement between Russia and Ukraine, while developing a new security structure for the region involving the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, with opposition to arms transfers and military interventions in regional and internal conflicts. <p>ursue a policy of 'defensive defence', which threatens no one yet makes it clear that threats and attacks will be resisted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a leading role in preventing violent conflict, genocide and war crimes overseas through (i) helping to develop local

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				<p>twostate solution. We support recognition of the independent State of Palestine as and when it will help the prospect of a two-state solution.</p> <p>Support multilateral negotiations to stop Iran obtaining nuclear weapons. We will continue to seek normalisation of our diplomatic relations with Iran, including reopening the British Embassy in Tehran and promoting peaceful dialogue between Iran and Saudi Arabia.</p>			<p>capacities to avoid, manage and resolve conflicts; and (ii) enhancing the UK's well-respected role in genuine peacekeeping and the protection of non-combatant communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policies and programmes for 'environmental defence' and disaster mitigation and relief, drawing on the skills and activities of our current military forces and increasing gender representation and training to equip the UK to contribute more effectively in these kinds of human security emergencies. • Diminish dependence on arms sales through a halt to government subsidies and introducing a strict licensing regime to prevent sales of weapons and military equipment to undemocratic regimes and those that violate human rights (including, at the present time,

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							Israel and Saudi Arabia).
Security	Commitment to global security	We will retain the Trident continuous at sea nuclear deterrent to provide the ultimate guarantee of our safety and build the new fleet of four Successor Ballistic Missile Submarines – securing thousands of highly-skilled engineering jobs in the UK.	Labour remains committed to a minimum, credible, independent nuclear capability, delivered through a Continuous At-Sea Deterrent. We will actively work to increase momentum on global multilateral disarmament efforts and negotiations, and look at further reductions in global stockpiles and the numbers of weapons.	X	The SDSR must also fully consider the advantages of a defence policy without weapons of mass destruction and wasting £100bn renewing Trident. We will continue in our principled opposition to nuclear weapons and believe that the UK should abandon plans to renew the Trident nuclear missile system. In addition, the MoD should also publish in full current and projected annual costs of the Trident system and its proposed successor programme, including nuclear weapons through-life costs.	Faced with rogue states such as North Korea and Iran, which have developed advanced nuclear capabilities, UKIP does not believe now is the time to be talking about or proposing nuclear disarmament and we support Trident renewal.	ave a massive £100 billion over the next 30 years by cancelling Trident replacement and decommissioning existing nuclear forces and facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance international security and non-proliferation by initiating and/or joining negotiations on a universally applicable nuclear abolition treaty to prohibit the use, deployment, development, production, stockpiling and transfer of nuclear weapons and requiring their complete elimination. Initiate and/or join negotiations on new international treaties and laws to prohibit the development, deployment and use of autonomous weapons (such as ‘killer robots’), depleted uranium weapons, weapon systems that are intended for use in

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							and from outer space, and weapons that leave explosive remnants and toxic legacies in war-affected communities, while mandating the protection of civilians from any new weapons developments for the future.
Security	Arms exports	We will support global processes on arms control.	X	Improve control of arms exports by: ❖❖ Implementing a policy of 'presumption of denial' for arms exports to countries listed as countries of concern in the Foreign Office's annual human rights report. ❖❖ Requiring end-user certification on all future arms export licenses with an annual report to Parliament on this certification.	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	We will negotiate new rules with the EU, so that people We must work to control immigration and put Britain first Non-EU migration cut by 13 per cent – and economic migration from outside the EU	We will recruit an additional 1,000 borders staff, paid for by a small charge on non-visa visitors to the UK. We will introduce stronger controls to prevent those who have committed serious crimes coming to Britain, and to deport	the restoration of full entry and exit checks at our borders, to rebuild confidence in immigration control, and allow targeting of resources at those who overstay their visas.	Diversity is one of Scotland's great strengths. Effective immigration controls are important, but we must also remember that those who have come to Scotland from other countries make a significant contribution to our	UKIP will: • Increase the numbers of Border Agency staff by 2,500 • Implement new border control technology solutions to ensure all passport and visa holders are counted in and out and to identify over-stayers, including	Mutual legal obligations within the EU on freedom of movement. Respect for the integrity of families. The arrival of a grandmother might well have no direct economic effect, but

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		<p>capped will have to be earning here for a number of years before they can claim benefits, including the tax credits that top up low wages. Instead of something-for-nothing, we will build a system based on the principle of something-for-something. We will then put these changes to the British people in a straight in-out referendum on our membership of the European Union by the end of 2017. At the same time, we will continue to strengthen our borders, improve the enforcement of our immigration laws and act to make sure people leave at the end of their visas. Across the spectrum, from the student route to the family and work routes, we will build a system that truly puts you, your family and the British people first.</p> <p>We have already re-introduced a proper</p>	<p>those who commit crimes while they are here. We will introduce full exit checks, so that we can count people in and out of the country. Short-term student visitor visas have dramatically increased, so we will tighten the system to prevent abuse, whilst welcoming overseas university students who bring billions into Britain. And we will keep the cap on workers from outside the EU. We need fair rules at work to prevent the exploitation of migrant workers, which undercuts local wages and increases demand for further low-skilled migration. Labour will introduce a new law to stop employers undercutting wages by exploiting workers. We will ban recruitment agencies from hiring only from overseas and crack down on rogue agencies by extending the remit of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority</p>	<p>Double the number of inspections on employers to ensure all statutory employment legislation is being respected.</p> <p>ww Separate students within official immigration statistics, while taking tough action against any educational institution that allows abuse of the student route into the UK.</p> <p>ww Present to Parliament an annual assessment of skill and labour</p> <p>market shortfalls and surpluses and their impact on the economy, public services and local communities, together with an audit report on the migration control system, allowing full Parliamentary oversight of Britain's migration policies.</p>	<p>economy and our society. We will support sensible immigration policies that meet our economic needs and, as a priority, we will seek the reintroduction of the post study work visa, so that those we have helped educate are able, if they so choose, to make a contribution to our economy.</p> <p>will ask the UK government to conduct an early review of the current immigration detention system and regime, in order to deliver a fairer and more effective system as we move forward.</p>	<p>those on student visas.</p> <p>Family reunion visas It is important that British citizens and those with permanent leave to remain here can form legal family relationships with non-British citizens and we will review the family union system to ensure this basic principle is respected and applies equally to all. However, our key aim is to control immigration, so we will abolish the EEA family permit scheme and reinstate the primary purpose rule, meaning foreign nationals marrying British citizens will have to prove that the primary purpose of their marriage is not to obtain British residency.</p> <p>We will establish a Migration Control Commission to oversee operation of our Australian-style points based system. This commission will operate under a strict mandate to significantly reduce the numbers of</p>	<p>her contribution to family life may contribute hugely to our society. We would in particular – abolish the policy that requires a British citizen to have an income of at least £18,600 a year before their partner can come to live in the UK, which discriminates against poorer people, – make it much easier for adult dependants, mainly elderly parents, of British citizens to come and live here.</p> <p>No priority simply for economic reasons. We would in particular aim to retain more of those trained in the UK in the health service so that we have less need to take health service workers from countries that can ill afford to lose them.</p> <p>Ensure that no prospective immigrant is held in detention. As a matter of urgency, the</p>

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		<p>system of exit checks across the country, passed a Modern Slavery Act that will protect people from exploitation, and quadrupled the fines for unscrupulous employers who undercut the Minimum Wage. Now we will introduce tougher labour market regulation to tackle illegal working and exploitation. To crack down further on illegal working, we will harness data from multiple agencies, including Exit Checks data, to identify illegal immigrants and businesses that employ illegal workers.</p> <p>And to incentivise tougher action on employers who do not pay the minimum wage, we will allow inspection teams to reinvest more of the money raised by fines levied on employers.</p> <p>We will now work with local authorities, the NHS and Police and</p>	where there is evidence of abuse.			<p>people migrating to the UK. It will determine Britain's economic and social needs annually and then recommend how many immigrants, with what skills required, we will accept into Britain. Because the other parties have failed to control immigration, UKIP will limit highly-skilled work visas to 50,000 per annum, including those from the EU, and apply a moratorium to unskilled and low-skilled labour over the course of the next parliament.</p> <p>We will increase the number of immigration compliance and enforcement teams and review current holding and accommodation arrangements for illegal immigrants.</p> <p>Take back control of our borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put a five-year moratorium on immigration for unskilled workers, which will enable the 	<p>administrative detention of children and pregnant women should cease immediately</p> <p>Assist integration by making available free or affordable English or Welsh language lessons to all new immigrants who want them, costing about £200 million a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open up ways for existing irregular migrants who have been here for three years to become legal. In particular, a legal status must be provided for people who have not succeeded in their claim for humanitarian protection but who cannot be returned to their country of origin owing to the political situation there.

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		Crime Commissioners to ensure a secure future for specialist FGM and forced marriage units, refuges and rape crisis centres.				unemployed already living here to find work and those already working to see wage growth • Introduce an Australian-style points based system to manage the number and skills of people coming into the country, treating all citizens of the world on a fair and equal basis as a welcoming, outward-looking country • Tackle the problem of sham marriages.	
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	X	And we will ensure Britain continues its proud history of providing refuge for those fleeing persecution by upholding our international obligations, including working with the UN to support vulnerable refugees from Syria.				Respect international obligations to accept refugees, whether seeking sanctuary from wars, political repression or climate change
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	X	will end the indefinite detention of people in the asylum and immigration system, ending	Speed up the processing of asylum claims, reducing the time genuine refugees		Asylum visas We will comply fully with the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; speed	Review the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, particularly with

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			detention for pregnant women and those who have been the victims of sexual abuse or trafficking	have to wait before they can settle into life in the UK and making it easier to remove those who do not have a right to be here. We will require working age asylum seekers who have waited more than six months for their claim to be processed to seek work like other benefit claimants, and only to receive benefits if they are unable to do so. We will end the use of the 'Azure Card' for administering benefits in the asylum system.		up the asylum process; and seek to do so while tackling logjams in the system for those declined asylum status. We will continue to honour our obligations to bona fide asylum seekers.	<p>regard to issues of access to legal advice, childcare and levels of subsistence allowance, and reintroduce Legal Aid for reasonable levels of immigration and asylum work.</p> <p>Review asylum procedures to ensure that destitution plays no role in the asylum process by allowing those seeking sanctuary to work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that those who have been trafficked are not subject to summary deportation; we must protect the victims of trafficking. They should receive a temporary right to stay and have the same right to apply to remain as others seeking to migrate.
Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	X	X	Continue to support free media and a free and open Internet around the world, championing the free flow of information.	X	X	Outlaw the use of torture, the sale of torture equipment and the rendition of people to countries where torture is not

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				We will appoint an Ambassador-level Champion for Freedom of Belief to drive British diplomatic efforts in this field, and we will campaign for the abolition of blasphemy, sedition, apostasy and criminal libel laws worldwide, having already been responsible for ending them in this country.			<p>prohibited, and enforce the laws against it.</p> <p>Take proportionate measures to protect against terrorism, ensuring that civil liberties are not undermined in the process, that communities are not scapegoated and that action reflects a genuine assessment of the threat to our security. We need targeted policing and security service activities, not mass surveillance, prisons that rehabilitate those convicted of terrorism offences and effective programmes to prevent radicalisation and to deradicalise individuals.</p> <p>Uphold the principles of freedom of speech and peaceful protest, including support for vulnerable communities of all religious faiths and none.</p> <p>Support the rights of indigenous people to control their own lands and resources</p>
Global	Gender	We will promote girls'	We will continue to	We will ensure	SNP MPs will also	X	Challenge

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inequalities		education, encourage equal access to property rights and work to achieve access to family planning for everyone who wants it. We will continue to lead efforts to tackle violence against women and girls, end FGM and combat early and forced marriage, both at home and abroad.	promote women's rights. We will join with those campaigning to attain gender equality, the eradication of poverty and inclusive economic growth. We will appoint a Global Envoy for Religious Freedom, and establish a multi-faith advisory council on religious freedom within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. And we will appoint an International LGBT Rights Envoy to promote respect for the human rights of LGBT people, and work towards the decriminalisation of homosexuality worldwide.	people do not suffer discrimination or disadvantage because of gender, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic origin. Develop a comprehensive strategy for promoting the decriminalisation of homosexuality around the world, and advancing the cause of LGBT+ rights. Prioritise support, protection and equal rights for women and girls, which is essential for effective, sustainable economic development. We will pursue an International Gender Equality Strategy, work to secure women's rights to education and freedom from forced marriage; and aim to end female genital mutilation worldwide within a generation.	make the case for the establishment of a special envoy - a diplomatic post within the Foreign Office - to promote the rights of LGBTI people throughout the world, as an integral part of UK foreign policy.		criminalisation, discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ people in other countries and work in solidarity with campaigners there. Press the Commonwealth to grant accredited status to a Commonwealth LGBTIQ Association and to urge all member states to end the criminalisation of homosexuality and to protect LGBTIQ citizens against discrimination and hate crime. action to eliminate violence against women and girls;
Global inequalities	Education	We will help at least 11 million children in the poorest countries gain a decent education,	X	X	X	X	X

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Global inequalities	Health	<p>By 2020, we will save 1.4 million children's lives, by immunising 76 million children against killer diseases.</p> <p>improve nutrition for at least 50 million people, who would otherwise go hungry; and help at least 60 million people get access to clean water and sanitation, to stop terrible diseases.</p>	We will establish a Centre for Universal Health Coverage to provide the support, encouragement, and global partnerships needed to help countries provide free healthcare.	We have worked to end the use of rape as a weapon of war. We have led international efforts to tackle the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone and, through investment in the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisations (GAVI), Britain is a global leader in preventing communicable diseases.	X	clean water and sanitation programmes.	a commitment to end AIDS, TB and malaria;
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief	We will continue to lead the response to humanitarian emergencies, and establish a means to respond rapidly to crises. Our leading role in dealing with the recent outbreak of Ebola in West Africa is a good example of how our aid programme helps protect Britain from serious threats, while also helping countries tackle major emergencies which put their stability at risk. We will lead a major new global programme to accelerate the development of	X	Continue building the resilience of poorer countries to resist future disasters, investing in healthcare and infrastructure and training emergency response volunteers, and respond generously to humanitarian crises wherever they may occur.	X	We will require all project expenditure to have clear, definable outcomes and future spending priorities will focus on emergency relief, healthcare, inoculation against preventable diseases	X

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		vaccines and drugs to eliminate the world's deadliest infectious diseases, while investing to save lives from malaria and working to end preventable child and maternal deaths. We will expand payment by results and ensure all money to governments is clearly earmarked for specific purposes.					

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Aid	Aid Quantity	0.7% of GNI on aid to DC and emergencies	0.7% of GNI on ODA	0.7% of GNI on aid	SNP MPs will hold the UK government to its commitment of spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international development.	reduce foreign aid to 0.2% of GNI and reallocate to NHS and other public services	Increase the overseas aid budget from 0.7% of GDP to 1.0% of GDP
Aid	Fostering Institutions	X	X	X	X	Close down DFID. A single Minister For OD working out of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will administer aid	X

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Aid	Transparency and Learning	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aid	Maximizing efficiency	Update the rules on DA on how money should be spent, for whom and for what purpose	take robust action to end the self-regulation of DFID private contractors, establishing and enforcing new rules to ensure aid is used to reduce poverty for the many, not to increase profits for the few	X	We believe that overseas aid funding must not be used for defence or intelligence related expenditure. We will urge the UK government to ensure development programmes have human rights and the rights of women at their heart	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- tax justice	X	Tackle Tax havens; Tax Transparency and Enforcement Programme	Lead international action to ensure global companies pay fair taxes in the DCs including tightening anti-tax haven rules	measures to improve the transparency of tax paid by major international companies and further action by the UK government to tackle international tax avoidance	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company ownership	X	strict standards of transparency for crown DPs and OTs including public register	X	X	X	X
Finance	Financial secrecy- public company accounts	X	X	Require large companies to publish their tax payments	X	X	X

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				and profits for each country in which they operate			
Finance	Investment-International commitments	X	X	X	The SNP Scottish Government has committed to “always consider the human rights implications of its engagement with countries and business” and to ensure that “investment agreements should only be signed where appropriate due diligence, including on the human rights record of companies involved, has been undertaken.” The SNP Scottish Government is now engaging with Amnesty International to put these commitments into practice.	X	A Robin Hood tax on high value transactions in the finance sector
Finance	International transparency commitments	X	Extend the sharing of tax information to developing countries, increase DFID’s help to governments to collect more of their own taxes, tackle corruption, and ensure good governance.	Champion global anti-corruption initiatives and maintain a strong voice in international platforms on ending corruption. Implement commitments made at the 2016 Anti-corruption summit	X	X	X
Technology	Government support to R&D for global health	significantly increase funding of UK-led	Investment for research on	Invest for R&D to combat preventable	X	X	X

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	issues	medical and technical research into the biggest threats to global health and prosperity	diseases in developing countries	diseases like malaria, TB etc.			
Technology	Government support to R&D for global environmental issues	R & D for green technologies	Investment and R & D on green technologies	Investment on R&D to energy technologies	We will defend the interests of environmental scientists from across the EU who contribute so much to the success of Scotland's research institutes	X	X
Technology	Intellectual property	We will ensure there is a robust system for protection of intellectual property when the UK has left the EU, with strong protections against infringement	X	Maintain current standards of intellectual property (IP) protection with continuing co-operation on enforcement of IP generated in the UK and working within the EU to ensure the continuation of territorial licensing of rights	X	X	X
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	Meet targets for 2050 greenhouse gas emissions as set out in Climate Change Act	Retain international commitment to reduce emissions while mitigating impacts of cl. Change on developing countries ensure that 60 per cent of the country's energy comes from zero-carbon or renewable	Pass a Zero-Carbon Britain Act to set new legally binding targets to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2040 and to zero by 2050 push for an ambitious target in Paris to get to goal of net zero global emissions in the	Scotland has already exceeded a world-leading target to reduce emissions by 42 per cent by 2020. The Scottish Government has now produced a draft Climate Change Plan, with tougher targets for future years, ensuring Scotland continues to set an example for other	repeal the 2008 Climate Change Act Withdraw from the EU Emissions Trading Scheme	Active ongoing cooperation with businesses and other countries to limit global temperature increases to well below 2 degrees and aiming for 1.5 degrees

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			sources by 2030	second half of this century Support an ambitious carbon capture and storage programme	countries to follow. SNP MPs will press the UK government to match Scotland's commitment and ambition.		
Environment	Climate change governance	X	X	X	X	X	X
Environment	Paris Agreement	Retain Paris Agreement	Preserve Paris Agreement	Support Paris agreement by ensuring the UK meets its own climate commitments	X	withdraw from Paris climate agreement	X
Environment	Investment for renewable energy	Invest in the shale industry	transform our energy systems, investing in new, state-of-the-art low-carbon gas and renewable electricity production	Expand renewable energy, aiming to generate 60% of electricity from renewables by 2030	SNP MPs will press the Westminster government to include onshore wind, the lowest cost renewable energy technology, in its industrial strategy. They will also demand an increased focus on offshore wind, tidal energy and wave power. Our MPs will support the development of wind and other renewable energy projects in the Northern and Western Isles – and a clear timescale for the delivery of the electricity interconnectors needed in the islands. We want Scotland to be a leader in the	support a diverse energy market based on coal, nuclear, shale gas, conventional gas, oil, solar and hydro, as well as other renewables when they can be delivered at competitive prices Invest in shale gas	Replacing fracking, coal power stations, subsidies to fossil fuels and nuclear with the clean green efficient renewable energy of the future, and investing in community owned energy

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					development of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology		
Environment	International commitment to biodiversity & conservation	<p>champion greater conservation co-operation within international bodies, protecting rare species, the polar regions and international waters</p> <p>work with OTs to create a Blue Belt of marine protection in their waters</p>	X	Provide greater resources for international environmental co-operation, particularly on climate change and on actions to tackle illegal and unsustainable trade in timber, wildlife, ivory and fish	The world's poorest and most vulnerable countries are the least responsible for climate change, yet face its biggest impacts. We will maintain the position of a Climate Justice Spokesperson, and call on the UK government to match the approach of the Scottish Government with a dedicated Climate Justice Fund.	X	<p>Environmental Protection Act to safeguard and restore our environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, promote sustainable food and farming, and ensure animal protection</p> <p>Strengthen the global deal on climate change, including by delivering climate justice and promoting ecologically sustainable development so that poorer countries can cope with the impacts of climate change</p>
Trade	Trade justice	secure new trade agreements with other countries	<p>Guaranteed access to UK market for LDCs</p> <p>Develop free trade agreements that remove trade barriers and promote skilled jobs</p>	<p>Ensure that future trade deals require high safety, environmental and animal welfare standards for food imports</p> <p>Extend requirements on companies to</p>	The SNP will urge the UK government to develop a trade and development policy that outlines how the UK will support development as part of its trade with developing countries.	<p>FTA with developing countries and other countries around the world</p> <p>reduce tariffs wherever possible, unless initiating anti-dumping</p>	Trade rules that respect human rights, labour standards, environmental standards and climate commitments

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			<p>We will stop overseas-only recruitment practices, strengthen safety-at work inspections and increase prosecutions of employers evading the minimum wage. Working with trade unions, we will end workplace exploitation</p> <p>Tighten the rules of corporate accountability in supply chains of British businesses</p> <p>Support international negotiations towards an Environmental Goods Agreement at the WTO</p>	strengthen responsibility for supply chains	As new trading relationships are formed, the SNP will back policies which support development and ensure that the UK's trade arrangements with developing countries prioritise poverty reduction. Given Scotland's long and enduring relationship with Malawi, the SNP will continue to call for the UK government to renegotiate a new, fair tax treaty with Malawi.	<p>measures</p> <p>support developing nations through not engaging in unethical trade practices</p>	
Security	Peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions	Maintain ability to conduct peacekeeping, strike operations and security missions	<p>Conflict resolution at heart of foreign policy commit to effective UN peacekeeping, including support for a UN Emergency Peace Service.</p> <p>Comprehensive two-state solution of</p>	Conflict prevention and only resorting to military intervention to prevent mass civilian atrocities if all other means of resolution have been exhausted	<p>The SNP will continue to work with international partners to progress a lasting peace settlement in the Middle East, pursuing a two state solution for Israel and Palestine.</p> <p>clear and united opposition to the UK</p>	<p>avoid allowing Britain to become embroiled in foreign wars</p> <p>Peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict</p>	An ethical foreign policy that builds capacity for conflict resolution, and ends support for aggressive wars of intervention

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			Israel-Palestine conflict		government's ill-judged decision to bomb Syria. SNP MPs will continue to press the UK government to take meaningful action to bring about a political resolution to end the six-year conflict in Syria, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2254		
Security	Commitment to global security	Retain the Trident nuclear deterrent	Renew Trident nuclear deterrent	Work to lead international nuclear disarmament efforts and maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent	<p>Clear, consistent and unified opposition to Trident</p> <p>The SNP will uphold the international agreement which led to the end of the Republic of Iran's nuclear weapons programme. Any attempt to renege on the agreement in terms of the reintegration of Iran into the international community and the relaxation of sanctions would be to undo one of the greatest achievements in peace building of recent years.</p> <p>Use of banned weapons against</p>	retain Britain's independent nuclear deterrent	Cancel Trident replacement

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					civilian populations should be investigated by the United Nations. If the Security Council is unable to act, we believe the General Assembly should take the initiative and if the evidence supports it those responsible should be brought before the International Criminal Court.		
Security	Arms exports	X	ceasing arms exports to countries where there is concern that they will be used to violate international humanitarian law	Controlling arms exports to countries listed as human rights priority countries and suspending arms sales to Saudi Arabia	X	X	No more arms sales to oppressive regimes
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (migrants)	Controlling immigration from the EU and outside increase the earnings thresholds for people wishing to sponsor migrants for family visas	Reasonable management of migration based on economic needs, balancing controls and existing entitlements Protect migrants working here whatever their ethnicity National Education Service will raise the level of skills and training for migrant workers	Ensure that the immigration system is operated fairly and efficiently, with strict control of borders, including entry and exit checks Hold an annual debate in parliament on skill and labour market shortfalls and surpluses to identify the migration necessary to meet the UK's needs Continue to allow high-skilled	X	Establish a migration control commission and reduce net migration to zero Moratorium for unskilled and low skilled workers for 5 years will introduce a new Australian-style points-based system, and a work permit system seasonal worker scheme based	A humane immigration and asylum system that recognises and takes responsibility for Britain's ongoing role in causing the flow of migrants worldwide

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			<p>Take decisive actions to end the exploitation of migrant labour undercutting workers' pay and conditions</p> <p>stop overseas-only recruitment practices, strengthen safety-at work inspections and increase prosecutions of employers evading the minimum wage</p> <p>Restore the rights of migrant domestic workers</p>	<p>immigration to support key sectors of our economy</p> <p>Establish a centrally funded Migration Impact Fund to help local communities to adjust to new migration and meet unexpected pressures on public services and housing.</p> <p>Provide additional government funding for English as an additional language Classes</p>		<p>on sixmonth visas to support sectors that need additional labour for short time</p> <p>new International Visa System</p> <p>All new migrants to Britain will be expected to make tax and national insurance contributions for at least five consecutive years before they become eligible to claim UK benefits, or access non-urgent NHS services</p>	
Migration	Refugee burden-sharing	<p>Reform refugee system such that there are fewer refugee claims made in Britain</p> <p>Work with countries and UN to review international legal definitions of refugee and asylum seeker</p>	Uphold British tradition of honouring moral obligations by taking fair share of refugees	Expand the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme to offer sanctuary to 50,000 people over the lifetime of the next parliament	X	comply fully with the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and honour obligations to bona fide asylum seekers	A humane immigration and asylum system that recognises and takes responsibility for Britain's ongoing role in causing the flow of migrants worldwide
Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (refugees)	establish schemes to help individuals, charities, faith groups, churches and businesses to provide housing and other	stable central funding for women's refuges and rape crisis centres Review arrangements for	Re-open the Dubs unaccompanied child refugee scheme, ensuring Britain meets its responsibilities by	The decision to close the Dubs Scheme for unaccompanied children – putting them at risk of exploitation – is	X	X

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		support for refugees	dispersing and housing of refugees	<p>taking in 3,000 unaccompanied refugee children</p> <p>Offer safe and legal routes to the UK for refugees to prevent them from making dangerous journeys for eg. via reform of family reunion rules</p>	<p>shameful. SNP MPs will back an immediate reversal to ensure safe and legal routes are open. In addition, the Dublin Regulation process needs to be simplified, reformed, and properly implemented so that those with family in the UK can be more easily reunited with them.</p> <p>SNP MPs will urge the UK government to take action on the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees including implementing a National Refugee Integration Strategy that ensures all agencies coordinate support for refugees and helps refugees take part in, and contribute to, our society.</p>		
Migration	Asylum-seeker burden-sharing	Reform asylum system such that there are fewer asylum claims made in Britain	X	Apply the asylum system fairly, efficiently and humanely	X	comply fully with the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and honour obligations to bona fide asylum seekers	X

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Migration	Implementation of policies domestically (asylum-seekers)	We will make sure our councils get the help they need to deal with people as they arrive, and establish schemes to help individuals, charities, faith groups, churches and businesses to provide housing and other support for refugees	X	<p>End indefinite immigration detention by introducing a 28-day limit.</p> <p>Speed up the processing of asylum claims</p> <p>Expect working-age asylum seekers who have waited more than six months for their claim to be processed to seek work like other benefit claimants, and only to receive benefits if they are unable to do so</p> <p>Offer asylum to people fleeing countries where their sexual orientation or gender identification means that they risk imprisonment, torture or execution</p>	<p>SNP will always defend the system of international protection of refugees that provides a place of safety for those facing serious harm or persecution. We need to ensure that the system of assessing asylum claims is thorough and fair and treats all passing through it with dignity</p> <p>Those who have waited six months for an asylum decision should be able to use their skills and to support themselves by taking up work. We will continue to oppose the continued cuts to support that have led to asylum seekers becoming destitute</p> <p>We need to fundamentally change the UK government's system for housing asylum seekers. We will urge the UK government to work with the devolved administrations, local authorities and local communities to</p>	X	X

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					<p>provide services for asylum seekers rather than use private contractors who have profit rather than people as their prime motive.</p> <p>There needs to be reform to the detention and asylum system for LGBTI individuals escaping countries where homosexuality is still criminalised, removing unfair and invasive demands for 'proof' of sexuality or gender identity.</p>		
Global inequalities	SDG implementation process	X	Cross-government strategy for SDG implementation and report annually to parliament	Introduce SDG audits of new trade, investment and development deals, reviewing the impact of the deal on people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership	X	X	X
Global inequalities	International commitment to human rights	Push UN to make modern slavery a thing of the past	<p>push for global targets to tackle inequality and promote human rights</p> <p>work with other countries at this year's SDG Summit to unite the world to eradicate extreme poverty, tackle growing</p>	Focus on good practice in tackling modern slavery, including training for police and prosecutors in identifying and supporting victims, and implement the Ewins report recommendations on domestic workers	Extreme poverty, inequality, climate change, the plight of refugees fleeing war and repression, and the humanitarian impact of disasters and emergencies are global issues on which we have a moral duty to act. A strong team of SNP MPs at Westminster	continue to fund projects like: clean water programmes, childhood inoculations, medical assistance and disaster and emergency relief	X

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			<p>economic inequality, and place human rights at the heart of development</p> <p>Reinstate Civil Society Challenge Fund</p>	<p>support free media and a free and open Internet around the world, championing the free flow of information</p> <p>Campaign strongly for the abolition of the death penalty around the world</p> <p>Appoint an Ambassador-level Champion for Freedom of Belief to drive British diplomatic efforts in this field, and campaign for the abolition of blasphemy, sedition, apostasy and criminal libel laws worldwide, having already been responsible for ending them in this country</p>	<p>will make sure that when it comes to their humanitarian and moral obligations, the UK government will not be let off the hook.</p>		
Global inequalities	Gender	<p>We will work to end the subjugation and mutilation of women</p> <p>we will continue to lead global efforts to tackle sexual violence in conflict</p> <p>expand our global efforts to combat the perpetration of violence against people because of their faith, gender or</p>	<p>continue to support the work of the Forced Marriage Unit</p> <p>appoint an International LGBT Rights Envoy and a Global Envoy for Religious Freedom</p>	<p>Prioritise support, protection and equal rights for women and girls, which is both right and essential for effective, sustainable economic development. We will aim to end female genital mutilation worldwide within a generation</p> <p>Develop a</p>	<p>Bill requires the UK government to ratify the Istanbul Convention and take further action to eradicate domestic violence.</p> <p>The Global Goals should be a key focus for international development policy and spending, and</p>	<p>We will protect all women, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religion. Culture is not an excuse for crime, nor is ignorance of the law.</p> <p>Make failure to report a known instance of FGM a criminal offence; Implement a</p>	<p>Implement a UK-wide strategy to tackle gender based violence, including domestic violence, rape and sexual abuse, FGM and trafficking</p>

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		sexuality		<p>comprehensive strategy for promoting the decriminalisation of homosexuality around the world, and advancing the cause of LGBT+ rights</p> <p>Extend the Equality Act to all large companies with more than 250 employees, requiring them to monitor and publish data on gender, BAME, and LGBT+ employment levels and pay gaps</p> <p>In light of the US government's dangerous and anti-science attacks on international programmes of vaccination and family planning, seek to protect global spending on these essential provisions</p>	<p>the particular role of women and girls in development must be recognised.</p> <p>SNP MPs will continue to support the EU in the pursuit of the objectives outlined in the EU Global Strategy, particularly in the cross-cutting themes of Human Rights, Women, Peace and Security and Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.</p> <p>SNP MPs will support the establishment of a special envoy to promote the rights of LGBTI people throughout the world, as an integral part of UK foreign policy - helping to alleviate the discrimination and persecution faced by LGBTI people in Chechnya and across the world.</p> <p>Building on the experience of the Scottish Government's partnership with the United Nations to empower the women</p>	<p>screening programme for girls identified to be at risk of FGM from birth to age sixteen, consisting of annual non-invasive physical check-ups; Carry out additional check-ups on girls at risk when they return to the UK from trips to countries where FGM is known to be customary; Make FGM an indictable offence with a sentencing starting point of six years</p> <p>Make 'breast ironing' a specific criminal offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 'offences committed to protect family or personal honour' to the Sentencing Council's list of aggravating factors, giving leave to impose greater sentences • Prosecute all cases of child and forced marriage and refuse permanent leave 	

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					of Syria and promote Scotland as a centre for training of female peacemakers, the SNP will continue to support UN Security Council Resolution 1325 reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts.	to remain and/or British citizenship to any adult known to have procured a child marriage • Make certain that neither the legal nor the welfare system in Britain ever recognises polygamy	
Global inequalities	Education	X	X	Develop a global education strategy to address the urgent funding crisis causing 263 million children to miss out on schooling	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Health	X	Establish Centre for Universal Health Coverage providing partnership and support to help countries provide free healthcare	X	X	X	X
Global inequalities	Disaster response & emergency relief	X	will work in fragile and conflict-affected states to improve the lives of those affected by violence, prioritising the protection and education of women and children	Continue building the resilience of poorer countries to resist future disasters, investing in healthcare and infrastructure and training emergency response volunteers, and respond generously to humanitarian crises wherever they may occur	humanitarian impact of disasters and emergencies are global issues on which we have a moral duty to act	Commission, equip and staff a Naval Ocean-Going Surgical Hospital for disaster support and relief	X