

NATIONAL STRIKE FUND

Resolution No. 333
Submitted by the Ontario Council of Hospital
Unions

WHEREAS illegal strike action is sometimes necessary to prevent governments from passing legislation which would override collective agreements or privatize our jobs and these strikes are political and only indirectly related to collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS Sisters Judy Darcy and Geraldine McGuire committed at the 1999 CUPE national convention that workers without the legal right to strike would continue to have access to strike aversion in advance of a potential illegal strike aimed at affecting government policy; and

WHEREAS subsequently the National Executive Board had revised the National Strike Fund Regulations such that strike aversion is only available for disputes against employers, where locals have gone through conciliation and not therefore for political strikes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention upholds the commitments made in 1999 and that the National Executive Board be directed to rewrite the National Strike Fund Regulations to permit access to strike aversion funding for this purpose.

Committee recommendation _____

Convention decision _____