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SCOTTISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS

PERTH CONCERT HALL

MONDAY 20 - WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2009

DRAFT REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Congress opens at 10.00 am on Monday 20 April.

1. SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

Monday	Assemble at 10.00 am/Adjourn at 12.30 pm Reassemble at 2.00 pm/Adjourn at 5.30 pm
Tuesday	Assemble at 9.00 am/Adjourn at 12.30 pm Reassemble at 2.00 pm/Adjourn at 5.30 pm
Wednesday	Assemble at 9.00 am/Adjourn at 12.30 pm Reassemble at 2.00 pm/Adjourn no later than 4.30 pm

2.(a) ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL: Ballot papers for the election of the General Council can be deposited in the Ballot Box, situated in Congress Hall, any time over the period :

10.00 am - 5.30 pm	Monday
9.00 am - 12.00 noon	Tuesday

Leaders of each delegation are responsible for ensuring that ballot papers are deposited.

2.(b) ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: There will be no election this year for the Standing Orders Committee.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The STUC and STUC Training Limited Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report shall be submitted on Wednesday morning.

4. COMPOSITE MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS: The Chairperson of Standing Orders Committee will report on the composite motions and amendments that have been agreed upon in advance of the opening of Congress, and will intimate the arrangements that may require to be made for further consultation during the course of Congress.

5. EMERGENCY MOTIONS: Emergency motions for consideration of Congress shall be submitted not later than 3.00 pm on the opening day of Congress.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Standing Orders shall be suspended at appropriate times to allow for Special Addresses and Presentations to be made throughout the period of Congress.

Monday 20 April 2009

10.00 am – 10.40 am

- **Address of Welcome:** Cllr John Hulbert
Provost of Perth and Kinross Council
- **Address to Congress:** Fiona Farmer,
President of Congress
- Vote of Thanks
- Standing Orders Committee Report
- Endorsement of Congress Tellers & Scrutineers
- Obituary

10.40 am - 10.55 am

Address to Congress:

**Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, Leader of the House of Commons,
and Minister for Women and Equality**

10.55 am – 11.05 am

Presentation of One Workplace Equality Reps Award

11.05 am

Special Debate on the Economy

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Agenda

Composite A (covering motions 1 & amendment, 4, 5 & amendment, 6 & amendment and 28) - Rebalancing the Economy

- Guest Speaker David Begg,
Executive Committee, European TUC

Composite B (covering motions 2 & amendment, 8, 9, 10, 13 & amendment) - Response to the Recession

- Guest Speaker All-China Federation of Trade Unions

Contributions and debate conclusions

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.20 pm

Trade Union Organisation

Section 7 of Agenda

Motion 76 - Lack of representation of Black and Asian Activists in the Trade Union Movement

Motion 77 - 70th Anniversary of the STUC Youth Conference

2.20 pm – 2.35 pm

Address to Congress:

Iain Gray MSP, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party

2.35 pm – 3.30 pm

Transport

Section 4 of Agenda

Motion 35 - Regulation of Transport

Motion 36 - Transport

Composite H (covering motions 37 and 38) - Railways

Motion 39 - Scottish Ferry Services

Motion 40 - Seafarers' Earnings Deduction

Motion 41 - Elgin Bypass and Upgrading of the A96

Motion 42 - Support for Transport and Distribution Workers

Motion 43 - Unfair Levels of Competition for non-UK Registered Large Goods Vehicles

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Break

3.45 pm – 4.10 pm

Energy

Section 2 of Agenda

Composite C (Covering motions 14 & amendment, 15 and 16) - Energy
Motion 17 - Tackling the Closure of Dounreay

4.10 pm – 4.20 pm

Presentation to Congress: Show Racism the Red Card

4.20 pm – 5.20 pm

Employment Rights

Section 6 of Agenda

Composite L (covering motions 60 & amendment and 61) -Vulnerable
and Migrant Workers

Motion 62 - Employment Policies

Amended motion 63 - Performance Management

Motion 64 - The Workplace and the Environment

Motion 65 - Shorter Working Week – Without Loss of Earnings

Motion 66 - Individual Employment Disputes and Mediation

Motion 67 - Public Holidays

Adoption of General Council Report: Fairness at Work

5.20 pm – 5.30 pm

Address to Congress:

Vaughan Gething, President Wales TUC

5.30 pm

Close

Tuesday 21 April 2009

White Ribbon Day

9.00 am – 9.45 am

Public Services

Section 5 of Agenda

Composite I (covering motions 44 & amendment, 45, 46 & amendment, 47, 48 and 49) - Public Services

Motion 50 - NHS Car Parking Charges

Motion 51 - Social Care Services

9.45 am – 9.55 am

Address to Congress:

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

9.55 am – 10.30 am

Public Services / Welfare Reform

Section 5 of Agenda

Amended Motion 52 - Scottish Government Pay Policy

Composite J (covering motions 53 & amendment and 54) - Welfare Reform – Job Centre Plus

Motion 55 - HMRC Closures

Adoption of General Council Report: Public Services

10.30 am – 10.45 am

Break

10.45 am - 10.55 am

Skills and Learning

Section 3 of Agenda

Composite G (covering motions 31 and 32 & amendment) – Support for Workplace Learning

10.55 am – 11.10 am

Address to Congress:

**Fiona Hyslop MSP,
Cabinet Secretary for Education & Lifelong Learning**

11.10 am – 11.20 am

Presentation of Helen Dowie Lifelong Learning Award

11.20 am – 11.50 am

Skills and Learning

Continuing with Section 3 of Agenda

Amended Motion 29 - Apprenticeships

Motion 30 - Environmental Skills

Motion 33 - Future of Higher Education

Motion 34 and amendment - Chartered Teachers

Adoption of General Council Report:

Education and Lifelong Learning

11.50 am – 12.20 pm

Gender Equality

Sections 1 and 8 of Agenda

Amended Motion 3 - Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation

Motion 81 – 'Because I'm a Girl'

12.20 pm – 12.30 pm

Address to Congress:

Pauline Rourke, Chairperson, STUC Women's Committee

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.40 pm

Scottish Democracy

Section 10 of Agenda

Motion 91 - Celebration of National and International Days

Motion 107 - Black Representation in Scottish Politics

Motion 108 - Anti Trade Union Laws

General Council Report Powers of the Parliament

2.40 pm – 2.50 pm

Address to Congress:

John Monks, General Secretary

European Trade Union Confederation

2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

Social Justice

Section 8 of Agenda

Composite N (covering motions 78, 79 and 80) - Alcohol and Test Purchases

3.10 pm – 3.20 pm

Address to Congress:

Husain Al-Foqahaa,

Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions

3.20 pm – 3.35 pm

Break

3.35 pm – 3.55 pm

Postal Services

Section 2 of Agenda

Composite D (covering motions 19 and 20) - Royal Mail

3.55 pm – 4.30 pm

Broadcasting, Media and the Arts

Section 2 of Agenda

Composite E (covering motions 21, 22, 23 and 24) - Quality Journalism and Broadcasting in Scotland

Motion 25 - Negative Media Representation of Black Workers

Composite F (covering motions 26 and 27) - Drama and the Performing Arts

4.30 pm – 4.45 pm

International Trade Union Rights

Section 9 of Agenda

Composite P (covering motions 92 & amendment and 93) - Trade Union Rights

4.45 pm – 5.30 pm

Economy and Social Justice

Sections 2 and 8 of Agenda

Motion 7 - Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Amended Motion 18 - Forestry Commission

Motion 11 - Fair Taxation

Motion 12 - Economic Crisis

Motion 82 - People's Charter

Adoption of General Council Report: Trade Union Organisation

Adoption of General Council Report: Economy and Employment

5.30 pm

Close

Wednesday 22 April 2009

9.00 am – 10.00 am

Health and Safety

Section 6 of Agenda

Motion 68 - Barriers to Justice

Motion 69 - Health and Safety

Motion 70 - North Sea/Offshore Rescue following Helicopter Ditching

Motion 71 - Domestic Sprinklers

Motion 75 - Minimum Standards in the Scottish Betting Industry

Motion 72 - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Motion 73 and amendments - Protection Against Workplace Violence

Motion 74 - Abuse of Technology / Cyberbullying

10.00 am – 10.10 am

Presentation of STUC Health and Safety Reps Award

10.10 am – 10.25 am (Note: Time to be confirmed)

Address to Congress:

Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, First Minister

Adoption of General Council Report: Health and Safety

10.25 am – 10.40 am

Break

10.40am – 10.45am

Treasurers' Report

10.45 am – 11.05 am

Pensions

Section 6 of Agenda

Composite K (covering motions 56, 57, 58 & amendment and 59) –
Pensions

11.05 am – 11.20 am

Address to Congress:

Brendan Barber, General Secretary TUC

11.20 am – 12.30 pm

Social Justice

Section 6 of Agenda

Amended Motion 83 - Immigration

Motion 84 - Two Ticks' Disability Symbol

Motion 85 - Scottish Gypsy Travellers

Motion 86 - Wheelchair Provision

Motion 87 - Financial Advice

Motion 88 - Promoting Wellbeing in Young Workers

Composite O (covering motions 89 and 90) - Child Poverty and First Time Families

Adoption of General Council Report: Equality and Social Justice

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.45 pm

Palestine and Israel Special Session

Section 9 of Agenda

Presentation of General Council Report:

Discussion on Boycott, Disinvestments and Sanctions.

Composite R (covering motions 95, 96, 97 and 98) – Palestine

Motion 99 - Palestine

Motion 100 - Histadrut

(votes on Comp R; Motions 99 and 100; and General Council Report taken at end of debate).

2.45 pm – 3.00 pm

International

Continuing with Section 9 of Agenda

Composite S (covering motions 101 and 102) - Cuba
Motion 103 – Swaziland

3.00 pm – 3.10 pm

Address to Congress:

Abdullah Muhsin, Iraqi Federation of Trade Unions

3.10 pm – 3.40 pm

International

Continuing with Section 9 of Agenda

Composite Q(covering motions 94 & amendment and 104) - International
Peace

Composite T (covering motions 105 & amendment and 106) - Trident

Adoption of General Council Report: International

Adoption of General Council Report:

Government and Parliamentary Liaison

3.40 pm

Emergency Motions

4.20 pm

Vote of Thanks

4.30 pm

Close