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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 Trade Union Confederation

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

- Guest Speaker All-China Federation of Trade Unions

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

Adoption of General Council Report: Trade Union Organisation

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 Trades Union Congress

5.30 pm

Close

Tuesday 21 April 2009

White Ribbon Day

9.00 am – 10.25 am

Public Services

Section 5 of Agenda

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

Motion 48 – Safeguarding the Vulnerable People of our Society

Motion 50 - NHS Car Parking Charges

Motion 51 - Social Care Services

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

10.25 am – 10.40 am

Break

10.40 am - 11.35 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

11.35 am – 11.50 am

Address to Congress:

Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, First Minister of Scotland

11.50 am – 12.00 noon

Presentation of STUC Health and Safety Reps Award

Adoption of General Council Report: Health and Safety

12.00 noon – 12.15 pm

Violence Against Women

Section 1 of Agenda

Amended Motion 3 - Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation

12.15 pm – 12.25 pm

Address to Congress:

Pauline Rourke, Chairperson, STUC Women's Committee

White Ribbon Scotland Campaign

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.40 pm

Scottish Democracy

Sections 8 and 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:

**Jozef Niemiec, Confederal Secretary
European Trade Union Confederation**

2.50 pm – 3.15 pm

Social Justice

Section 8 of Agenda

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

3.15 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 – 5.00 pm

Economy

Section 2 of Agenda

Motion 7 - Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Amended Motion 18 - Forestry Commission

Motion 11 - Fair Taxation

Motion 12 - Economic Crisis

Adoption of General Council Report: Economy and Employment

5.00 pm – 5.15 pm

Address to Congress:

**Brendan Barber, General Secretary,
Trades Union Congress**

5.15 pm – 5.30 pm

International Trade Union Rights

Section 9 of Agenda

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

5.30 pm

Close

Wednesday 22 April 2009

9.00 am – 9.20 am

Pensions

Section 6 of Agenda

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

9.20 am – 10.05 am

Skills and Learning

Section 3 of Agenda

Motion 33 - Future of Higher Education
Motion 34 and amendment - Chartered Teachers
Amended Motion 29 - Apprenticeships
Motion 30 - Environmental Skills
Composite G (covering motions 31 and 32 & amendment) – The
Learning Agenda

10.05 am – 10.20 am

Address to Congress:

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

10.20 am – 10.30 am

Presentation of STUC Helen Dowie Lifelong Learning Award

Adoption of General Council Report:

Education and Lifelong Learning

10.30 am – 10.45 am

Break

10.45 am – 10.50am

Treasurers' Report

11.05 am – 12.20 pm

Social Justice

Section 8 of Agenda

Motion 81 – ‘Because I’m a Girl’
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
Motion 82 - People’s Charter

Adoption of General Council Report: Equality and Social Justice

12.20 pm – 12.30 pm

Address to Congress:

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

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 and Gaza
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