

<b>Em6 Amnesty International Names Israeli Policies Apartheid</b>		
1	That this Conference notes that Amnesty International, one of the foremost human	1
2	rights organisations in Britain and internationally has produced a report in which they	2
3	have concluded, based on the extensive evidence and the accepted legal definitions	3
4	that the term apartheid can be applied to the policies of the State of Israel. To quote	4
5	the report:	5
6	<i>‘Amnesty International’s new investigation shows that Israel imposes a system</i>	6
7	<i>of oppression and domination against Palestinians across all areas under its</i>	7
8	<i>control: in Israel and the OPT, and against Palestinian refugees, in order to</i>	8
9	<i>benefit Jewish Israelis. This amounts to apartheid as prohibited in</i>	9
10	<i>international law.’</i>	10
11	Although the report has been downplayed in much of the media, it was hailed as brave	11
12	by campaigning organisations around the world. This included Israel’s most prominent	12
13	civil rights organisation, B’Tselem, who said:	13
14	<i>‘B’Tselem welcomes Amnesty International’s new report, calling the Israeli</i>	14
15	<i>regime what it is: apartheid.’</i>	15
16	B’Tselem went further in the same report:	16
17	<i>‘Levelling accusations of antisemitism against anyone who criticizes the Israeli</i>	17
18	<i>regime - including against human rights organizations - is a manipulative</i>	18
19	<i>assertion, that undermines the crucial global struggle against antisemitism and</i>	19
20	<i>offends the memory of its victims throughout history.’</i>	20
21	These reports coincidentally come a very short time after the death this Christmas time	21
22	of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the most prominent leaders of the original anti-	22
23	Apartheid movement within South Africa itself. Tutu had for a long time compared	23
24	Israeli policies to those of Apartheid South Africa, and strongly advocated support for a	24
25	peaceful campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) to force Israel to change	25
26	its treatment of Palestinian and Arab people, just as boycotts had been successful in	26
27	supporting black South Africans in the Twentieth Century.	27
28	Conference further notes that the Association has quite rightly been calling for	28
29	Palestinian rights for many years as part of an excellent record of supporting human	29
30	rights.	30
31	Conference therefore resolves to instruct the EC to:	31
32	a) publicly welcome Amnesty International’s courage in producing its report on	32
33	Israeli policy and to support their conclusions;	33
34	b) to support Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions as a peaceful form of pressure on	34
35	Israel to improve conditions for Palestinian people and to work with the	35
36	Palestine Solidarity Campaign for this objective and;	36
37	c) to persuade the wider labour movement the TUC and the Labour Party to take	37
38	these positions also.	38
	<b>Midlands General</b>	
		<b>Mover:</b> .....
		<b>Seconder:</b> .....

	<b>Em7 Demonstration Over the Cost Living</b>	
1	That this Conference notes that the Trade Union Congress has called a demonstration	1
2	on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of June over the catastrophic situation regarding the cost of living of	2
3	working people in this country as result of high inflation, a crisis of fuel and energy	3
4	costs and an outrageous Tory increase in national insurance.	4
5	Conference resolves to commit the Association to actively mobilise as many members as	5
6	possible for this demonstration to help make it the biggest protest against Tory policies	6
7	since the anti-austerity protest of 2011.	7
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	<b>Seconder:</b> .....	

<b>Em8 Invasion and War in Ukraine</b>		
1	That this Conference notes the following:	1
2	a) We oppose and condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We call for an	2
3	immediate ceasefire and for all Russian armed forces to immediately withdraw	3
4	from Ukraine;	4
5	b) The war in Ukraine is an extremely dangerous development. Implicit in the	5
6	situation is the risk that it may spread and escalate drawing other countries	6
7	into a growing international conflict. The working class has nothing to gain from	7
8	war and will pay the biggest price both in Russia and Ukraine;	8
9	c) Despite the terrible situation we support the building of unity among workers	9
10	across national boundaries. The workers of Ukraine and Russia have common	10
11	interests;	11
12	d) We stand in solidarity with those in Russia who have protested against the	12
13	invasion despite police repression. We support the building of a mass anti-war	13
14	movement including among Russian troops;	14
15	e) We support workers in Ukraine acting independently of the Zelensky regime and	15
16	building their own organisations and taking independent action. This should	16
17	include attempts to build dialogue and links rank-and-file troops in the invading	17
18	Russian forces;	18
19	f) We condemn any far right or fascist group on either side of the conflict seeking	19
20	to take advantage of the war to build their own organisation and activity by	20
21	further provoking national and ethnic tensions;	21
22	g) We send our solidarity to transport and emergency service workers delivering	22
23	humanitarian service in the most appalling conditions. We seek to build support	23
24	and send practical solidarity where possible, including through the relevant	24
25	trade unions where appropriate, and	25
26	h) This war is also a proxy conflict between Russia and NATO prompted by NATO	26
27	expansion in central and Eastern Europe. We oppose this expansion and any	27
28	intervention in this conflict by NATO forces.	28
29	Conference further notes:	29
30	i. That economic sanctions will disproportionately hit working people and will be	30
31	seen as an aggressive measure by the west and may well strengthen support for	31
32	Putin;	32
33	ii. We have no trust or confidence in the Johnson government on this or any other	33
34	matter. They have demonstrated for more than two years their utter disregard	34
35	for human life through the deliberate mishandling of the pandemic leading to	35
36	the loss of more than 150,000 lives in the UK, and	36
37	iii. The hypocrisy of those in the UK Government criticising state repression of	37
38	protest in Russia, whilst the police, crime and sentencing bill will serve to	38
39	create authoritarian restrictions on protests and democracy in the UK.	39
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40	<i>(Continued:-)</i> Conference resolves to:	40
41	1) Oppose the UK Government's disgraceful restriction of the right of refugees	41
42	fleeing the war to enter the UK. We call for refugees from this and other	42
43	conflicts to be welcomed;	43
44	2) In wartime as in peace time, defend the democratic right to speak out, discuss,	44
45	debate and protest. We condemn the attempts by the leader of the Labour	45
46	Party to shut down such discussion within the Labour Party and to bully and	46
47	threaten those with different views, and	47
48	3) Make sure workers in Ukraine and Russia and across the world have common	48
49	interests.	49
50	Even in this appalling situation we stand for workers' unity and internationalism.	50
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