

	<b>Em4 Chancellor's Spring Statement</b>	
1	That this Conference condemns the Chancellor's Spring Statement for its failure to go	1
2	anywhere near dealing with the cost of living and energy cost crisis, including the state's	2
3	own workforce who face further years of real terms cuts in pay.	3
4	The inflation spike substantially stems from the Bank of England and other central bank	4
5	injections of money into propping up the stock exchange, big business, and wealthy	5
6	asset owners during the pandemic. This occurred well before the recent problems	6
7	stemming from the appalling Russian invasion of Ukraine and the West's sanctions.	7
8	It is ordinary working people who will pay the price through cuts to their living standards	8
9	as prices leap ahead of earnings.	9
10	Meanwhile energy producers are enjoying enormous profits for no extra cost reasons and	10
11	the Chancellor failed to implement a windfall tax on energy companies that could have	11
12	been used to reduce VAT on energy bills or make bigger direct bill reductions for lower	12
13	and medium income households.	13
14	The Chancellor also failed to remove the unfair new National Insurance levy the	14
15	Government introduced that assists wealthier homeowners facing social care bills the	15
16	most, so once again ordinary working people are being forced to bail out the rich. He	16
17	also withdrew benefits for those already on the breadline for whom escalating energy	17
18	and food costs represent a particularly large challenge leaving low-income earners well	18
19	behind.	19
20	Conference calls on the EC to raise these issues with the TUC and Labour Party and to	20
21	seek their agreement to mount a general campaign for greater assistance to low and	21
22	middle-income earners, also those on benefit in the face of the cost-of-living crisis, and	22
23	the Chancellor's failure to act, based around demands for:	23
24	a) a windfall tax on the energy producers' current profits to reduce energy	24
25	bills.	25
26	b) removal of the new social care levy on national insurance and ensuring that	26
27	instead dividends and capital gains are brought into and subject to the same	27
28	income taxes as earnings; and	28
29	c) the uprating of benefits in line with higher cost of inflation affecting the	29
30	poorest in our society.	30
31	Conference welcomes the TUC's calling of a national demonstration on June 18 <sup>th</sup> on the	31
32	theme of "Britain Deserves a Pay Rise" as an important first step in this direction and	32
33	calls on the EC to mobilise TSSA members in support of this demonstration.	33
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