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CONGRESS LETTER #2

To all members

For action by Branch, District and Nation secretaries

July 21, 2021

Dear Comrade,

EC RESOLUTIONS

Please find attached the Executive Committee's two draft resolutions for discussion at our 56th Congress on November 6-7, 2021.

The venue will be in Croydon, most likely at Ruskin House where additional floor space is available to accommodate the larger number of delegates made necessary by the Party's membership growth.

Every Branch and District and Nation Committee may submit up to three amendments per resolution, which must reach Party Centre by October 1. These should respond directly to the contents of the resolution, or introduce important new matters that in your view should be included.

In order to maintain the overall balance of the EC resolutions, please use the additional entitlement to two separate Branch, District or Nation resolutions to deal with any single issue in detail or at length, or to raise internal Party matters.

Branch Secretaries are urged to ensure that every local member not on email receives a paper copy of the draft EC resolutions as soon as possible.

PRE-CONGRESS DISCUSSION

The EC resolutions will be made available online, together with details of where Party and YCL members can send their contributions to the Pre-Congress Discussion. These



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will be collected for publication in a series of bulletins available to all Party and YCL members online and/or in print. Comrades are free to express their views in the period between now and Congress, including any disagreements with Party policy, but this should be done in a spirit of reasoned debate and comradeship.

ALLOCATION OF FULL VOTING DELEGATES

Each District and Nation Committee of the Party is entitled to elect two full voting delegates to the Congress.

The EC has decided to allocate the number of full Branch delegates according to the number of paid-up members in each District or Nation as at June 30, 2021, on the basis of one delegate per 10 members, plus one delegate for a residual number of five members or more. Thus, for example, a District of 34 members would be entitled to send three full delegates, while one of 35 members would have an allocation of four.

According to Party Centre records, the entitlement to Branch delegates for each District and Nation is as follows:

London	18
Scotland	17
Midlands	15
North West	14
Wales	8
South West & Cornwall	8
Eastern	8
Southern	7
Yorkshire	7
Northern	6

It is up to each District and Nation to decide the reallocation of these delegates to each Branch or aggregate of Branches within its area. This should correspond as reasonably as possible to Branch membership numbers.

The EC urges Branches and District and Nation Committees to aim for parity for women at the very least when electing delegates, while not ignoring other important considerations of knowledge, experience, etc. With the same qualification, the EC is also keen to encourage the election of Black, ethnic minority and younger and newer members as full delegates

Please note that the Communist Party does not permit the mandating of delegates by Branches, Districts or Nations to speak or vote in a particular way at Congress.

Delegates may be registered up to and at the Congress itself, although this creates administrative problems as well as possible difficulties in terms of preparation,



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participation and accommodation. Therefore Branches, and District and Nation Committees are asked to make every reasonable effort to submit the names of their delegates by October 1.

CONSULTATIVE DELEGATES AND GUESTS

Consultative delegates have the right to participate in Congress proceedings, but not to vote. They are invited to attend by the EC and include members of the outgoing EC who are not attending as full delegates from their Branch, District or Nation; all convenors of Party commissions and advisories; representatives of the Young Communist League; and all Party members of the PPPS Management Committee. Branches, Districts and Nations may propose other comrades to the EC for consideration at its meeting on October 9-10.

Party members may attend the congress as guests, but are not permitted to participate in the formal proceedings. Places will be in very short supply and a fee may be payable.

DELEGATE FEES

The EC will decide the scale of fees for Full and Consultative delegates and guests at its meeting on August 1. These will include a pooled fare element for travel costs and an entitlement to refreshments. Delegates should book public transport in advance wherever possible. Full delegate fees will be payable regardless of nomination and attendance. Financial assistance may be available from Party Centre in cases of hardship. Accommodation costs should be borne by each delegate's Branch, District and Nation and free places may be available from Party members living in the London area.

CONGRESS COMMITTEES

Each District and Nation will be represented on the Election Preparations Committee by one of their full Branch or District/Nation delegates. This must not be a member of the outgoing EC who is standing for re-election.

The EC will have two representatives on the EPC.

The Congress Arrangements & Resolutions Committee will comprise two EC representatives plus one full delegate from each District and Nation.

Please notify Party Centre of the names of comrades nominated to the EPC and the CA&RC as soon as possible.

Both committees may meet during the weekend of October 30-31. Travel expenses will be payable by Party Centre.



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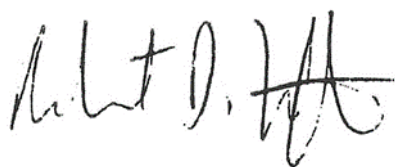
NOMINATIONS FOR THE EC, AUDITORS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Each Branch, District and Nation may nominate comrades from any area of the Party for election at the congress to the new EC, the Appeals Committee or as an Auditor. These nominations, including the numbers who voted for and against them at the nominating meeting, should be notified to Party Centre by October 1.

AMENDMENTS TO RULE AND STANDING ORDERS

These will be circulated very soon as part of Congress Letter #3.

Yours for Communism,



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