**An appeal for solidarity: The Convoy to Calais, 18 June 2016**

**This branch\organisation notes:**

1. The refugee crisis is the largest mass movement of human beings fleeing war and persecution since the Second World War.

2. That millions of people are now destitute and homeless in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and in camps in Europe.

3. That this Spring and Summer is likely to mark a new peak in refugees attempting to cross the Mediterranean where many thousands have already lost their lives. In recent months hundreds of refugees have drowned at sea.

4. That thousands of refugees, hundreds of them children without parents, are in the camps in France, especially in Calais.

5. The magnificent support for refugees from ordinary people in Britain and across Europe.

6. That Unite the Union, the largest trade union in the country, the Communication Workers Union, War on Want, Stand up to Racism, the People's Assembly, the Stop the War Coalition and the Muslim Association of Britain are organising a mass convoy to Calais to deliver aid on 18 June.

**This branch\organisation believes:**

1. That all possible solidarity should be extended to those fleeing war and persecution.

2. That the right of refugees to seek asylum is enshrined in international law.

3. That governments and political forces on the right should not use the refugee crisis to spread racist ideas.

**This branch\organisation resolves:**

1. To support the 18 June Convoy to Calais and to circulate information about it to all our members and to publicise the Convoy, both in printed and online formats.

2. To organise collections of money for materials to be taken on the Convoy to Calais.

3. To encourage members to go on the Convoy to Calais either in their own vehicles or on the transport provided by the organisers.

4. To make a donation towards the organising costs of the Convoy.

5. To examine the possibility of providing our own vehicle to take part in the Convoy.

6. To continue the campaign for decent treatment of refugees and for the British government to take far more refugees than it has pledged so far.