**Support Stand Up to Racism’s International Conference: Confronting the rise of racism & fascism, Sat 20 October**

**This union branch/branch executive/regional council notes:**

1) That the racist right is on the march. Trump’s election has emboldened the racist and fascist right across Europe, with far right groups achieving electoral successes from Italy to Hungary.

2) That for the first time in years, racists are marching in big numbers on the streets of Britain.

3) The racist and fascist right are growing off the back of the scapegoating of migrants, refugees and the Muslim community by mainstream politicians and the media.

4) Islamophobia has been at the centre of their growth, but where the racist right grow other form of racism including antisemitism soon follow.

5) Refugees are still drowning in their hundreds in the Mediterranean while fleeing poverty and war. ‘Fortress Europe’ and the reality of the ‘hostile environment’ for migrants is opening up an audience for the racist right to grow.

6) Institutional racism and austerity blights the lives of black communities in housing, education and in the continuing tragedies of deaths in police custody.

**This union branch/branch executive/regional council believes:**

1) That we need to discuss how we organise to challenge the mobilisations of the far right in the streets, the “hostile environment”, Islamophobia, antisemitism and institutional racism.

**This union branch/branch executive/regional council resolves:**

1) To support Stand Up to Racism’s International Conference, ‘Confronting the rise of racism & fascism’, taking place on Saturday 20 October in London.

2) To publicise the conference in our union branch, encourage members to attend and to pay for \_\_\_\_\_ delegates at a cost £10/£5 concessions plus £\_\_\_\_\_ towards any transport costs.

**Notes**

For more information about the conference and how to book tickets online, go to: <http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/confronting-racism-fascism-international-conference/>

Cheques can be made payable to “Stand Up to Racism” c/o SUTR, PO Box 72710, London SW19 9GX. Please indicate it is for the International Conference and how many tickets are being paid for.

Union branches can also affiliate to SUTR at a rate of £50 annually, and union regions can affiliate at a rate of £200 annually