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- c. the Labour Party to plan a programme of deaf awareness among its members;
- d. the Labour Party to work with the TUC and trade unions to progress and support these initiatives.

Moved by: PORTSMOUTH NORTH CLP

Seconded by: SLOUGH CLP

Conference expresses its concern at the direction that large newspaper and magazine publishers are taking in distribution, wholesaling and retailing. This could constitute an abuse of a dominant position; such monopolistic practices are a threat to a pluralistic press that is the hallmark of democracy. Conference therefore calls for action to safeguard press freedom.

Moved by: SEDGFIELD CLP

Seconded by: MUSICIANS UNION

Northern Ireland

Composite 37

Conference welcomes the election of a new Labour government, offering hope and change to the country.

Conference believes a key task of the new government will be to advance the peace process in Northern Ireland and congratulates Labour's Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, on the steps she has already taken.

Conference believes the government should work with the Irish government and the political parties in Northern Ireland to promote a new settlement based on consent and agreement, which can command the support of both communities in Northern Ireland. The overriding strategic objective must be an all-inclusive negotiated political settlement, building on the agreements with the Irish government contained in the Anglo-Irish Accord, the Downing Street Declaration and the Framework Documents.

Conference welcomes the benefit of international involvement, particularly the work of special advisor to the US President, Senator George Mitchell. Conference extends its thanks to Senator Mitchell and his colleagues General John de Chastelain and Harri Holkeri for their continuing efforts.

Conference urges the initiation of a programme of confidence-building measures to defuse divisive issues such as policing, parades and prisoners. Safeguarding human rights measures to promote equality and ensure parity of esteem between the traditions in Northern Ireland are all vital elements of Labour's programme.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to legislate on a parades commission in Northern Ireland.

Conference believes that the government should do all it can to promote local mediation and conciliation over marches and parades.

Conference calls for the introduction of a programme for economic and social renewal, which includes tackling youth unemployment, reducing health service red tape and waiting lists, and improving standards in education. These measures to include strengthening fair employment legislation, and measures to enhance the policy appraisal fair treatment initiatives.

Moved by: EALING SOUTHALL CLP

Seconded by: LUTON SOUTH CLP

Heritage

Composite 38

Conference welcomes the success of the National Lottery and the announcement that lottery proceeds were to be used to support innovative education and health projects.

Conference notes that the previous government failed to give UK performers the rights of their counterparts in other European countries.

Conference calls upon the government to ensure that UK input to European directives to...