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2B MOTION

A NEW GOVERNMENT FOR A NEW DEAL

Conference asserts that the outcome of the next UK general election must be a turning point for the future of our schools and colleges and for the future of the teaching profession.

Conference further asserts that the next Government must be one that will commit to delivering a new deal for teachers that will address:

- (i) the serious decline in teachers' current and future living standards as a result of the deliberate and damaging policy of austerity;
- (ii) the de-funding of our public services by the UK Government since 2010;
- (iii) the spiral of decline across the UK with regard to teachers' pay, morale, wellbeing, job satisfaction, recruitment, retention and status;
- (iv) the decade of attacks on the trade union rights of teachers;
- (v) the undermining of the collective voice of teachers through ongoing attacks on collective bargaining rights, the interference in the work of the independent pay review bodies, and the scrapping of social partnership arrangements;
- (vi) the mounting pressures on teachers and the loss of talented and experienced teachers, particularly in areas of acute disadvantage;
- (vii) the rampant discrimination and exploitation of teachers by school and college employers, employment agencies and umbrella companies;
- (viii) the failure to attract, recruit and retain teachers and
- (ix) the widening opportunity gap based upon where children live and are educated.

Conference deplores the actions of the Conservative Government in holding the country's teachers, children and young people to ransom by failing to set a date for the general election.

Conference endorses the work of the National Executive in championing a new deal for teachers at the next general election, whenever it is called, through our Manifesto for Teachers.

Conference applauds the campaigns led by members in thousands of state-funded and independent schools and colleges to demand decent working conditions and employment rights.

Conference believes that a new deal for teachers will only be secured when there is a Government in Westminster that is on the side of our teachers, education and public services, and that political campaigning must now take priority over industrial action.

Conference mandates the National Executive to utilise all available political and educational resources to mobilise members, now and beyond the general election, to secure a government that is committed to delivering a new deal for teachers.