Emergency Motion 6
Ukraine

"Congress recognises that the invasion by one sovereign state by another, in this case the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation is a clear breach of international law.

"Consequently Ukraine, as recognised in international law, is perfectly entitled and justified to defend itself and seek support both politically and materially.

"Consequently, Congress congratulates members of Unite who have been prepared to defy the anti-union laws by taking direct action in solidarity with Ukraine.

"Congress supports the General Council's view that condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine and flouting of international law is consistent with our historical opposition to all wars of invasion, annexation and so called 'regime change', including those undertaken in the name of the UK, NATO and the West. However, it needs to be recognised that in this particular instance, NATO cannot be classed as the aggressor.

"Further President Putin openly declares that he "sees no reason for Ukraine to exist as an independent state" and make that assertion real is a clear breach of international law.

"Congress supports the anti-war left in Russia and extend our solidarity to those arrested for protesting the war. We further extend our solidarity to Ukrainian trade unionists and socialists who continue to promote and defend workers' rights even during this illegal invasion of their country. We trust that line with International Labour Organisations conventions the defence of Ukraine against Russian aggression should not be at the expense of workers' rights and self-organisation.

"We further condemn the UK Governments restrictions on refugees from this and other wars and conflicts seeking to resettle in the UK and call for the scrapping, of said restrictions.

"We therefore call on the General Council to encourage affiliates and trade union members:

- to attend local protests organised in solidarity with Ukraine; and
to support the financial appeal launched by the International Trade Union Confederation.