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Conference Motion Options

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Option 1: Mothers Abandoned by British Governments

There are orphaned children, and displaced mothers with their children, born to UK and former UK citizens, for whom the UK has a responsibility, still living in camps, which were under the control of the Autonomous Administration of North East Syria (AANES).

Conference acknowledges:

- Our duty of care to them;
- Their neglect by UK Governments.

Conference notes:

1. 2019 the Government promised to repatriate orphans from Syria. It's 2026 and some are still waiting;
2. Fall of ISIS. Mothers are still detained, and violence has intensified¹;
3. July 2026 UN Commission Syria Inquiry's, after a week-long visit. The Commission:
 - 3.1. pressed for answers on missing detainees;
 - 3.2. urged Syria to trace missing detainees;
 - 3.3. raised concern over detentions in the north-east, where more than six in 10 of those held are children;
 - 3.4. called on countries to repatriate their citizens².

Conference calls on the:

1. Labour Parliament's Women MPs to:
 - 1.1. Demonstrate the same compassion shown by Syrian families³;
2. Home Secretary, R. Hon. Shabana Mahmood MP, to;
 - 2.1. put the case for these children at the top of her agenda;
 - 2.2. support bringing them to the UK.

¹ (2026) <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/fear-panic-and-exhaustion-women-syrias-roj-camp-report-worsening-abuse>

² <https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/07/1167901>

³ <https://bettercarenetwork.org/news-updates/news/syrian-give-abandoned-children-a-home>

3. Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon. Ed Miliband MP, Under Secretary, Rt Hon. Chris Elmore MP and, Under Secretary Rt. Hon. Uma Kumaran MP, to arrange for these mothers and children to be brought to the UK;

3.1. request, help from;

a) NGOs;

b) UNICEF.

Proposed by: Southern France, Ireland and Isle of Man BLP

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Option 2: Protecting Trans rights after the Supreme Court Ruling on the Interpretation of the Equality Act (2010)

Conference notes that:

- Information about gender reassignment is a protected characteristic in the Equality Act (2010);⁴
- The Labour Party has confirmed that legal protections against discrimination have not been reduced nor removed⁵ by the 2025 Supreme Court ruling;⁶
- The ruling is subject to a legal challenge at the European Court of Human Rights; alleging breaches of fundamental rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights.⁷
- The UK Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) produced an interim (draft) guidance which was the subject of legal challenges⁸ and an updated draft Code of Practice laid before parliament on 21 May 2026.⁹
- A well-supported EDM calling for the draft Code to be rejected was tabled on 1 June 2026;¹⁰
- Many individuals have described the practical problems which adoption of the draft Code of Practice will cause, most recently via their own MP in a hearing of the Women and Equalities Committee of the House of Commons with the chair of the EHRC and its CEO on 9 June 2026.¹¹

Conference is therefore dismayed that registration for Annual Conference 2026 requires delegates to describe their biological sex as recorded at birth¹².

⁴ Section 7 of the Equality Act 2010: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/7>

⁵ Labour Party. Supreme Court Judgment FAQs: <https://labour.org.uk/resources/supreme-court-judgment-faqs/>

⁶ Briefing paper, House of Commons Library: <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10259/>

⁷ Legal challenge of Dr Victoria McCloud: <https://www.monckton.com/legal-challenge-submitted-to-the-european-court-of-human-rights-in-light-of-recent-supreme-court-judgment/>

⁸ Good Law Project: <https://goodlawproject.org/case/were-challenging-the-ehrcs-interim-guidance/>

⁹ EHRC Code of Practice: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/guidance/codes-practice/code-practice-services-public-functions-and-associations>

¹⁰ EDM 240: tabled by Labour MP Nadia Whittome, co-sponsored by MP Stella Creasy and others calling for the House of Commons to "disapprove" the draft code: <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/65938/draft-code-of-practice-on-services-public>

¹¹ Evidence hearing on the work of the EHRC 9 June 2026: <https://committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/17691/html/>

¹² From the registration form after logging in with one's unique Labour Party Personal Identification Number: "We need accurate data on biological sex to verify your eligibility for any applicable sex-based positive action measures and to assist the police with their verification process." What is your biological sex? What is your biological sex? cannot be blank."

Conference calls on the Labour Government to amend the Equality Act 2010 as necessary to redress the shortcomings brought to light by the UK Supreme Court judgment on 16 April 2025 and the subsequent guidance and Draft Code of Practice by the EHRC.

Proposed by: The Netherlands BLP

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