

GMB CONGRESS 2022

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR CONGRESS

EMERGENCY MOTION TWO

OPPOSE REFUGEE DEPORTATION TO RWANDA

Congress notes that on the 14 April 2022, Home Secretary Priti Patel announced that the UK and Rwanda would sign a deal allowing the UK Government to send unprocessed immigrants to Rwanda. On the 10 April 2022, the High Court refused an application to stop the Government's planned removal of people seeking asylum by offshoring them to Rwanda despite the UN warning the Home Office off the likely illegality. This decision was unsuccessfully appealed on 13 June 2022 at the Court of Appeal.

The move to offshore those seeking asylum is racist, breaches human rights and our international duties to welcome refugees which are embedded in treaty commitments.

We instruct the CEC to raise awareness of the High Court's decision ensuring our members working in detention centres and work ancillary to the detention centres are informed of the justice and rights of those in their care.

Congress agrees to support the actions of any members in the detention centres and other impacted businesses if they choose to refuse to perform work effecting the deportations

Congress calls on GMB supported MPs to campaign to reverse this programme, and for the Labour Party to oppose any parliamentary resolutions enabling this programme. They must recognise that many/most of the transportees are unprocessed asylum seekers fleeing threats of death and war.

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