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CONGRESS 2022

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**BARBARA PLANT
(President)
(In the Chair)**

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Held in:

**Harrogate Convention Centre,
King's Road, Harrogate HG1 5LA**

on:

**Sunday, 12th June 2022
Monday, 13th June 2022
Tuesday, 14th June 2022
Wednesday, 15th June 2022
and
Thursday, 16th June 2022**

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**PROCEEDINGS
DAY FIVE
(Thursday, 16th June 2022)**

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FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 16TH JUNE 2022

MORNING SESSION

(Congress assembled at 9.45 a.m.)

THE GENERAL SECRETARY: Morning, everybody. Can I call everybody to order, please? Congress, first of all, I want to thank you for getting here this morning. Thanks you for your discipline.

I do have some news for you and it is not good news. Covid is just at the hour key for us now and we will take the best precautions we can. Many of us have had the jab but I have to tell you this morning that the President and Vice President have tested positive for Covid. They were tested and all the other staff who have been up here were negative this morning.

There is no panic but the right and proper thing to do, and I have consulted with Standing Orders this morning, is that we draw Congress now to a close. I am very, very sorry about that. There are a whole host of thank you's that I am not going to give. I have had a fantastic few days and I am so sad it is ending like this but your health, safety, and welfare, is rightly the priority. *(Applause)*

In the few seconds that are afforded to me thank you to all the staff who made Congress happen. Thank you to all the team, all the stewards who have done the doors. Thanks to all the conference centre staff. T5 brilliant as ever. Thanks to the Comms team, the Congress arrangements team, and above all thank you to each and every one of you for getting here. I think it has been a wonderful event. A final thank you to Helen, Barry, and the team in Standing Orders.

I am really sorry, folks. I have had a great time with you all, and I look forward to seeing you. I will see you in the weeks and months to come and we will be back together in Brighton next year. I am sure you understand. Thank you, everybody. Thanks very much. *(Applause)*

Conference concluded at 9.51 a.m.