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Emergency resolution

Mission Council is concerned by reports this week that the government is preparing to break its manifesto pledge and abandon Britain's long-standing commitment to spending 0.7% of national income on international development; believes that a commitment to the poorest in the world should not be an optional extra but at the heart of our country's responsibilities, especially in the context of a global pandemic and a climate emergency; and instructs the Moderators of General Assembly to make these concerns known to government in the strongest possible terms.

Proposer: Steve Faber. Second: Francis Brien

Because the subject matter of this resolution has arisen at short notice, it is brought as a private members resolution. However, it arises from the work of the Joint Public Issues Team, and would have been brought via the Mission Committee had there been time for that.

Paper B2: CYWC infant feeding policy

The name of an external organisation was corrected in the paper on the website.

Paper G1: single use plastics resolution

The Mission Committee may seek permission from Mission Council to move this resolution in an amended form. If they wish to do so, notice will be given at the earliest opportunity.

Paper H2: Nominations Supplementary

The paper wording has been clarified to make it clearer that the proposal to appoint the Moderator-designate of the Thames North Synod is not included in the en bloc business, and will be taken at the same time as the proposal to appoint the Moderator-designate of the Synod of Scotland, the other such appointment at this Mission Council.

Paper L1: Safeguarding training framework

The proposers wish to make a change to the requirements for training as set out in the grid on the final page of the paper, to the effect that compulsory training will be for pastoral visitor (including, obviously, all Elders who do pastoral visiting), but that only one Elder per Elders Meeting will be required undertake the advanced level training for governance reasons.