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The Final (Voting) Agenda for

The Socialist Party's 91st Annual Conference

at Conway Hall Red Lion Square Holborn London WC1

on Friday 14th & Saturday 15th April 1995.

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VOTE 10, on the amendment;
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VOTE 20,

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WEST LONDON BRANCH: AMENDMENTS TO RULE

All our proposed amendments concern matters which have been discussed in the Party in recent years, most in fact at last year’s ADM at which we undertook to propose those which found a favourable echo. These are all matters which can only be resolved by a vote, which we now provide an opportunity for members to do.

• RULE 8.  (First amendment): this is to make the Form C (report of branch financial situation) yearly instead of six-monthly.

• RULE 8.  (Second amendment): this is to codify existing practice that if a branch fails to send in its Form C even at Conference or ADM, its delegates cannot sit.

• RULE 12: this is to obviate the need for a ballot (and consequent extra administrative work at Head Office) when there is only one candidate for a single EC vacancy (or only two for two vacancies, etc). The candidates(s) would be declared elected unopposed.

• RULE 16: this is to allow EC members to be delegates to (but not to chair) Conference and ADM.

• RULE 17: this is to formally recognise existing practice whereby branches appoint their own speakers in debate without reference to the EC.

• RULE 23: this would allow branches to make arrangements for all their members to vote on the Conference agenda, and not just those able to attend the Special Conference voting meeting, so putting members of ordinary branches on an equal footing with members of Central branch. Member of non-Central branches who work shifts or cannot attend the special meeting on a particular night would thus be enfranchised.

West London Branch, February 1995