Model Motion 4

Drop CAF! Our Workplaces and Solidarity with Palestine

This Branch Notes:

- That CAF (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles), a Spanish train manufacturer involved in the Jerusalem Light Rail project, which connects illegal Israeli settlements with Jerusalem, has been shortlisted to supply a new train fleet for ScotRail.

This Branch Welcomes:

- The condemnation of this decision by rail unions and the STUC, who have called on ScotRail and the Scottish Government to exclude CAF from the shortlist.
- The position taken by the train drivers' union, ASLEF, which has stated that, should CAF be successful in the bidding process, its members will refuse to drive the trains.

This Branch Recognises:

- The opportunities this union action creates for workers in other workplaces, including our own, to identify corporate complicity and take meaningful and effective action.
- The responsibility of the wider trade union movement to stand in solidarity with workers who have already taken a principled stand on this issue.
- The importance of building practical workplace solidarity with Palestinian workers and communities.

This Branch Resolves To:

- Demand that CAF be excluded from the shortlist to supply the new ScotRail train fleet, including by writing to the Scottish Government's Transport Minister and encouraging branch members to do likewise.
- Oppose CAF's involvement in the Jerusalem Light Rail project and its role in supporting the infrastructure of illegal settlements.
- Send a letter of solidarity to the ASLEF General Secretary and Scottish District Organiser, and the rail unions, expressing our support for the position they have taken.
- Work with the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign to strengthen practical solidarity with Palestinian workers, including by exploring opportunities for solidarity action within our own workplaces.
- Write to our Executive Committee and General Secretary, calling on them to investigate and pursue opportunities for similar targeted solidarity action.

Reference:

Drop CAF! Action Network Letter:
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/caf-scotrail
Drop CAF Flyer:
https://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/CAF-leaflet-A5.pdf
Drop CAF Poster
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