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Dear Colleagues

POA LEGAL CHALLENGE AGAINST CONTEMPT OF COURT TO BE CHALLENGED AT APPEAL

The Divisional Court has now ruled in a Judgement today that the POA defence to Contempt of Court has failed and that we were in breach of the Permanent Injunction. The POA has been fined in total £210,000.

This is a disappointing result and our struggle for justice will continue. The National Executive Committee has already determined that if we lost this legal case then we would instruct our legal team to seek leave to appeal on the contempt and indeed the issues pertaining to our Human Rights.

The POA have been restricted by the Courts and Legislation since 1994 some 25 years on the issue of our basic human rights and it is only right that we continue to strive to get justice for our members as per Conference Policy. We will keep you updated on this issue and publish the Judgement and our grounds for appeal in due course.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary