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Motion unanimously agreed by TUC Women's Conference

The Women's Asylum Charter welcomes the decision of the TUC Women's Conference and hopes to work closely with its committee through the coming year.

Motion to TUC Women's Conference 2010

GENDER SENSITIVE ASYLUM SYSTEM

Conference expresses concern that women held in detention centres seeking asylum in the UK are not given the same consideration as women held in prison.

Many of these women have been abused, tortured or raped in their own country. Whilst they wait for their application for asylum to be considered they may find themselves the only female detainee surrounded by 100 or more men.

With such a disproportionate number of males to females, women can feel intimidated, scared and isolated. Women would never be placed in a men's prison in this way, so why in a detention centre?

Conference calls on the TUC and the Women's Committee to challenge the UK Border Agency and Immigration Minister to produce a genuinely gender sensitive asylum system. Therefore, to ensure that women seeking asylum receive a comparable standard of treatment to women in similar situations.

Proposed by the Prison Officers' Association

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