

LI M1 Democracy in Eastern Europe

We, members of Labour International in Hungary and Poland, ask the LICC to highlight to the NEC a request that the Labour Party:

-Raise the fact that the Tory government is silent about Hungary and Poland's departure from democratic and liberal norms, the ongoing threats to the independence of the judiciary and civil society in both countries, and the ongoing electoral manipulation in Hungary, as highlighted by electoral observers in Hungary in 2014.

-To highlight that this silence is damaging to Britain's credibility when raising human rights violations in other countries.

-To commit a Labour government to restoring the BBC Hungarian Service and BBC Polish Service, and to have a strategy to achieve country-wide broadcasting of these.

-To fully support Labour International members in preparing a full and wide-ranging position paper on the situation in Poland and Hungary which places these developments in a European context, and to launch this paper with an associated event in Parliament.

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