

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RULE 22 POLITICAL ORGANISATION  
– THE LABOUR PARTY**

Under Rule 22 the Executive Council is required to determine the size and composition of Regional Political Committees and of the National Political Committee, the Relevant Clauses of Rule 22 together with the appropriate recommendation are as follows:-

**Clause 1**

*‘There shall be Regional and National Political Committees composed of individual members of the Labour Party to co-ordinate the Union’s work in the Labour Party, acting under the direction of the Executive Council’.*

**Clause 5**

**Regional Political Conferences**

*‘All Branch Constituency Labour Party delegates together with representatives from the Regional Industrial Sector Committees, Area Activists Committees and the Regional Committee, who are Labour Party members shall be entitled to attend annual Regional Political Conferences’.*

**Make up of the Regional Political Conferences**

The delegations to the annual Regional Political Conferences would be as follows:

All Unite Branch CLP Delegates.

All LP members on the Regional Council

One L P representative from each of the Regional Industrial Sector Committees elected by the L P members

One L P representative from each of the Area Activist Committees elected by the L P members.

There will be a Labour Party membership card check prior to the conference

**Regional Political Committees (RPC).**

*‘The Regional Political Conferences shall elect Regional Political Committees. The size and composition of the Regional Political Committees shall be determined by the Executive Council from time to time.’*

**Make up of the RPC.**

The Regional Political Conference will every two years elect from delegates present a maximum of 25 representatives for the RPC. At least 5 of those elected must be women. Nominations will be called for in advance of the meeting.

The Unite Regional Council will elect an additional 3 Labour Party members from their body to the RPC in their area. At least one of those elected must be a woman.

The RPC should meet at least twice a year. The RPCs can form sub committees to carryout and take forward business within that region. They may also ensure there is provision for sub committees to adequately represent the union at regional level where the labour party regions don't correspond with the unite ones.

### **National Political Committee (NPC)**

*'The Regional Political Conferences shall also elect delegates who, together with delegates from the Executive Council, shall form a National Political Committee, the size of which shall be determined by the Executive Council.'*

#### **Make up of the NPC.**

Each Regional Political Conference will elect every two years from delegates present 4 members from each Unite regions except Ireland to the NPC. At least 2 elected from each region must be women.

The Irish executive committee has the right to send representatives as appropriate.

In addition the Executive Council will elect 6 Labour Party members to the NPC. At least 3 must be women.

The NPC will meet at least twice a year.

### **Rule 7**

#### **Labour Party Annual Conference**

*'The Union shall be represented at the Labour Party Annual Conference by delegates elected by the Regional Political Conferences, the National Political Committee and others determined by the Executive Council. The Regional Political Committees shall represent the union at the Labour Party regional conferences'*

#### **Make up of the LP Annual Conference delegation:**

The NPC would attend the LP Annual Conference as delegates.

Two delegates will be elected from the Unite Ireland Region at least one of whom should be a woman.

Six delegates to be elected from the Unite Executive Council of which 3 must be women

Further delegates including the joint General Secretary's, regional political officers and full time officials as determined by Executive Council.

All the political committees and delegations shall also include a proportion of ethnic minority, black and Asian workers as determined under rule.