

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

MODULE 2A - TRADES UNION CONGRESS AND SCOTTISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS

- 1. On 23 September 2022 the Inquiry received an application from the Trades Union Congress ("TUC") for Core Participant status in Modules 2, 2A, 2B and 2C. A Notice of Determination was sent on 13 October 2022 designating the TUC 'and in particular' the Scottish Trades Union Congress ("STUC") as a Core Participant in Module 2A. I wish to clarify the respective positions of the TUC and STUC in light of further information received from both organisations.
- 2. Following receipt of my earlier determination, the STUC has made clear that it is an independent body operating separately from the TUC, although the two organisations share a close relationship. It says that the STUC represents the interests of workers, including workers operating on the front line in Scotland during the pandemic. Accordingly I consider it may have played a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the Inquiry relates (Rule 5(2)(a) of the Inquiry Rules 2006) or otherwise it has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates (Rule 5(2)(b)). The STUC is also well placed to assist the Inquiry by representing the interests of vulnerable workers in Scotland.
- 3. For these reasons I consider that the application for Core Participant status to Module 2A made on 23 September 2022 was one made on a joint basis by the TUC and STUC and that, consequently, both the TUC and STUC have been designated joint Core Participants for Module 2A.
- 4. Gerard Stiliard of Thompsons Solicitors is designated as the TUC and STUC's recognised legal representative in accordance with Rule 6(1).

Rt Hon Baroness Heather Hallett DBE
Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
10 February 2023