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SCOTTISH FAIR TRADE FORUM – NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 14 November at 10.15am

St Thomas of Aquin's High School, 2-20 Chalmers Street, Edinburgh EH3 9ES

On behalf of the Board of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum, I hereby give notice of an EGM of the SFTF to be held as above for the purpose of amending the charity's Articles of Association in respect of membership.

The formal proposal is:

“To amend Article 6 (a), (b), and (c) to read as follows:

- (a) Subject to Article 6 (d), the definition of **Small Businesses & Organisations** shall be those with an annual income of less than £100,000.
- (b) Subject to Article 6 (d), the definition of **Medium Businesses & Organisations** shall be those with an annual income between £100,000 and £5m.
- (c) Subject to Article 6 (d), the definition of **Large Businesses & Organisations** shall be those with an annual income of more than £5m.”

This replaces the previous definitions of (a) those involving up to 5 people; (b) those involving between 5 and 15 people; and (c) those involving more than 15 people.

This proved inequitable when trying to determine a sliding scale of fees (e.g. a successful voluntary campaign group involving more than 15 people would have been required to pay as much as The Co-operative Group or a local authority, and far more than a business turning over hundreds of thousands of pounds but only employing five or fewer people).

Article 6 (d) simply specifies the ability of the members to decide to change the definitions at any General Meeting.

For information only (as this is a Board decision), the proposed membership fees for 2010 are as follows:

- Individuals £10
- Small Businesses & Organisations £25
- Medium Businesses & Organisations £100
- Large Businesses & Organisations £250.

Martin Meteyard
Chair, Scottish Fair Trade Forum
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