

INTRODUCTION

MR. PRESIDENT, MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY,

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAS SPOKEN FOR BRITAIN.

AT THIS CONFERENCE, WE HAVE DONE SO AGAIN.

AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN GREATER.

WE MEET TODAY AS FREE PEOPLE IN A FREE COUNTRY,

BUT EVERYONE OF US HERE SENSES THE SHADOW

THAT HAS FALLEN ACROSS THIS FREEDOM SINCE

LAST WE MET.

THE SHADOW I SPEAK OF IS THE VIOLENCE AND
INTIMIDATION WHICH HAS SCARRED AND
WRACKED THE COAL INDUSTRY, AND
PARTICULARLY THE WORKING MINERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES,
I SHALL HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT IT
PRESENTLY.

THE SHADOW GROWS DARKER AS INFLUENTIAL MEN
AND WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY QUESTION, EVEN
REPUDIATE, THE IDEAS OF PARLIAMENTARY
DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW.