# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE

# CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (REGISTRATION ABROAD AND CERTIFICATES) ORDER 2005

## 2005 No. 2761

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

## Description

2. This instrument is intended to provide for the registration of civil partnerships at UK Consulates abroad, as well the issue and transmission of certain documents relating to civil partnerships and overseas relationships.

## Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3. None

## Legislative background

4. This instrument is made under sections 210, 240, 241 and 244 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, which allows for two people to register as civil partners of each other in prescribed countries or territories outside the United Kingdom in the presence of a prescribed officer of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, for the issue of certificates of no impediment in respect of UK nationals and Commonwealth citizens who wish to enter into overseas relationships, and for the transmission to the UK of certificates of registration of overseas relationships.

   The Order is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

## Extent

5. The Order applies to the United Kingdom and also applies abroad.

## European Convention on Human Rights

6. Not applicable

## Policy background

7. This instrument is designed to allow for the provision of like consular services to those wishing to register a civil partnership, or enter into an overseas relationship, as are available to people wishing to solemnise a consular marriage or enter into a marriage abroad.

## Impact

8. A regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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