EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE LIBERIA (UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS) (REVOCATION) ORDER 2016

2016 No. 768

1. Introduction

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

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 This instrument revokes the Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/348) (as amended) ("the principal Order"), which gave effect in the United Kingdom to sanctions adopted by the United Nations Security Council in respect of Liberia.

3. Matters of special interest to Parliament

Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

Other matters of interest to the House of Commons

3.2 As this instrument is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure, consideration as to whether there are other matters of interest to the House of Commons does not arise.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This instrument is made in exercise of statutory powers under the United Nations Act 1946. Article 1(2) of the principal Order provides that the principal Order ceases to have effect on adoption of a decision by the United Nations Security Council cancelling the relevant sanctions against Liberia. Such a decision was adopted in resolution 2288(2016) adopted on 25th May 2016. This instrument therefore revokes the principal Order, which is now devoid of effect.

5. Extent and Territorial Application

5.1 The extent of this instrument is the whole of the United Kingdom.

5.2 The application of this instrument is the whole of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is not subject to parliamentary procedure, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

What is being done and why

7.1 The principal Order gave effect in the United Kingdom to sanctions adopted by the United Nations Security Council in respect of Liberia. On 25th May 2016, the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 2288(2016) which terminates all existing United Nations sanctions against Liberia.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 There has been no public consultation.

9. Guidance

9.1 No guidance will be issued.

10. Impact

10.1 There is no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies in the United Kingdom.

10.2 There is no impact on the public sector in the United Kingdom.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to activities that are undertaken by small businesses in the United Kingdom.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 As the instrument provides for the revocation of the principal Order, monitoring and review mechanisms are not required.

13. Contact

13.1 Louise Moreland at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, telephone: 0207 008 3124 or email: louise.moreland@fco.gov.uk, can answer any queries regarding the instrument.