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MINISTERS OF THE CROWN

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Order 1983

Made - - -	*11th February* 1983
Laid before Parliament	*21st February* 1983
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1983

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of February 1983

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the functions of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs will from 1st April 1983 include the acquisition and management of immovable property outside the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is expedient in connection with this change to make the provisions contained in this Order:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 2 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Order 1983.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

Style, seal and acts of Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

2.—(1) The person who at the coming into operation of this Order is Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and his successors shall be, by that name, a corporation sole, with a corporate seal.

(2) The corporate seal of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs shall be authenticated by the signature of a Secretary of State or of an Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, or by a person authorised by a Secretary of State to act for the purpose.

(a) 1975 c. 26.

(3) The corporate seal of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs shall be officially and judicially noticed, and every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and to be sealed with that seal authenticated in the manner provided by paragraph (2) above, or to be signed or executed by an Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, or a person authorised as mentioned in that paragraph, shall be received in evidence and be deemed to be so made or issued without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) A certificate signed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs that any instrument purporting to be made or issued by him was so made or issued shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision consequent on the conferring on the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of functions in relation to immovable property abroad. It makes him a corporation sole and includes incidental provision about the proof of his acts.

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