EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) (REVOCATIONS) ORDER 2012

2012 No. 2592

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

This Order revokes The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Prohibition of Flights) (Dependent Territories) Order 1992, The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) Order 1993, The Former Yugoslavia (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) Order 1994, The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) Order 1998, The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) (Amendment) Order 1999, The Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2000, and The Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2000.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This Order is made in exercise of statutory powers under the United Nations Act 1946 and applies to all the Overseas Territories specified in the Order.

4.2 The Orders to be revoked by this Order implemented restrictive measures adopted by the United Nations. On the termination, indefinite suspension or expiry of the relevant United Nations restrictive measures all these Orders, by virtue of

provisions within them, ceased to have substantive legal effect. However, the Orders remained in force. This Order revokes these Orders which are devoid of purpose.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This Order applies to the following territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As this Order is not subject to Parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

This Order revokes legislation, which although remaining in force, ceased to have substantive legal effect on the termination, indefinite suspension or expiry of the United Nations sanctions measures which they implemented.

8. Consultation

The Overseas Territories were consulted about the Order.

9. Guidance

Guidance may be sought from the contact below.

10. Impact

10.1 No impact on business, charities or the voluntary sector in the United Kingdom.

10.2 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

The legislation does not apply to small business in the United Kingdom.

12. Monitoring & review

Monitoring and review mechanisms are not applicable.

13. Contact

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