EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS (REVOCATIONS) ORDER 2014

2014 No. 2711

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 Orders in Council listed in its Schedule.

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

This Order will be laid before the Scottish Parliament because some of the Orders to be revoked deal with issues that are now devolved.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This Order is made in exercise of statutory powers under the United Nations Act 1946, the Saint Helena Act 1833, the British Settlements Acts 1887 and 1945 and the legislative power of the Royal Prerogative.

4.2 The statutory and prerogative powers to legislate for the Overseas Territories to implement sanctions measures are applicable to the Overseas Territories as follows:

(i) the United Nations Act 1946 applies to the United Kingdom, the Crown Dependencies and to all Overseas Territories;

(ii) the Saint Helena Act 1833 applies to St Helena;

(iii) the British Settlements Acts 1887 and 1945 are applicable to Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, British Antarctic Territory, the Falkland Islands, Pitcairn (including Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands), and South Georgia and the South Sandwich islands);

(iv) the prerogative legislative power is applicable to Anguilla, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This Order has the same extent as the Orders which it revokes.

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 formally revokes Orders in Council which currently have no legal effect and are no longer required. The Orders to be revoked implemented sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. In most cases the sanctions they implemented have been lifted by the United Nations Security Council. Some sanctions remain in place against Eritrea and Al-Qa'ida but these are now implemented by domestic legislation.

8. Consultation Outcome

The Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies have been notified of this Order.

9. Guidance

No guidance will be issued.

10. Impact

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

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

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

11. Regulating small business

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

12. Monitoring and Review

Not applicable.

13. Contact

Nigel Parker at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office can answer any queries regarding the instrument. Telephone: 020 7008 6267. Email: Nigel.Parker@fco.gov.uk.