EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE LEBANON AND SYRIA (UNITED NATIONS MEASURES) (CHANNEL ISLANDS) ORDER 2006

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Constitutional Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 These Orders will allow the Channel Islands and Isle of Man to give effect to Resolution 1636 (2005) adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 16 October 2005. They will enable the Island authorities to introduce measures, such as travel bans and asset freezing orders, against individuals suspected of involvement in the terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon, on 14th February 2005.

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

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Background

4.1 The Orders are made under section 1 of the United Nations Act 1946 which empowers Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to make such provision as appears necessary or expedient for enabling measures under Article 41 of the UN Charter (not involving the use of armed force) to be effectively applied to any part of Her dominions.

5. Extent

5.1 These Orders apply to the Channel Islands and Isle of Man only.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy Background

7.1 United Nations Security Council Sanctions apply to the Crown Dependencies and Statutory Instruments are required to give effect to them in the Islands.

- 7.2 The Orders follow the Lebanon and Syria (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2006 closely but include adaptations and modifications relevant to the Crown Dependencies. They have been drafted by DCA lawyers in consultation with the Law Officers in the Crown Dependencies. The final text of the Orders has been agreed with the authorities in the Crown Dependencies.
- 7.3 The UN Security Council, in adopting resolution 1636, decided that all states are to take certain measures against individuals suspected of an involvement in the planning, sponsoring, organizing or perpetration of the terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon, on 14th February 2005. The bombing resulted in the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri and 22 others.
- 7.4 The Council also decided that all such individuals suspected by the Commission, or the Government of Lebanon, of involvement in this incident at any level should be subject to travel restrictions and freezing of assets measures.

8. Impact

8.1 No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared because there is no regulatory impact for the UK Government. Responsibility for the introduction of any travel bans or asset freezing measures within the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man rests with the Islands' own authorities.

9. Contact

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