EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF AND INTERNATIONAL TAX ENFORCEMENT (QATAR) ORDER 2010

2010 No. 241

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") and is laid before the House of Commons by Command of Her Majesty.

This memorandum contains information for the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments.

2. Purpose of the instrument

The Order brings into effect those arrangements specified in the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Qatar for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains ("the Agreement") set out in the Schedule to the Order.

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

None

4. Legislative context

4.1 General

The Order is made under section 788(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 ("ICTA") (c. 1) and section 173(1) of the Finance Act ("FA") 2006 (c. 25). Section 788 was amended by section 88(1) of the Finance Act 2002 (c. 23) and extended (to capital gains tax) by section 277 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 (c. 12) and section 194 FA 1993.

Section 788 of ICTA provides that arrangements made with overseas territories for the purpose of affording relief from double taxation in relation to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax and taxes of a similar character in the other territory have effect in the United Kingdom if Her Majesty, by order in council, specifies the arrangements and declares that it is expedient that they be given effect.

Section 173 of FA 2006 makes similar provision in relation to international tax enforcement arrangements, including arrangements for the exchange of information foreseeably relevant to the administration, enforcement or recovery of any tax or duty.

In accordance with section 788(10) of ICTA and section 173(7) of FA 2006, a draft of this Order is required to be laid before and approved by a resolution of the House of Commons prior to submission to Her Majesty in Council. Section 788(10) ICTA was substituted by section 176 of FA 2006.

4.2 EU legislation

This instrument does not implement EU legislation.

5. Territorial extent and application

This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Stephen Timms) has made the following statement regarding human rights:

'In my view the provisions of the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Qatar) Order 2010 are compatible with the convention rights.'

7. Policy background

Agreements of this kind aim to eliminate the double taxation of income or gains arising in one state and paid to residents of another state. They do this by dividing the taxing rights that each treaty partner has under its domestic law over the same income and gains and/or by providing relief from taxation in the form of credits. They provide additional protection for taxpayers by specific measures combating discrimination in tax treatment. More generally, agreements benefit the taxpayer by ensuring certainty of treatment and, as far as possible, by reducing compliance burdens. Agreements also serve an Exchequer protection role by including provisions to combat avoidance and evasion — not least by measures providing for the exchange of information between revenue authorities. They also encourage and maintain international consensus on the appropriate tax treatment of cross-border economic activity and thus promote international trade and investment.

8. Consultation outcome

HM Revenue & Customs regularly consult with external stakeholders, including business representatives, about the effectiveness of existing arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation as well as new needs. The annual treaty negotiating programme is agreed with Ministers and published on the HMRC web site at http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/si/dtc-2010.htm.

9. Guidance

General guidance on the operation of the UK's double taxation agreements can be found on the HMRC web site at <u>http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/intmanual/INTM150000.htm</u>. The guidance will be updated to include the UK-Qatar Agreement shortly.

10. Impact

10.1 The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is negligible. The provisions of the Agreement do not introduce new tax burdens; rather, they provide relief from tax and thus are of benefit to business both large and small. Taxpayers

may have to make a claim to HM Revenue & Customs or the other state's fiscal authority in order to benefit from the Agreement. However, UK business will benefit from reduced costs of doing business abroad and, in many cases, from having to deal with just one fiscal authority.

10.2 There is no impact on the UK public sector. HM Revenue & Customs already operates the terms of many other similar Agreements currently in force.

Impact on the Exchequer

Under the Agreement, the taxing rights ceded by the UK to Qatar will be offset by the corresponding concession from Qatar so that there should be no net tax loss to the Exchequer. In fact, by encouraging cross-border economic activity, the arrangements should lead to an increase in tax revenue. In the absence of such relief, the economic activity in question, may stagnate or dwindle.

10.3 No impact assessment has been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

The Agreement only applies to small businesses if they have taxed income arising in Qatar and it is unlikely that there are many if any such businesses. Given also that the Agreement provides relief from tax and does not introduce new tax burdens, no special approach for small business is necessary.

12. Monitoring & review

Both the UK Government and the Government of Qatar will keep the Agreement scheduled to the instrument under review to ensure that it meets the policy objectives set out above.

13. Contact

Geoff Barnard at HM Revenue & Customs (Tel: 020 7147 2734 / Email: <u>Geoff.Barnard@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk</u>) can answer any queries regarding the instrument.

GENERAL

All the UK's recent Double Taxation Agreements largely follow the approach adopted in the OECD's *Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital*. This Agreement continues that approach.

NOTES ON DETAILS

ARTICLE 1 – Persons Covered

This article sets out the general scope of the Agreement.

It provides that the Agreement is to apply to persons who are residents of one or both of the contracting states (the UK and Qatar).

ARTICLE 2 – Taxes Covered

This article lists the taxes to which the Agreement is to apply.

The existing UK taxes to which the Agreement applies are income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax.

The existing Qatari tax to which the Agreement applies is income tax.

The Agreement will also apply to any identical or substantially similar taxes subsequently imposed by either state in addition to or in place of the taxes mentioned above, and it obliges each state to notify the other of significant changes in their taxation laws.

ARTICLE 3 – General Definitions

This article defines a number of terms used in the Agreement and provides a rule for determining the meaning of terms not defined in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - Residence

This article establishes the meaning of "resident of a contracting state" and lays down detailed rules for resolving cases where individuals or other persons may be considered residents of both states for tax purposes under their domestic laws.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 define the term "resident of a contracting state".

<u>Paragraph 3</u> sets out the rules for determining the residence status of an individual who is dual resident under paragraph 1 of this article.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> sets out the rules for determining the residence status of a person other than an individual who is dual resident under paragraph 1 of this article.

ARTICLE 5 – Permanent Establishment

This article defines the term "permanent establishment" for the purposes of the Agreement. It largely follows article 5 in the OECD Model Tax Convention. Taken together with article 7, it describes in general terms the circumstances and manner in which enterprises of one state may be taxed on their business profits arising in the other.

ARTICLE 6 – Income from Immovable Property

This article allows the state in which the property is situated to tax income from immovable property. It also defines immovable property.

ARTICLE 7 – Business Profits

This article provides that unless an enterprise of one state carries on business in the other through a permanent establishment situated there, its profits will be taxable only in its state of residence. Where the enterprise has a permanent establishment in the other state, that state will be entitled to tax profits attributable to the permanent establishment.

ARTICLE 8 – Shipping and Air Transport

This article governs the taxation of shipping and air transport operated in international traffic.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that profits of an enterprise of one state from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic shall be taxable only in that state.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that profits from the operation of ships or aircraft include profits from the rental of ships, aircraft or the use, maintenance or rental of containers. In each case the use, rental or maintenance must be incidental to the operations in international traffic.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> clarifies that paragraph 1 also applies to profits from participation in a pool, a joint business or an international operating agency.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> clarifies that where a shipping or airline company is owned wholly or partly by the government of a Contracting State, paragraph 1 also applies to the part of the company's profits which is attributable to that government and the profits of such a company shall be treated as derived from international traffic except where they are attributable to the operation of ships or aircraft solely between places in the other state.

ARTICLE 9 – Associated Enterprises

This article provides that appropriate adjustments may be made in determining the profits of an enterprise of one state where conditions made or imposed between the enterprise and an associated enterprise of the other state differ from those that would be made between independent enterprises. Where such an adjustment is made to the profits of an enterprise by one state, the other state will make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of tax charged on those profits, in order to relieve the double taxation which might otherwise arise as a result of an adjustment by just one state.

ARTICLE 10 – Dividends

This article contains the rules for the taxation of dividends paid by a company that is a resident of one state to a resident of the other state.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that dividends paid by a company resident in one state to a resident of the other state may be taxed in that other state.

<u>Paragraph 2 (a)</u> provides that, except in the circumstances set out in paragraph 2 (b), such dividends shall be exempt from tax in the state where the company paying the dividends is resident.

<u>Paragraph 2 (b)</u> provides that unless the beneficial owner of the dividends is a pension scheme, dividends paid by investment vehicles such as Real Estate Investment Trusts may be taxed in the state where the company paying the dividend is resident, but the tax charged by that state may not exceed 15 per cent of the gross amount of the dividends.

Paragraph 3 defines the term "dividends".

<u>Paragraph 4</u> provides that paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply where a resident of a state receives dividends from the other state and the dividends are attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base through which that resident carries on business or performs independent personal services in the state of which the payer is a resident. In such circumstances, the taxation of the dividends is governed by article 7 (Business profits) or article 14 (Income from employment).

<u>Paragraph 5</u> prevents the extra-territorial taxation by one state of dividends paid by a company that is a resident of the other state. The first state may not tax the dividends unless they are attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base in that state or are paid to a resident of that state. There is a similar provision concerning undistributed profits.

<u>Paragraph 6</u> ensures that the provision of the article will not apply to any dividend paid under arrangements where the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, in assigning or creating the relevant shares, is to take advantage of the article.

ARTICLE 11 – Interest

This article contains the rules for the taxation of interest paid by a resident of one state to a resident of the other state.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that interest arising in one state and paid to a resident of the other state may be taxed in that other state.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that interest may also be taxed in the state in which it arises, but where the beneficial owner is a resident of the other state and at least one of the conditions in paragraph 3 is met it shall be taxable only in that other state.

Paragraph 3 lists the conditions to be met for paragraph 2 to apply.

Paragraph 4 defines the term "interest".

<u>Paragraph 5</u> provides that paragraph 1 shall not apply if the beneficial owner carries on a business in the other contracting state through a permanent establishment and the debt-claim in respect of which the interest is paid is effectively connected with the permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of article 7 (Business profits) apply.

<u>Paragraph 6</u> provides that where, because of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner, the amount of interest paid exceeds the amount which would have been paid in the absence of that special relationship, the article will apply only to the interest that would have been payable in the absence of the special relationship. The "excess" part of the payment shall remain taxable according to the laws of each state.

<u>Paragraph 7</u> ensures that the benefits of the article will not apply to interest paid under arrangements where the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of the creation or assignment of the relevant debt claim is to take advantage of the article.

ARTICLE 12 – Royalties

This article contains the rules for the taxation of royalties arising in one state and derived by a resident of the other state.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that royalties arising in one state and paid to a resident of the other may be taxed in that other state.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that royalties may also be taxed in the state where they arise but it places a limit on the amount of tax which may be charged by that state. The tax charged by that state may not exceed 5 per cent of the gross amount of the royalties.

Paragraph 3 defines the term "royalties".

<u>Paragraph 4</u> provides that paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply where a resident of a state receives royalties from the other state and the royalties are attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base through which that resident carries on business in the state of which the payer is a resident. In such circumstances, the taxation of the income from debt-claims is governed by article 7 (Business profits).

<u>Paragraph 5</u> provides rules for determining in which state royalties arise.

<u>Paragraph 6</u> provides that where, because of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner, the amount of royalties paid exceeds the amount which would have been paid in the absence of that special relationship, the article will apply only to the amount that would have been agreed upon by the two parties in the absence of the special relationship. The "excess" part of the payment shall remain taxable according to the laws of each state.

<u>Paragraph 7</u> ensures that the benefits of the article will not apply to royalties paid under arrangements where the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of the creation or assignment of the relevant right or property is to take advantage of the article.

ARTICLE 13 – Capital Gains

This article contains the rules for the taxation of gains deriving from the alienation of property situated in one state by a resident of the other.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that gains derived by a resident of one state that are attributable to the alienation of immovable property situated in the other state may be taxed in the state in which the property is situated.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that gains derived by a resident of one state from the alienation of shares or compatible interests, other than shares in which there is substantial and regular trading on a Stock Exchange, deriving their value or the greater part of their value directly or indirectly from immovable property situated in the other state, or an interest in a partnership or trust the assets of which consist principally of immovable property situated in the other state, or of shares referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph may be taxed in that other state.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that gains derived by an enterprise of a state from the alienation of movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment or pertaining to a fixed base maintained by that enterprise in the other state may be taxed in that other state. The paragraph also applies to gains derived from the alienation of such a permanent establishment (alone or with the whole enterprise) or of such fixed base.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> provides that gains derived by a resident of a state from the alienation of ships or aircraft operated in international traffic or of movable property pertaining to the operation or use of such ships or aircraft shall be taxable only in the state where the alienator is resident.

<u>Paragraph 5</u> provides that where a shipping or airline company is owned wholly or partly by the government of a contracting state, paragraph 4 shall apply only to the part of those gains that are attributable to the government of the state to which the profits mentioned in paragraph (4) of article 8 are attributed.

<u>Paragraph 6</u> provides that gains from the alienation of any property, other than that detailed in paragraphs 1 to 4, shall be taxable only in the state of which the alienator is a resident.

ARTICLE 14 – Income from Employment

This article contains the rules for the taxation of employment income.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that, in general, employment income of a resident of one state can be taxed in the other state if the employment is exercised there.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides an exception to the general rule where an employee is present in the other state for not more than 183 days in any twelve month period beginning or ending in the fiscal year concerned, the remuneration is paid by or on behalf of an employer who is not a

resident of the other state and the remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment or a fixed base which the employer has in the other state. Where all three conditions are satisfied, the remuneration will be taxable only in the employee's state of residence.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that remuneration derived by a resident of a state from an employment aboard a ship or aircraft operated in international traffic may be taxed in the state in which the enterprise operating the ship or aircraft is resident.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> gives a tax exemption to nationals of one state who are employees of an enterprise of that state and whose principal business is the operation of aircraft in international traffic. The exemption is given where income is derived from duties performed in the other state and lasts for a period of four years from the date the duties are first performed.

ARTICLE 15 – Directors' Fees

This article provides that directors' fees, etc. may be taxed in the state of which the company paying them is a resident.

ARTICLE 16 – Artistes and Sportsmen

This article contains the rules for the taxation of income derived from personal activities as an entertainer or sportsperson.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that income of a resident of one state from his activities as an entertainer or sportsperson in the other state may be taxed in that other state.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that such income may also be taxed in the other state if it accrues to a third person, for example a personal service company owned by the entertainer or sportsperson.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that such income shall be exempt in the state being visited if the visit is supported wholly or mainly by public funds of the other state.

ARTICLE 17 – Pensions

This article provides that pensions and other similar remuneration (except for government service pensions) paid to an individual who is a resident of one state shall be taxable only in that state.

ARTICLE 18 – Government Service

This article contains rules for the taxation of remuneration and pensions paid in respect of government service.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that salaries, wages and other similar remuneration paid by one state, or of one of its political subdivisions or local authorities, will generally be taxable only in that state. However, such remuneration will be taxable only in the other state if the services are rendered in that other state by a national of that other state who is resident there <u>or</u> by a resident of that state who did not become a resident solely to render the services.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that a pension paid out of funds created by one state, or of one of its political subdivisions or local authorities, shall be taxable only in that state. Such pensions will, however, be taxable solely in the other state if the recipient is a resident and a national of that other state.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to remuneration or pensions for services rendered in connection with a business. Such income will be dealt with under Articles 14, 15, 16 or 17 as appropriate.

ARTICLE 19 – Students

This article contains the rules which govern the taxation of visiting students and business apprentices.

ARTICLE 20 – Other Income

This article contains the rules for the taxation of income not dealt with elsewhere in the Agreement.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that income not covered elsewhere in the Agreement will be taxed only by the state of which the recipient is a resident.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that paragraph 1 shall not apply, except in the case of income from immovable property, where the recipient of the income is a resident of one state and carries on business in the other state through a permanent establishment or performs independent personal services from a fixed base and the income is attributable to the permanent establishment or fixed base. In such circumstances, the taxation of the income is governed by article 8 (Business profits) or article 14 (Employment income).

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that, notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article, items of income not covered elsewhere in the Agreement may also be taxed in the source state.

ARTICLE 21 – Elimination of Double Taxation

This article sets out the methods by which the states will relieve double taxation.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> sets out how Qatar will relieve double taxation. Qatar will give a tax credit equal to the amount of tax paid on the same income in the UK. If the tax paid in the UK exceeds the tax payable in Qatar on that income, the credit is restricted to the amount of tax payable in Qatar.

Paragraph 2 sets out how the UK will relieve double taxation.

<u>Sub-paragraph (a)</u> provides that where a resident of the UK derives income or owns capital which, under this Agreement, may be taxed in Qatar, the UK shall give a credit for the tax paid in Qatar computed by reference to the same income or capital.

<u>Sub-paragraph (b)</u> provides that where a dividend is paid by a company which is a resident of Qatar to a company which is resident in the UK and which controls at least 10 per cent of the

voting power in the company paying the dividend, the credit shall take into account the underlying tax paid by the Qatari company.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that, for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2, profits, income and capital gains owned by a resident of one state which may be taxed in the other state under the terms of the Agreement, will be deemed to arise from sources in that other state.

ARTICLE 22 – Non-discrimination

Subject to certain conditions this article provides that neither state shall impose discriminatory taxes or other requirements on the nationals, permanent establishments and enterprises of the other.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> sets out the basic principle: nationals of one state shall not be subjected in the other state to any taxation, or any requirement connected with taxation, which is more burdensome than those imposed on nationals of the other state who are in the same circumstances, particularly with respect to residence.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> is concerned with the taxation of permanent establishments; it provides that a permanent establishment maintained by an enterprise of one state in the other state may not be exposed in that other state to taxation which is less favourably levied than the taxation levied on enterprises of that other state carrying on the same activities.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that except where the provisions of paragraph 1 of article 9, paragraph 6 or 7 of article 11 or paragraph 6 or 7 of article 12 apply, interest, royalties and other disbursements paid by a resident of one state to a resident of the other state shall be deductible in computing the payer's taxable profits in the same way as if they had been paid to a resident of the first state.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> provides that enterprises of one state which are wholly or partly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by residents of the other state, shall not be subjected to any taxation, or any requirement connected with taxation, which is more burdensome than the taxation or requirements to which other similar enterprises of the first state are subjected.

<u>Paragraph 5</u> provides that this article does not oblige a state to grant to individuals not resident in that state any of the personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for tax purposes which are granted to residents of that state.

<u>Paragraph 6</u> provides that the non-taxation of Qatari nationals under Qatari tax law shall not be regarded as discrimination under the provisions of this article.

<u>Paragraph 7</u> provides that this article applies to the taxes which are the subject of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23 - Mutual Agreement Procedure

This article authorises the competent authorities of the two states to endeavour to resolve, by mutual agreement, cases of taxation not in accordance with the Agreement and to settle points of doubt or difficulty in the application or interpretation of the Agreement.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that, where a person considers that the actions of one or both states will result in taxation not in accordance with the Agreement, he may present his case to the competent authority of the state of which he is a resident or, if his case comes under paragraph 1 of the Non-discrimination Article, to that of the state of which he is a national. This right applies irrespective of any remedies provided by domestic law.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> requires the competent authority to which the case is presented to endeavour, if it considers the objection justified and if it is unable to deal with the matter unilaterally, to resolve the case by mutual agreement with the competent authority of the other state.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> provides that the competent authorities shall endeavour to resolve by mutual agreement any difficulties or doubts arising over the interpretation or application of the Agreement. It also provides that they may consult on cases not provided for in this Agreement, for the purposes of eliminating double taxation and to consider measures to counteract improper use of provisions of the Agreement.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> permits the competent authorities to communicate directly with one another (i.e. not through diplomatic channels) for the purposes of reaching agreement under the article.

<u>Paragraph 5</u> provides that where a case which has been presented to the competent authority remains unresolved after three years, the case may be submitted to arbitration. It also provides that, unless the person directly affected by the mutual agreement that implements the arbitration decision, that decision shall be binding on both states. The competent authorities shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of this paragraph.

ARTICLE 24 – Exchange of Information

This article contains rules governing the exchange of information between the states.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> requires the competent authorities to exchange such information as is foreseeably relevant for carrying out the provisions of the Agreement or of their domestic laws. The exchange of information is not restricted by articles 1 and 2, which means that information concerning persons not resident in either state and information relevant to all taxes, not just those covered by the Agreement, may be exchanged.

<u>Paragraph 2</u> provides that information exchanged in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be treated as secret, although it may be disclosed to certain specified persons or authorities. Such information may be disclosed in public court proceedings or in judicial decisions.

<u>Paragraph 3</u> imposes certain limitations on the exchange of information. Sub-paragraphs a), b) and c) cannot impose an obligation on a state to carry out administrative measures at variance with the laws and administrative practices of either state, to supply information which is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of either state <u>or</u> to supply information that would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, or information whose disclosure would be contrary to public policy.

<u>Paragraph 4</u> provides that the state from which information is requested shall use its information gathering powers to obtain the requested information even though that state may

have no domestic tax interest in that information. The obligation is subject to the limitations of paragraph 3 but a state cannot decline to supply information solely because it has no domestic tax interest in that information.

<u>Paragraph 5</u> makes clear that paragraph 3 cannot be applied to permit a state to decline to supply information requested solely because the information is held by certain financial institutions. However a state may decline to supply information which is covered by professional privilege provisions in domestic law.

ARTICLE 25 – Members of Diplomatic or Permanent Missions and Consular Posts

This article ensures that diplomatic or consular officials shall not receive less favourable treatment under the Agreement than they are entitled to under international law or under the provisions of special agreements (such as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations).

ARTICLE 26 – Entry into Force

This article contains the provisions governing how and when the Agreement will enter into force and take effect.

<u>Paragraph 1</u> provides that each state will notify the other through diplomatic channels of the completion of the necessary domestic legal procedures required to bring the Agreement into force. This agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the later of these notifications.

Paragraph 2 provides that the Agreement shall have effect:

- a) with regard to taxes withheld at source, in respect of amounts paid or credited on or after the first day of January of the calendar year following the year in which the Agreement enters into force;
- b) with regard to other taxes, in respect of taxable years (and in the case of the UK corporation tax, financial years) beginning on or after the first day of January of the calendar year following the year in which the Agreement enters into force;
- c) in relation to the profits, income and gains referred to in article 8 (Shipping and air transport), paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 13 (capital gains related to shipping and air transport) and paragraph 4 of article 14 (income related to employment in international air transport), in respect of taxes on income or gains arising after 1 January 2004.

ARTICLE 27 – Termination

This article provides that the Agreement may be terminated by either state giving notice of termination through diplomatic channels. Notice shall be given at least six months before the end of any calendar year after the expiry of five years from the date the Agreement enters into force.

In the event of termination, the Agreement shall cease to have effect:

- a) with regard to taxes withheld at source, in respect of amounts paid or credited on or after the first day of January of the calendar year following the year in which the notice is given; and
- b) with regard to other taxes, in respect of taxable years (and in the case of the UK corporation tax, financial years) beginning on or after the first day of January of the calendar year following the year in which the Agreement enters into force.