

# SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### POLICY BACKGROUND

#### *The Provisions*

#### **Part 7**

#### **– Supplementary and general**

#### *Article 76*

#### *: Offences outside the United Kingdom*

7.150. *Paragraph (1)* of Article 76 makes it an offence in Northern Ireland for a British citizen or UK resident to commit certain acts overseas against a child under 16. The act done must amount to a sexual offence in Northern Ireland. The exact description of the offence does not need to be the same in both countries. For example, the provisions could apply to someone who raped a child in another country although that offence was described differently under the law in that country. *Paragraph (6)* provides that the defendant can require the prosecution to prove that what was done was an overseas offence.