EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE LEBANON (UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS) (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 2007

2007 No. 283

 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

This instrument implements United Nations sanctions against Lebanon.

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

- 3.1 Regrettably, due to a technical glitch, the text of the original version of this instrument submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was incorrectly numbered by the S.I. Template. The original text missed out on what should have been Article 5 in the draft Order. This meant that subsequent cross-references in the text to this Article were incorrect.
- 3.2. This error was drawn to our attention after the text had been adopted by the Privy Council on the 7th February. Following consultation with the Privy Council Secretariat, it has been agreed that the numbering in the Order should be corrected and that the revised instrument be reprinted in substitution for the earlier version. Corrected versions of the Order will be issued free of charge to all known recipients as soon as possible.

4. Legislative background

- 4.1 This instrument gives effect to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701(2006) adopted on the 11th of August 2006 which prohibits the delivery or supply of arms and related material to the Lebanon and the provision of assistance, advice and training related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of arms and related material.
- 4.2 This instrument applies to the territories listed in paragraph 5 below.
- 4.3 This Order is made pursuant to section 1 of the United Nations Act 1946.

5. Extent

This instrument applies to the following territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St. Helena and Dependencies, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, The Sovereign Base

Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia on the Island of Cyprus, Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands. All the territories were consulted.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

Although this instrument is laid before Parliament, there is no provision for further parliamentary proceedings and no statement is therefore required.

7. Policy Background

This instrument gives effect within the Overseas Territories to restrictive measures against Lebanon imposed by the Security Council following the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon and in Israel following Hizbollah's attack on Israel on 12 July 2006.

8. Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

9. Contact

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