

**LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

**S.I. 2006 1945**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**THE LAW RELATING TO MARRIAGE**

7. The judgment in *B and L v UK* has created an inescapable obligation to change the law so that it becomes Convention compliant. Therefore, the Department concluded that there was no need for formal public consultation on these provisions.