

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Articles 1 and 2 of this Order, which is made under section 4 of the Cyprus Act, 1960, specify the persons who are to cease to be citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies under section 4(1) of the Act in accordance with the agreement for the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus.

Article 3 relates to the re-acquisition of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies lost, by virtue of the Order, under section 4(1) of the Act. Section 6 of the British Nationality Act, 1948, includes provisions enabling a citizen of a Commonwealth country to acquire citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies by registration. Section 4(3) of the Cyprus Act provides that until 16th February, 1963, certain persons who cease to be citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies by virtue of the Order shall have the same rights as citizens of a Commonwealth country to apply for registration as citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies under section 8 of the British Nationality Act; the persons who are to have this right are those persons to whom section 4(3) of the Cyprus Act is applied by the Order. Article 3 applies section 4(3) to those persons who cease to be citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies automatically by virtue of Article 1.