

Political Affairs Digest

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House of Lords Written Answers

Palestinians: Self-determination of States

Lord Hylton (Crossbench) [HL8216] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the Balfour Declaration and of the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, what assessment they have made of their responsibility to ensure that the Palestinian nation is able to exercise its right to self-determination.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: The UK supports the Palestinian people in realising self-determination through an independent, sovereign, and unified Palestinian state, in the West Bank and Gaza. To this end, we are long-standing supporters of the Palestinian Authority in its state-building efforts, and we remain committed to making progress towards a two-state solution. We believe that negotiations will only succeed when they are conducted between Israelis and Palestinians, supported by the international community.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-05-24/HL8216/>

Visas: Russia

Lord Balfe (Conservative) [HL8340] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the ability of Russian citizens who have been denied visas to enter the UK to circumvent this restriction by taking citizenship of Israel.

Baroness Williams of Trafford: As a non-visa national, citizens of Israel do not require a visa prior to arrival in the UK, if the purpose of travel is to visit for a duration not exceeding six months.

However, a non-visa national would still require leave to enter the UK, which would be assessed against the Immigration Rules at the border by a Border Force Officer. Where a person has previously been refused a visa, this would be identified and considered as part of the assessment on whether to refuse or grant leave to enter.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-06-05/HL8340/>

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Other Relevant Information

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA): Fundamental Rights Report 2018
http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2018-fundamental-rights-report-2018_en.pdf

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

**** European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/europeanunionwithdrawal.html>

Notice of amendments

https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0212/amend/eu_rm_ccla_0608.1-7.html

Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/organdonationdeemedconsent.html>

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Consultations ** new or updated today

Measures to further improve the effectiveness of the fight against illegal content online
(closing date 25 June 2018)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-measures-further-improve-effectiveness-fight-against-illegal-content-online_en

Home Education (closing date 2 July 2018)

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/home-education-call-for-evidence-and-revised-dfe-a/>

Ecclesiastical exemption and guidance on scheduled monuments (closing date 13 July 2018)

<https://beta.gov.wales/ecclesiastical-exemption-and-guidance-scheduled-monuments>

Antisemitism: Survey of European Jews (closing date not stated)

<http://www.eurojews.eu/>

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