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Dear Dame Diana,

**Ukraine Family Scheme and Homes for Ukraine Scheme application process,
biometrics and treatment at the border**

I am writing to advise you I have signed a Ministerial Authorisation under paragraph 1(1)(d) of Schedule 23 to the Equality Act 2010 allowing Ukrainians with valid Ukrainian international passports to apply under the Ukraine Family Scheme and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme without biometrics at the same time they submit their application overseas.

This decision has been made exceptionally to ensure Visa Application Centres across Europe can focus their efforts on helping Ukrainians without passports and ensure these individuals do not face long waits for appointments. It will be kept under review if the security situation changes and if it becomes necessary to make further changes to protect our domestic homeland security.

I am placing a copy of this letter and the authorisation for this measure in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

With my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Foster MP
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