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Dear Dame Diana,

Extending to the adult children of BN(O) status holders two concessions currently operating outside the rules on the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) route

I am writing to advise you I am making two Ministerial Authorisations under Schedule 3, Part 4, paragraph 17 (4) (a) of the Equality Act 2010. One to allow UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) to grant applications submitted by the family members of an adult child of a BN(O) status holder in the event the main applicant (in this case the adult child) passes away during the application process. The other will enable UKVI to grant 12 months' Leave Outside the Rules (LOTR) to an adult child of a BN(O) status holder and their family members where they have been refused on the BN(O) route in-country for not meeting the financial requirement or the ordinary residence requirement.

Both of these concessions are currently operating outside the rules and apply to BN(O) status holders and their dependent family members. We will extend them so they will also apply to the adult children of BN(O) status holders (who, from 30 November 2022, have been able to apply to the BN(O) route independently of their parents) and their dependent family members. Both concessions will remain in place until revoked.

I will place a copy of this letter and both Ministerial Authorisations in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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