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NEW DECLARATION

by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the definition of the term 'nationals'

In view of the entry into force of the British Nationality Act 1981, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland makes the following Declaration which will replace, as from 1 January 1983, that made at the time of signature of the Treaty of Accession by the United Kingdom to the European Communities:

'As to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the term "nationals", "nationals of Member States" or "nationals of Member States" or "nationals of Member States and overseas countries and territories" wherever used in the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community or the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community or in any of the Community acts deriving from those Treaties, are to be understood to refer to:

- (a) British citizens;
- (b) persons who are British subjects by virtue of Part IV of the British Nationality Act 1981 and who have the right of abode in the United Kingdom and are therefore exempt from United Kingdom immigration control;
- (c) British Dependent Territories citizens who acquire their citizenship from a connection with Gibraltar.'

The reference in Article 6 of the third Protocol to the Act of Accession¹ of 22 January 1972, on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, to 'any citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies' is to be understood as referring to 'any British citizen'.

¹ So in original, probably should read "Accession".