

## Chapter 4 annex E

### **Draft letter explaining that the person is a British citizen without the need to be registered or naturalised**

Dear

Thank you for your application for British citizenship (for yourself and .....)(for .....). Citizenship is a matter which can be determined conclusively only by the courts but from the information provided it appears that you/your ..... are/is already a British citizen.

As you/your ..... were/was born outside the United Kingdom (on) after 1 January 1983 and one of your parents/you was/were a British citizen (serving outside the United Kingdom in service with .....) at that time, you/your ..... appear(s) to have become a British citizen on (date of birth) under section 2(1)(a)/2(1)(b)/2(1)(c) of the British Nationality Act 1981.

As you/your ..... were/was born outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories (on) after 21 May 2002 and one of your parents was/you were a British citizen (serving outside the United Kingdom in service with .....) at that time, you/your ..... appear(s) to have become a British citizen on (date of birth) under section 2(1)(a)/2(1)(b)/2(1)(c) of the British Nationality Act 1981.

(British citizens under section 2(1)(a) of the 1981 Act are citizens by descent. This means that any children born to you/your ..... in future outside the United Kingdom may not be British citizens at birth).

(British citizens under section 2(1)(b)(c) of the 1981 Act are citizens otherwise than by descent. This means that any children born to you/your ..... in future outside the United Kingdom will be British citizens at birth).

The production of (list of appropriate documents) should normally be sufficient to establish you/your ..... citizenship for all ordinary purposes, for example if you/your ..... wish(es) to apply for a British passport. Please note that additional evidence of identity, such as a driving licence, a banker's card or, in the case of a child, a school record, may be requested in certain cases.

An application for a British passport should be made to the Passport Office at (insert address of appropriate regional office) ..... Application forms can be obtained from main Post Offices.

The fee of .... submitted with the application will be refunded in full shortly.

Yours