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**MINUTES OF THE 90th MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, 31st January 2017**

Chair: Professor Alan Manning

**Attending: Dr Jennifer Smith
Madeleine Sumption
Paul Regan
MAC Secretariat**

Agenda item 1- Welcome and introductions and previous minutes

1. There were apologies from Professor Jackline Wahba. The MAC welcomed new members of the Secretariat: Tracy Liennard, Kelly Scott and Andrew Carey, to their first MAC meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agenda item 2 - MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates – oral item

2. Paul Regan gave the update on behalf of the Home Office and covered recent developments in migration related issues including the Home Secretary's appearance before the Home Affairs Committee and the production of a Bill and White Paper on Brexit. The government have issued a written statement confirming that it accepts the recommendations made in the MAC's report on teachers. Paul also addressed potential future MAC commissions.
3. Tim Harrison updated the meeting about additional staff being recruited into the MAC secretariat. He also covered the successful publication of the teachers report and the Chair of the MAC's appearances before Committees in the House of Lords and House of Commons.
4. MAC members then gave an update on their own activities. The Migration Observatory had published a report on labour migration after Brexit. The Chair reported on his visit to Norway, in a non-MAC capacity.

Agenda item 3 - Overview of work plan and discussion

5. Maria del Castillo presented this item. The focus was on identifying a format in which to report known facts and questions and areas for future research. The MAC was asked whether the questions identified were the right ones and was the Committee content with the overall approach.
6. MAC members expressed concerns about the proposed structure. The presentation of a lot of data was felt to distract from the core argument. Alternative options were discussed and the MAC made some suggestions about the layout of this work.

Agenda item 4 - Data analysis presentation and discussion

7. Maria del Castillo gave the presentation and led the discussion which focussed on the presentation of data. The MAC considered different ways of doing this and made some suggestions to the secretariat.

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Agenda item 5 - International evidence presentation and discussion

8. Alessandra Caroni gave the presentation and led the discussion focussing on international comparisons in regard to low-skilled labour. The aim was to identify the extent it was possible to collate and analyse the differing policy responses across different countries. The MAC asked that this work be taken forward and compared to research being undertaken by the OECD.

Agenda item 6 - Strategy for future work programme

9. Maria del Castillo gave a short introduction to this item and led a brief discussion. The purpose was to consider, in part, the format and timing of any future publication. The MAC considered some interim timings, to be revised in due course.

Agenda item 7 - Any other business

10. The next MAC meeting will be on 17 February 2017.