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**MINUTES OF THE 92nd MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Friday 24th March 2017**

Chair: Professor Alan Manning

**Attending: Professor Jackline Wahba
Dr Jennifer Smith
Phillipa Rouse
Paul Regan
Sukina Smith
MAC Secretariat**

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions and minutes of previous meeting

1. There were apologies from Madeleine Sumption. The MAC thanked Tim Harrison and Christine Stone for their considerable contributions to the work of the MAC over the past four years. The minutes of the previous meeting were not seen and will be circulated in time for the next meeting.

Agenda item 2 - Introduction to Head of IBPD

2. Philippa Rouse, the new interim Director of IBPD, introduced herself and said she looked forward to working closely with the MAC.

Agenda item 3 - Updates

3. Paul Regan gave the update on behalf of the Home Office which covered net migration statistics and the Higher Education and Research Bill going through Parliament. Paul also gave news that the advert for the recruitment of a new MAC member had been signed off by Ministers.
4. Tim Harrison gave an update on behalf of the secretariat. Tim thanked all committee members, Home Office officials and secretariat members past and present. He gave special thanks to Christine Stone for her work in helping the work of the MAC run smoothly. Tim told the committee that interviews for his replacement have taken place and that Maria Del Castillo and Stephen Earl would be acting heads in the interim.
5. MAC members then gave an update on their own activities. The Chair reported on his presentation at the Westminster Legal Forum and his meeting with Neil Carberry of Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

Agenda item 4 - Data analysis presentation and discussion

6. Maria del Castillo presented a paper to the MAC. The Committee discussed the paper and were content with the overall report. The Committee gave some suggestions for some amendments and it was agreed that a final draft would be available for the next meeting.

Agenda item 5 - History of free movement

7. Kelly Scott gave a presentation on the history of free movement which gave details of its origin and highlighted some key facts.

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Agenda item 6 - Update on stakeholder engagement

8. Stephen Earl gave an update on planned stakeholder engagement. The MAC asked that consideration be given to having meetings outside of London. The MAC were invited to nominate any further parties with whom they would like to meet.

Agenda item 7 - Any other business

9. The MAC agreed to hold its next meeting on 5 May 2017. Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed that this date would also not be suitable. The secretariat will contact the MAC separately about the date of the next meeting.