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21 October 2005

Home Secretary

THE REV SUN MYUNG MOON 6 JANUARY 1920 SOUTH KOREAN

Issue

1. Whether to revoke the exclusion against the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and allow him a short limited validity visa to allow him to visit the UK.

Timing

2. Within the next week as he wishes to attend an event on an undetermined date between 24 October and 5 November 2005. [REDACTED]

Summary/consideration

3. The Reverend Moon is the spiritual leader of the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace (formerly the Unification Church ("Moonies"). He wishes to visit the United Kingdom in order to meet with members of the Federation in this country in order to give them advice.
4. Rev. Moon is currently excluded from the UK following a personal decision of the Secretary of State made on 8 May 2003 that his presence would not be conducive to the public good for reasons of public order. [REDACTED]
5. Moon applied for entry clearance in June 2003. This was refused in September 2003 because he was excluded and therefore not entitled to a visa. He appealed against this decision on the grounds that it was unlawful under Section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 as being incompatible with his Convention Rights under Articles 9, 10, 11 and 14.

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6. Moon argued that the whole of the Human Rights Act had jurisdiction outside the UK and he claimed the right of entry in order to exercise his right to manifest his religion, or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance.

7. The adjudicator found that Moon was unable to invoke any rights under the ECHR as the Human Rights Act had no jurisdiction outside of the UK, save in some aspects of Article 8. This decision was supported by the IAT. [REDACTED]

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13. The Reverend Moon is not regarded as a fire-brand cleric and therefore does not fall within the scope of the changes in policy post 7/7.

Recommendation

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13. That you agree to lift the exclusion and grant Moon entry clearance for a limited period to visit the UK. [REDACTED]

Presentation/handling issues

14. At present, and given the length of time that the Reverend Moon has been excluded, it is difficult to assess the level of media interest this case will generate. If pressed at this stage, we should adopt the standard line:

"We do not discuss the immigration status of individuals with third parties".

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