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- 11.5 It is considered that closure of the UFS affects only a small proportion of potentially eligible individuals, such as those third country nationals who are not immediate family members or who are not accompanying or joining a Ukrainian national in the UK. This is in line with the HFU eligibility requirements for third country nationals being limited to those who are immediate family members of Ukrainian nationals who hold permission under the Ukraine scheme.

## **12. European Convention on Human Rights**

- 12.1 As this Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

## **13. The Relevant European Union Acts**

- 13.1 This instrument is not being made under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018
- 13.2 This instrument does not relate to withdrawal from the European Union or trigger the statement requirements under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

## **14. Consolidation**

- 14.1 The Government has committed to the consolidation of the Rules as part of its response to the Law Commission recommendations on simplifying the Immigration Rules.