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To Whom It May Concern:

Certificate of No Impediment

The British High Commission does not issue No Objection Certificates for marriage registrations to British Nationals.

The Consular Marriages and Marriages under Foreign Law (No. 2) Order 2014 governs the issuing of Certificates of No Impediment (CNIs) for British nationals marrying abroad under local law. Under this Order, it is not possible for a CNI to be issued for a proposed marriage that will take place in a Commonwealth country.

This Order applies to both British High Commissions, and local registry offices in the UK. Marriage & Civil Partnership in the UK is governed by different legislation in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

None of the Register Offices in England and Wales, nor in Scotland or Northern Ireland, issue certificates that confirm an individual's marital status, as the UK does not have a central civil register that confirms the marital statuses of British citizens. A CNI certifies that no legal impediment to a marriage has been shown to exist. It does not confirm that no impediment actually exists or that a proposed marriage will be recognised under foreign or UK law.

PLEASE NOTE: The information contained in this letter is general advice and should not be taken as a definitive statement of law nor legal advice. Any legal advice required should be obtained independently by you.

Yours faithfully

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