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between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Grand  
Duchy of Luxembourg on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of Each  
Country Resident in the Territory of the Other

Luxembourg, 18 June 2019

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GRAND DUCHY OF  
LUXEMBOURG ON THE PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS  
OF NATIONALS OF EACH COUNTRY RESIDENT IN THE TERRITORY  
OF THE OTHER**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

*Desiring* to further strengthen and consolidate the existing relations between the Parties and the close friendship that traditionally unites their nations;

*In view of* the migration of the Parties’ nationals between the Parties’ territories and the importance that the Parties attach to the facilitation of the integration of the other Party’s nationals resident in their territory;

*Desiring* to continue to encourage the social and political participation of the other Party’s nationals resident in their territory;

*Considering* that it is desirable to promote the participation of nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resident in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in local elections;

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*To this end*, desiring that nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resident in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg participate in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg’s local elections;

*To this end*, desiring that nationals of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland participate in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland’s local elections;

*And considering* that participation in the elections by the Parties’ nationals resident in the territory of the other, to which the present Agreement refers, will encourage their greater integration and will promote their social and political participation;

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Agreement:

“*Agreement*” means this Agreement;

“*local election*” in relation to Luxembourg means the election of the communal councils;

“*local election*” in relation to the United Kingdom means:

- a) local government elections,
  - b) mayoral elections, and
  - c) combined authority mayoral elections,
- as defined in the United Kingdom’s legislation;

“*Luxembourg*” means the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

“*nationals of Luxembourg*” means persons who have the Luxembourg nationality in accordance with the modified Law of 8 March 2017 on the Luxembourg nationality;

“*nationals of the United Kingdom*” has the meaning given by the Declaration of 13 December 2007 by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the definition of the term ‘nationals’ in the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as it had effect on the date on which it was made; and

“*United Kingdom*” means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

## ARTICLE 2

### **Entitlement of Resident Nationals of Luxembourg to vote and stand in Local Elections in the United Kingdom**

1. The United Kingdom undertakes to grant to nationals of Luxembourg who are legally resident in the United Kingdom the right to vote and stand as candidates in local elections in the United Kingdom subject to the same conditions as nationals of the United Kingdom.

2. Nationals of Luxembourg shall be ineligible to vote and stand on the same grounds as are provided for by the law for nationals of the United Kingdom.

3. Any modification of the conditions required for nationals of Luxembourg to vote and stand in local elections in the United Kingdom shall be communicated by the United Kingdom in writing through diplomatic channels to Luxembourg.

### ARTICLE 3

#### **Entitlement of Resident Nationals of the United Kingdom to vote and stand in Local Elections in Luxembourg**

1. Luxembourg undertakes to grant to nationals of the United Kingdom who have been legally resident in Luxembourg for at least 5 years, of which the last year prior to application for registration is uninterrupted, the right to vote and stand as candidates in local elections in Luxembourg subject to the same conditions as nationals of Luxembourg.

2. Nationals of the United Kingdom shall be ineligible to vote and stand on the same grounds as are provided for by the law for nationals of Luxembourg.

3. Any modification of the conditions required for nationals of the United Kingdom to vote and stand in local elections in Luxembourg shall be communicated by Luxembourg in writing through diplomatic channels to the United Kingdom.

4. This Article shall not affect any legal or administrative provision applicable in Luxembourg which would be more favourable to nationals of the United Kingdom.

### ARTICLE 4

#### **Application, Interpretation and Implementation**

Any matter relating to the application, interpretation, or implementation of the Agreement shall be resolved amicably by agreement between the Parties.

### ARTICLE 5

#### **Modification**

1. The Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties and in accordance with their respective national requirements for the entry into force of any such modification.

2. The Parties shall notify each in writing through diplomatic channels on the implementation of their respective national requirements for the entry into force of any such modification.

3. Any such modification shall enter into force on the day following the date on which the last notification is received.

## ARTICLE 6

### **Entry into Force**

1. The Parties shall notify each other in writing through diplomatic channels on the implementation of their respective necessary internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement.

2. The Agreement shall enter into force immediately after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, or on the day following the date on which the last notification is received, whichever is the later.

## ARTICLE 7

### **Termination**

Either Party may terminate the Agreement by written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall remain in force for thirty calendar days from the date on which the other Party receives the written notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Luxembourg, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, two thousand and nineteen in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

**For the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland:**

**STEPHEN BARCLAY**

**For the Grand Duchy of  
Luxembourg:**

**XAVIER BETTEL**

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