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Present:

Mr Stuart Trought, President

Members

Mr Raymond Berry
Mr Matthew Birmingham
Mr Neil Harvey
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Robert McDowall
Mrs Norma Paris
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Chris Rowley
Mr Francis Simonet

Representative of the Lieutenant Governor:

Colonel Colin Mason

The Greffier of the Court

Mrs Sarah Kelly

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States of Alderney

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Colonel Colin Mason, a representative of His Excellency Air Marshal Peter Walker, C.B., C.B.E.
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bailiwick of Guernsey*

[THE PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PRAYERS

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

Billet d'État for Wednesday, 17th September 2014

I. Chief Pleas –

None received

Item I

Persons whose names are included on the Register of Voters and who have given due notice will address the States on matters of public interest.

The President: Madam Greffier, if you would move on to Item I, please.

5 **The Greffier:** Sir, Item I is Chief Pleas and I have not received any Chief Pleas within the required time.

The President: Thank you very much.

Mr Simonet as Convener, would you like to give us a report on the People's Meeting, please?

10 **Mr Simonet:** Yes, sir.

The People's Meeting was attended by the President, six States' Members, including the Convener, Minute Secretary, approximately 50 members of the public and three press.

There were no questions on the Item of Chief Pleas.

15 **The President:** Thank you very much.

II. The Financial Services Ombudsman (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2014 – Approved

Item II

The States is asked:

to approve 'The Financial Services Ombudsman (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2014'.

The President: We move on to Item II, please.

The Greffier: Sir, Item II is The Financial Services Ombudsman (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2014. The States is asked to approve that Law.

20 **The President:** Thank you.
Mr Simonet as Convener, please.

Mr Simonet: Yes, sir. There were no questions on that Item.

25 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.
Mr McDowall, I believe you wish to propose this.

Mr McDowall: Yes indeed. Thank you, Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.

30 Thank you, Mr Simonet, for allowing me to present this. I am very much in favour of this. A financial ombudsman is an absolutely pivotal part of any financial regulatory regime and I think it has been quite a long time in coming, frankly.

I think the second point is it gives more accountability, both to the regulator and to the financial institutions – and if I may say so, I do not think there is enough public accountability of the financial regulator in Guernsey, which is a bad thing.

35 More importantly – most importantly – I would like to see this as almost the seed of more consolidation or federation of financial regulation across the Crown Dependencies. The Crown Dependencies are small. They do rely substantially on financial institutions. But regulation is getting more complex. We are not going to see the end of it, I am afraid it is the politicians' panacea for addressing financial issues, although I am not sure that is right, but that is a discussion for another time. It is getting more complex and it requires a huge range of resources and scale up, and I candidly do not think the individual Crown Dependencies in Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man can actually continue to support a financial regulator individually, because ultimately the cost goes back to the investor, not just the international investor, the local investor – so you pay more for insurance and so on.

40 So I really do hope that this is the start of a more federal or consolidated approach to financial regulation across the Crown Dependencies.

45 Thank you, Mr President.

The President: Thank you, Mr McDowall.
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

50 **Mr Simonet:** Yes, I do sir.

I am pleased to endorse and support the comments of Mr McDowall. This has been long awaited and it is a delight to see it being put in place.

55 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.
Does any other Member wish to comment on this Item...? Mr Roberts.

Mr Roberts: Yes, Mr President.

60 The only reservation that I do have is the fees that may be charged. I hope it will not be out of some people's reach. It is the only one thing I am concerned about. I will be supporting it, but it is just I was concerned about the fees that are charged. I do not believe any fees are charged at the moment. Here there will be fees, so it is the one thing that concerns me, but I will be supporting it.

65 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Roberts.
Does anybody else wish to comment on this? Mr Harvey.

Mr Harvey: Thank you, Mr President.

I think just to clarify, my understanding is, and I have seen the legislation that is proposed for Guernsey, that fees will not be charged to the complainants in the normal course of events.

70 **The President:** Thank you, Mr Harvey.
Does any other Member wish to comment on this Item...? No.
Mr McDowall, do you wish to sum up?

75 **Mr McDowall:** Yes, thank you very much, Mr President.

I really just reiterate what I have said already: this is a good piece of legislation. It is a long time in the coming and a financial ombudsman has been very effective in the UK, particularly over a lot of the claims on PPI. So I think it is a good body to have and let's hope it works effectively and transparently.

80 **The President:** Thank you, Mr McDowall.

Madam Greffier, would you call the vote please.

The Greffier: Sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Birmingham	None	None
Mr Berry		
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr McDowall		
Mr Rowley		
Mr Roberts		
Mrs Paris		

The Greffier: Carried, sir.

The President: Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.

III. The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 – Not annulled

Item III.

The States is asked:

to resolve that 'The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2014' not be annulled.

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The President: We move on to Item III, please.

The Greffier: Sir, Item III is the Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2014. The States is asked not to annul those Regulations.

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The President: Mr Simonet, as Convener.

Mr Simonet: There were no comments on this Item, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

100 Mr Harvey, I believe you wish to propose this.

Mr Harvey: Thank you, Mr President.

105 Yes, this is a very small technical adjustment. It hinges around the definition of 'money laundering and terrorist financing', the wording of which has been changed under advice of the Law Officers as part of our preparations for the forthcoming money Moneyval inspection. The Moneyval inspection will be effectively the European Union running its rule over the regulations and operational procedures in Guernsey, so we have to hope that comes out well.

But this is merely a very minor change in the wording, and I recommend it to you.

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The President: Thank you very much, Mr Harvey.

Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

Mr Simonet: Yes I do, sir.

I have nothing further to add.

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The President: Thank you, Mr Simonet.

Does any Member wish to comment on Item III, Alderney eGambling...? No comments.

Mr Harvey, do you wish to say anything else?

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Mr Harvey: Nothing further to say, Mr President.

The President: Thank you, Mr Harvey.

Madam Greffier, if you will take that as carried please.

125 **The Greffier:** Yes, sir.

Procedural

The President: Just so that everybody knows what is going on – we will be moving Questions and Reports to the end of Billet No. 2, because this month we have two Billets.

That completes Billet No. 1. We now move on to Billet No. 2. Madam Greffier if you could move to Item I, please.

Billet d'État No. 2

I. The Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2014 – Approved

Item I.

The States is asked:

(a) to resolve and rescind its Resolution of 19th March 2014 approving the Projet de Loi 'The Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2014' and requesting the President to seek Royal Sanction; and

(b) to approve the accompanying Projet de Loi under the same title and to request the President to seek the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council for it to have force of law in the Island of Alderney.

130 **The Greffier:** Sir, it is the Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2014.

The States is asked to resolve and rescind its resolution of 19th March 2014 and to approve the accompanying Projet under the same title; and to request the President to seek the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council for it to have force of law in the Island of Alderney.

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The President: Thank you, Madam Greffier.

Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

Mr Simonet: There were no comments on this Item, Mr President.

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The President: Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to propose this Item.

Mr Simonet: Yes, sir, I do.

145 As you know this Projet de Loi has already been to the States and approved. This Item is simply to make an amendment to it because it was seen by the Law Officers that some of the provisions might be being discriminatory, and in those circumstances it was suggested that these alterations be made. We have the full support of our Law Officers.

I have nothing further to add, sir.

150 **The President:** Thank you, Mr Simonet.

Mr Rowley, I believe you wish to second this.

Mr Rowley: Yes, that is right, sir. I have nothing further to add to it.

155 **The President:** Thank you, Mr Rowley.

Does any Member wish to comment on this? Mr McDowall.

Mr McDowall: Yes, indeed, I shall be... Thank you very much, Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.

160 I shall be supporting this, but I do think the Law Officers should have better things to do with their time
than deal with the philosophical minutiae of Human Rights Acts, personally.
But I shall be supporting it.

The President: Thank you, Mr McDowall.
Does any other Member wish to comment on this Item..? No.
165 In that case, Mr Simonet, do you wish to exercise your right to sum up?

Mr Simonet: No, I have nothing further to add, sir.

The President: Thank you, Mr Simonet.
170 In that case, as the one person who has spoken has spoken in support of this motion, Madam Greffier,
please take that as carried.

The Greffier: Thank you.

II. The Russian Federation (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014 – Approved

Item II.

*The States is asked:
to approve 'The Russian Federation (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014'*

The President: We will move on to Item II, please.
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The Greffier: That is the Russian Federation (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014 and
the States is asked to approve that Ordinance.

The President: Thank you.
180 Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

Mr Simonet: No comments on this Item, sir.

The President: Mr McDowall, I believe you wish to propose this Item.
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Mr McDowall: No, I don't.

The President: You don't wish to propose it?

Mr McDowall: No, I do not. *(Laughter)*
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The President: Mrs Paris, you wish to propose it.

Mrs Paris: If that is alright, Mr President. *(Laughter)*
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The President: Please, go ahead.

Mrs Paris: Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.
200 We are being asked to approve the implementation of further sanctions against Russia in the light of
their continued action to undermine Ukraine's independence.

We are a small Island and we are relatively remote from a lot of the troubles that are presently occurring
in the rest of the world. We have our own concerns nearer to home and from day to day we have to accept
that we live a very peaceful and safe lifestyle here. I think we are quite relaxed about that, and perhaps a
little complacent – because within living memory, Alderney was invaded and our population evacuated and
205 dispersed. So surely we must have some fellow feeling for those who are suffering now because of the
territorial ambitions of a larger and aggressive neighbouring country.

It may seem that we are too small to make a difference, but we are being asked to stand shoulder to
shoulder with the other European democracies to show unanimously that we do not approve of Russian
actions. How could we do otherwise?

210 To paraphrase John Donne: no island is an island. Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls
for all of us.
Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Mrs Paris.
215 Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this Item.

Mr Simonet: I do, sir and I have no further comment.

The President: Does any other Member wish to comment on Item II on the second Billet? Mr
220 McDowell.

Mr McDowell: Yes, thank you very much, Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.
I am going to vote against all these sanctions but thankfully I shall only speak once.
225 These proposals – we are at the end of a food chain of foreign policy of the Western Hemisphere which
is vacillating, undecided and ineffective, at the moment. Sanctions historically have never got anywhere.
Trading is the first way in which you establish good relationships. I do believe that this is no more than
gesture politics, so I shall be voting against all the sanctions, but obviously shall not be speaking
individually on each.
Thank you.

230 **The President:** Thank you, Mr McDowell.
Does any other Member wishes to speak on this Item? Mr Harvey.

Mr Harvey: Thank you, sir.
235 I anticipated some debate on this issue knowing some of my colleagues' views on the matter. And the
view that has previously been expressed is that this is all the EU's fault because they are trying to
encourage Ukraine into their sphere of influence. That argument is bit like saying that the neighbour who
plays his music too loud is the same as the one who burns houses down.

I totally endorse the comments of my colleague, Mrs Paris. We do take our safety for granted and not
240 many thousand miles from here people are being killed and run over by tanks, and that is not a matter for
levity or indulgence in food chain discussions.

One of the oft repeated comments is that sanctions are a waste of time, they do not work. Well they do.
And I think the reaction of the president of Russia and some of his oligarchs is testament to the fact that
they do hurt. The Russian economy is not a large one. It is suffering from the effects of sanctions. There is a
245 progressive tightening of sanctions as their totally unacceptable behaviour in international terms is repeated.

Sanctions rebound on the person applying the sanctions – well yes, of course they do to an extent, but to
rather a lesser extent than sending thousands of people, as we did 100 years ago, to try and deal with the
matter in a more militaristic manner.

250 So I would say to those who say sanctions are a waste of time, what is the alternative? Wringing our
hands and complaining on the side-lines and doing nothing. I do not think that is acceptable.

I take also the point that we are very small jurisdiction, but we are part of an international chain of
jurisdictions and we should play our part.

I therefore support the proposals.

255 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Harvey.
Does any other Member wish to speak on Item II? Mr Roberts.

Mr Roberts: At first when we had the meeting, I voted against these sanctions. I have since changed
260 my mind, I think they will go through anyway and our endorsement is perhaps prudent.

I have had a lot of thought about it and I was totally against it, but I have changed my mind and I am
going to vote for it.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Roberts.
265 Does any other Member wish to speak on this Item? In that case, Madam Greffier, would you call the
vote, please.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR
Mr Birmingham
Mr Berry
Mr Jean
Mr Harvey
Mr Simonet
Mr Rowley
Mr Roberts
Mrs Paris

AGAINST
Mr McDowall

ABSTAINED
None

**IIIA. The Crimea and Sevastopol (Restrictive Measure) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014 –
Approved**

Item IIIA

The States is asked:

to approve ‘The Crimea and Sevastopol (Restrictive Measure) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014’.

The President: Madam Greffier, if we could move on to Item IIIA, please.

270 **The Greffier:** Sir, that is the Crimea and Sevastopol (Restrictive Measure) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014.
The States is asked to approve that Ordinance.

The President: Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.
Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this?

275 **Mr Simonet:** No comments on this Item, sir.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.
Mr Birmingham, I believe you wish to propose this.

280 **Mr Birmingham:** Yes, thank you, Mr President, lady and gentlemen. Round 2!
At the April States meeting, I spoke strongly in favour of sanctions against those involved in fermenting
the unrest in eastern Ukraine, particularly the actions of the Russian Federation in its open complicity in the
de facto annexation of the Crimea after a transparently rigged referendum by Russian separatists, clearly
supported by Russian army units

285 At that time I warned that Russia’s actions could only lead to further civil unrest and confrontation with
the Ukrainian authorities in eastern Ukraine and since then hostilities have escalated. Whilst there has been
increasing evidence of direct Russian military intervention in the Ukraine, leading most tragically to the
shooting down of Malaysian flight MH17, which now appears to have been instigated by Russian forces
only three days after a Ukrainian transport aircraft was shot down in similar circumstances.

290 At its meeting on 20th and 21st March 2014, the EU Commission passed a resolution strongly
condemning the annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and its refusal to recognise that
annexation. On 23rd June the Commission published a decision to implement the trade embargo on the
Crimea which was formally adopted on 25th June 2014.

295 I believe it is the duty of the States to support these sanctions in order to make a clear stand against this
illegal annexation of territory, which can only be described as Cold War politics writ large by a Russian
regime that believes its sphere of influence should still stretch halfway across Europe.

I remember a quote from the Oliver Stone film *Thirteen Days* about the Cuban missile crisis. An
American general warns the president that, ‘The big red dog is digging in our backyard.’ Well, it might not
be digging in our backyard, but he sure as hell is making a big mess in Ukraine’s front yard – a mess that
could spread to the Baltic republics and other areas with large Russian populations.

300 This expansionist policy has to be confronted because if it goes unchecked the consequences for the
whole of Eastern Europe could be dire, perhaps even leading to scenes similar to the Yugoslav republic in
the mid-1990s.

305 I urge the States to support this Ordinance and add its voice to the international chorus against these
dangerous actions in eastern Ukraine.

The President: Thank you much, Mr Birmingham.
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

310 **Mr Simonet:** Yes, I do sir. Nothing to add, except to say that I will be keeping my eye open for strange people in Alderney with snow on their boots. (*Laughter*)

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.
Does any other Member wish to comment on this Item?

315 Madam Greffier, in view of the fact that we have somebody who has placed on record the fact they are going to oppose this, would you please call the vote.

The Greffier: Sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Birmingham	Mr McDowall	None
Mr Berry		
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr Rowley		
Mr Roberts		
Mrs Paris		

The Greffier: Thank you.

**IIIB. The Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014;
The South Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014; and
Repeal of The Sudan (Provision of Technical Assistance, etc.) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2004 –
Approved**

Item IIIB

The States is asked to approve:

- i. The Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014 ; and*
- ii. The South Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014; and*
- iii. that 'The Sudan (Provision of Technical Assistance, etc.) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2004' be repealed*

320 **The President:** Madam Greffier, if you could move to Item IIIB, please.

The Greffier: That is the Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014 and The South Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014. The States is asked to approve those Ordinances.

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The President: Thank you very much.
Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

330 **Mr Simonet:** There were no comments on this Item. Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much.

The Greffier: Sorry, sir, and also you are asked to approve that the Sudan (Provision of Technical Assistance, etc.) (Alderney) Ordinance should be repealed.

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The President: Thank you, very much.
Mr Simonet, were there any comments on that addition which the Greffier has just mentioned?

Mr Simonet: There were no comments.

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The President: Thank you very much, indeed.
Mr Berry, I believe you wish to propose this.

Mr Berry: Thank you, sir.

345 In proposing this, I look at this Billet Item and I believe, sir, and I think our Members will see it as such, it is self-explanatory. I have nothing further to add, other than to commend it to the House.

The President: Thank you, Mr Berry.
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

350 **Mr Simonet:** Yes, I am pleased to second, Mr President. I have no further comments on the Item.

The President: Does any other Member wish to speak on Item IIIB?
Mr McDowell, I take it you are still opposed to this?

355 **Mr McDowell:** I am indeed, sir.

The President: Thank you very much. Madam Greffier, would you please call the vote.

360 **The Greffier:** Sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Birmingham	Mr McDowall	None
Mr Berry	Mr Roberts	
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr Rowley		
Mrs Paris		

The Greffier: That is carried, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

IV. The Afghanistan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 – Approved

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Item IV.

The States is asked:

to approve 'The Afghanistan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014'.

The President: We will move to Item IV, please.

370 **The Greffier:** Item IV, sir, is the Afghanistan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 and the States is asked to approve that Ordinance.

The President: Thank you, Madam Greffier.
Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

375 **Mr Simonet:** There were no comments, Mr President.

However one contributor made a general comment querying the cost to Alderney for legal work on all these various Ordinances. The Treasurer advised that Ordinances are prepared by the Law Officers in Guernsey at no charge to ourselves.

380 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.
Mr Birmingham, I believe you wish to propose this.

Mr Birmingham: Yes, thank you, Mr President, lady and gentlemen.

385 At the September States meeting in 2011, this body approved the Afghanistan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance. This created a new sanctions regime targeted at the Afghan insurgency, including the Taliban. The resolution transferred the list of designated individuals and entities associated with the Taliban who were previously listed under the UN Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions regime to the new

390 Afghanistan regime, which was UN Security Council Resolution 1988. This imposed a travel ban, assets
freeze and arms embargo against individuals and entities who the Security Council or Sanctions Committee
had decided presented a threat to the peace, security and stability of Afghanistan, including those that were
associated with the Taliban.

395 However, it has been recognised that that Ordinance did not include a reporting requirement by financial
services businesses to the authorities if they had reason to suspect that a breach of the sanctions regime had
occurred. This amendment therefore addresses a perceived weakness identified within that original
Ordinance strengthening the legislation in relation to terrorist financing.

I commend it to the House.

The President: Thank you, Mr Birmingham.
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

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Mr Simonet: I am pleased to second this Item, Mr President and I have no further comments.

The President: Thank you very much.

405 Does any other Member wish to speak on this...? Mr Birmingham, do you wish to exercise your right?
Madam Greffier, in view of the comments made by Mr McDowell earlier, would you please put this to
the vote.

The Greffier: Yes, sir.

410 *A vote was taken and the results were as follows:*

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Birmingham	Mr McDowell	None
Mr Berry	Mr Roberts	
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr Rowley		
Mrs Paris		

The Greffier: Thank you.

415 **The President:** Thank you, Madam Greffier.

**V. The Ukraine (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014;
The Territorial Integrity etc. of Ukraine (Restrictive Measures)
(Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014;
The Central African Republic (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 –
Approved**

Item V.

The States is asked to approve:

- i. The Ukraine (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014;*
- ii. The Territorial Integrity etc. of Ukraine (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014; and*
- iii. The Central African Republic (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014.*

The President: We move to Item V, please.

420 **The Greffier:** Sir, Item V, the States is asked to approve the Ukraine (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney)
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2014; the Territorial Integrity etc. of Ukraine (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney)
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2014; and the Central African Republic (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney)
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2014.

425 **The President:** Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.
Mr Simonet as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

Mr Simonet: No, there were no comments on this item, Mr President.

The President: Thank you very much.
Mr Birmingham, I believe you wish to propose this.

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Mr Birmingham: Thank you, Mr President, lady and gentleman.

At the April States meeting, three Ordinances were placed by this body placing restrictive measures on bodies and individuals in relation to the Ukraine and Central African Republic.

435 However, it has since been identified that during the drafting process an omission was made by the Law Officers in all three Ordinances relating to the Customs and Excise powers to detain the suspected transgressors of the sanctions regime.

These three Ordinances here amend the legislation to ensure that the correct enforcement measures are in place to permit their effective implementation, and I commend them to the House.

440 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Birmingham.
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

Mr Simonet: Yes, Mr President, I am pleased to second this Item and I have no further comment to make.

445

The President: Thank you, Mr Simonet.

Does any other Member wish to comment on Item V...? In view of Mr McDowall's previous comments, Madam Greffier, would you please put this to the vote.

450 **The Greffier:** Sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mrs Paris	Mr McDowall	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr Rowley		
Mr Simonet		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Jean		
Mr Berry		
Mr Birmingham		

455 **The Greffier:** That is carried, sir.

The President: Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.

VI. Questions and Reports

The President: We now move on to Item VI, please.

460 **The Greffier:** Sir, that is Questions and Reports.

The President: Do we have any Questions and Reports?

465 **The Greffier:** I have received nothing, sir.

The President: Neither have I. In which case, Madam Greffier, that completes this evening's proceedings and if you would be kind enough to close the States.

The Greffier: Sir.

PRAYERS
The Greffier

The Assembly adjourned at 5.57 p.m.