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UK's POPULATION ON TRACK FOR 70 MILLION

Government's own, new survey shows 79% of people want immigration cut

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Commenting on the release today by the Office of National Statistics of data on migration, the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP, said:

“The fall in net migration may well be temporary – as in previous recessions – but even at the present level of immigration, we are still on target for the UK's population to exceed 70 million within 25 years. There are no laurels to rest on. The need for firm measures on immigration is unchanged. The public clearly understand this. The Government's own survey, released today, shows 79 per cent of people want immigration reduced.”

Notes to editors

1. For media enquiries, please contact the Office of Rt Hon Frank Field MP, on 020 7219 6636.
2. The Communities and Local Government survey referred to above can be viewed here:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/pdf/1319805.pdf>, see Annex D, table 8, page 57.
3. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP and The Hon Nicholas Soames MP are Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group's Vice-Chairmen are Lord (Bill) Jordan CBE (former President of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union) and Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury & Atcham). Other members include Tobias Ellwood MP, Roger Godsiff MP, Peter Kilfoyle MP, David Taylor MP, Robert Key MP, Colin Burgon MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Anderson, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL, Lord Skidelsky, Lord Wakeham and Lord Ramsbotham.
4. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.