

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



Frank Field and Nicholas Soames comment on PM's speech

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In response to the Prime Minister's speech to the Labour Party Conference today the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Nicholas Soames MP and Frank Field MP, said:

“The Prime Minister has still yet to grasp how serious the immigration question is. The tightening of the immigration system, which the Prime Minister mentioned, will, on the Government's own calculation, reduce immigration by less than 10 per cent. If we are to avoid the UK's population hitting 70 million, it must be reduced by 75 per cent.”

Notes to Editors:

1. The Prime Minister today in Brighton said:

“This is a new and more mobile world and so we have to step up the protection of our borders against terrorism and illegal immigration. And it means we must take a tough approach to who gets to come to our country and who gets to stay. Tightening our points-based immigration system ensures that those who have the skills that can help Britain will be welcomed, and those who do not, will be refused. And the ID cards for foreign nationals are working.”

2. 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 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.

3. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.