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### **RENEWAL OF IMMIGRATION CONCESSION FOR SYRIAN NATIONALS**

I am writing to advise you that today I have signed the Ministerial Authorisation under the Equality Act 2010 to enable the Home Office to continue to operate a temporary concession for Syrian nationals who are in the UK lawfully and whose visas are about to expire (or meet the grace period for visa expiry in the Immigration Rules) in specified visa categories. They will continue to be allowed to either extend their stay in that visa category, or switch routes into another specified category (with restrictions) in-country, rather than being required to return home first. Those applying will still need to meet the requirements of the relevant category, pay the appropriate fee and adhere to any other conditions which apply.

The operation of the Authorisation will be kept under review, and I will consider whether or not to extend it after a further year.

I will place a copy of this letter and the Authorisation for this concession in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

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