

## **CROWN DEPENDENCIES – DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY**

Each of the Crown Dependencies has expressed a wish to better define and develop their 'international personality'. Each CD government is politically committed to promoting its international profile. What that looks like and means in practice has not been fully defined but the successful development of an international personality in each of the CDs will require close working between each of the administrations and the UK.

The UK welcomes the promotion of the CDs as models of well functioning, small democracies and supports the principle of the CDs developing a positive international personality and has a role to play in assisting.

The CDs will clarify their ambitions/aspirations for an international personality and work together with the UK to produce an effective framework for the development and implementation of their respective international personalities. The framework will encompass a statement of principles and will be underpinned by a clear working protocol. Taken together they will:

- assist understanding in the international community of the constitutional relationships between the UK and the CDs and the responsibilities of the UK and CDs within their constitutional models,
- assist the CDs in presenting coherent (to other parties), effective (credible) and legitimate (legally and constitutionally sound) international profiles
- provide the basis for constructive resolution of issues where CD and UK policy interests do not coincide.

The protocol will build on the good practices established during the recent EU savings tax agreements and being developed for the continuing TIEA negotiations.

The constitutional relationship between the UK and the CDs works well and the relationships are positive and constructive. The unwritten nature of the relationships allows them to develop in line with progress and world changes.

The CDs and DCA will work jointly to promote a wide understanding that each CD's desire to promote itself internationally reflects its intention to participate in world events as mature confident democracies committed both to playing their part in helping others and raising world standards.

It is intended that over the coming months officers from the DCA and CD's will develop the framework. It will be presented to the Chief Ministers of Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man and the UK Secretary of State for Constitutional affairs for agreement before the end of 2006.