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Taking Stock of the Decolonization Agenda – the UK Overseas Territories (Caribbean,  
Bermuda, and St Helena): Current Positions and Future Options

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1. Executive Summary

This paper analyses the current state of relations between the United Kingdom (UK) government and its Overseas Territories, with a particular focus on the Caribbean territories, Bermuda and St Helena. Over the last two decades the general approach of successive UK governments towards its overseas territories and the decolonization agenda has remained fairly constant. Both Labour and

- The disagreements between the Turks and Caicos Islands Government and the UK authorities over the strengthened 2012 Constitution.

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borrowing limits. In St Helena, meanwhile, the UK does not allow the government to borrow funds. So it is clear that the level of economic oversight of the territories has increased. The Coalition

in the UK, with its austerity policies at home, believes it is necessary to exercise greater

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Increasing the number of residents who have Belonger status is as we have seen very sensitive, and there are good reasons why this issue should be dealt with in a delicate manner. Belongers are fearful

recent large scale labour migration on the other. In addition, it is important to recognise that any