**In the Family Court** **Case** **No: [*Case number*]**

**sitting at [*Court name*]**

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|  | **Order [Family Law Act 1986, section 55] /**  **[Civil Partnership Act 2004, section 181]** |

Before [*name of judge*] in [private] / [public] on [*date*].

**The parties:** The applicant is [*name*] represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 1st respondent is [*name*], the [*relationship to child*], represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 2nd respondent is [*name*], the [*relationship to child*], represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 3rd [[and] / [to][*insert* **(number so that each child is identified as a separate respondent)**] respondent[s] [is] / [are] the child[ren] (by their children’s guardian [*name*]) represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

## Recitals

1. The judge read the following witness statement[s][*insert*]and heard oral evidence from [*name(s)*].
2. **(where the applicant is not a party to the marriage or civil partnership to which this application relates)** The court considers that the applicant has sufficient interest in the determination of this application to justify making the application.
3. The court considers that the jurisdiction requirements set out in Family Law Act 1986, section 55(2) have been satisfied.
4. The court [has] / [has not] considered it necessary to direct that the papers in the case should be sent to the Attorney-General to allow him to intervene and make representations in the proceedings pursuant to [Family Law Act 1986, section 59] / [Civil Partnership Act 2004, section 183].

## Definitions

1. [References to ‘the marriage’ in this order mean the marriage between [*name*] and [*name*]] / [References to ‘the civil partnership’ in this order mean the civil partnership between [*name*] and [*name*]].

**IT IS DECLARED THAT:**

1. The [marriage] / [civil partnership] was at its inception a valid [marriage] / [civil partnership].
2. The [marriage] / [civil partnership] subsisted on [*date*].
3. The [marriage] / [civil partnership] did not subsist on [*date*].
4. The validity of the [divorce] / [annulment] / [legal separation] obtained in [*insert country outside England and Wales*] in respect of the [marriage] / [civil partnership] [is] [is not] entitled to recognition in England and Wales.

## Costs

1. The costs of this application are [*specify*].

Dated [*date*]