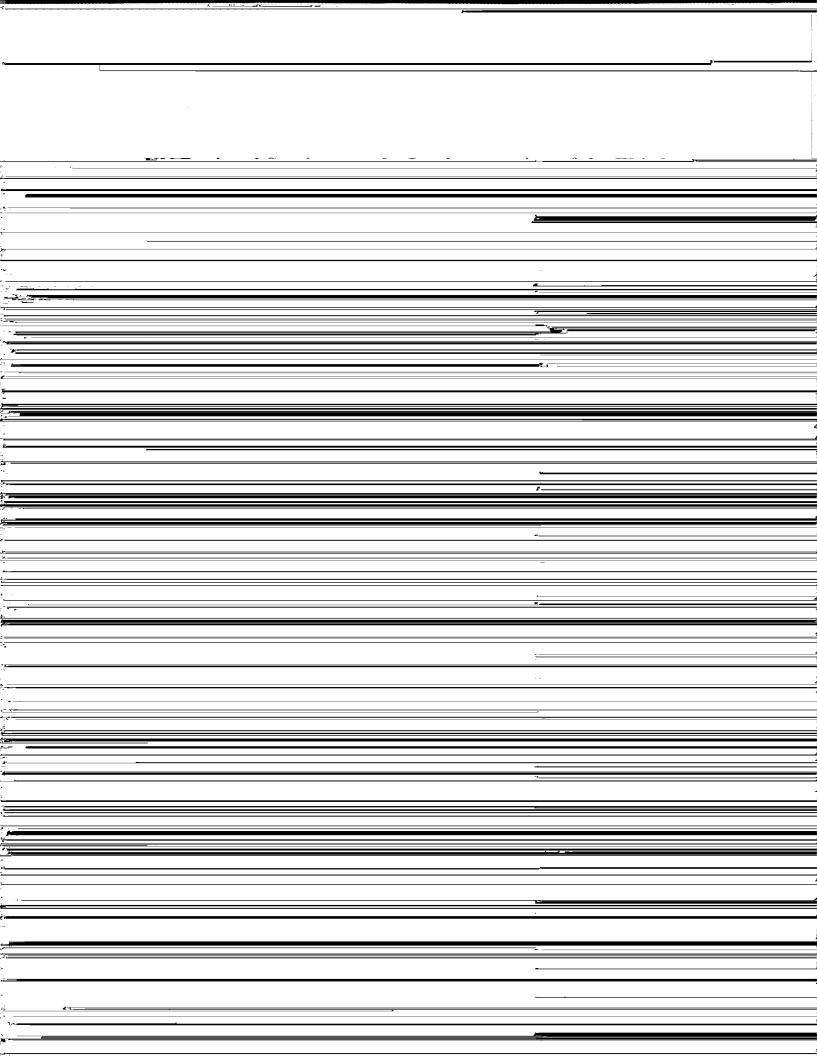


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	finds itself currently on the OECD list of ODA eligible countries and territories on the basis of
	its Gross National Income (www.oecd.com/dac/stat/ accessed 11/05/2017). Although the
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	to territories in need and to supporting development aimed at reducing aid dependence. It	
	declares that "reasonable assistance needs of the OTs are a first call on the United Vinadom's	
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Government carries significant contingent liabilities in respect of the territories...therefore it maintains certain residual powers to ensure it is able to discharge this duty" (https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/pdf.p.13) Finally, the White Paper encourages

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	of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, Articles 198 - 203 (Consolidated Version of the
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by virtue of their GDP, participate through the regional funding in development cooperation programmes for environmental protection and climate change mitigation⁴.

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disbursement of funds until the exit negotiations have been concluded. These could result in significant delays in the progress of development projects. There is a larger question of development cooperation in the longer term and the extent to which these territories will have access to funding for climate change mitigation and for some, the achievement of the 2030 SDGs.

• While short-term conditions remain unchanged, EU market access for financial services remains uncertain once Brexit is fully implemented. Ernst and Young (2017) identify Bermuda as being in the most favourable position, since it has third country equivalency yia Solvency II and has made major efforts to align its regulatory framework with EU

legislation over the past six years. It already has a bilateral relationship with the

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Between June 2016 and early 2017, there has been much uncertainty about Brexit, and many political changes within Britain. Some degree of clarity emerged with the British Prime Minister's Brexit speech on January 17 2017, the notification under Art. 50 of the

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	However, as David Jessop argues, Brexit presents an opportunity for reigniting the debate
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	growing autonomy (Jessop 13/03/2016, http://www.caribbean-council.org). It will also
	strengthen their capacity and experience in engaging with the external environment and
	may well reconfigure in significant ways their internal administrations, their relationship

with Britain and with the EU, as well as with their regional environment.