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Subject: Re: Envoy Appointment for Government tomorrow.

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Niall

That's all perfect. Very acceptable.

Yes - agreed to wait in detail till launch of mandate in September

Thinking of you too tomorrow.

Best wishes

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On Jul 26, 2021, at 4:57 PM, Niall.Burgess@dfa.ie wrote:

Katherine,

The reference at Government tomorrow will be relatively brief – mandate will be set out as 2 years and the title will be Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression for a two year period.

It will elaborate (as we discussed) that the mandate will provide enhanced capacity for high-level engagement in support of civil society, rights of LGBTIQ+ persons freedom of the media and freedom of association.

We will prepare a short press advisory that will make this public afterwards (along with the proposed Ambassadorial appointments). My sense is that we should hold back on being drawn into fine detail until the mandate is launched in NY in September?

Niall