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Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Deadline 5.30pm - Press Response - Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

See thread below

From: Conlan John HQ-FINANCE & HR
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Sec Gen PSSG
Cc: Mulligan Barry HQ-HR
Subject: Press Query - Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Niamh

Draft press response. Can you clear with the SG and then send back to Press

Regards

John

DRAFT RESPONSE

Appointment by Government as Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

The Government today appointed Katherine Zappone Special Envoy to focus on freedom of opinion and expression.

This role will provide enhanced capacity for high-level engagement on a small number of established Irish human rights priorities, across regional and multilateral architecture. These are priority areas that have been outlined in “The Global Island: Ireland’s Foreign Policy for a Changing World”, specifically:-

- Civil society space
- Human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons
- Freedom of expression and opinion including freedom of the media and freedom of association.

The Special Envoy will be paid a per diem rate on the basis of the Principle Officer pay scale. It is anticipated that this will amount to circa 50 days this year.

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Subject: FW: Zappone

Colleagues,

We've received the below query from the Times on the appointment of Katherine Zappone as UN Envoy.

Grateful for obs.

Kind regards,
Liz

From: Brian Mahon <brian.mahon@the-times.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 27 July 2021 14:46

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Subject: Zappone

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Hi there,

Just lookig for rationale for zappone role, the job spec ans how muxh she will be paid.

I have a deadline of 530

Kind regards,

Brian