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**From:** Sec Gen PSSG  
**Sent:** Wednesday 18 August 2021 16:42  
**To:** Nolan Eimear HQ-SEC GEN  
**Subject:** Fw: Press Query - Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

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**From:** Sec Gen PSSG  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:04 PM  
**To:** O'Malley Elizabeth HQ-POLICY & COMMS  
**Cc:** #HQ-PCD Press Relations; Conlan John HQ-FINANCE & HR; Mulligan Barry HQ-HR  
**Subject:** Re: Press Query - Special Envoy for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Liz

Please see draft response below which has been cleared by the SG.

### 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, around 30 days to the end of this year.

Kind regards  
Niamh

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**From:** O'Malley Elizabeth HQ-POLICY & COMMS <Elizabeth.OMalley@dfa.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 27 July 2021 14:51  
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**Cc:** #HQ-PCD Press Relations <pressrelations@dfa.ie>  
**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](mailto: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

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