



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Our Ref: Fol/Req/21 027

17 February 2021

Dear Diarmuid,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

'All correspondence related to the publishing of a statement by Minister Coveney on 'recent attack in Mali' (dated 25 March 2019)'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 29 January 2021.

I have identified **one record** that falls within the scope of your request. The record is attached. I have made a decision to grant the record.

You may also wish to refer to [Parliamentary Question number 15160/19](#) of 2 April 2019, which refers to the Minister's statement and to the events in Mali concerned by the statement.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30, (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082618.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

Arianna Whelan
Africa Unit