



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/119

24 May 2018

Dear Mr. Aslan-Levy,

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:

On 3 February 2015, the Representative of Ireland in Palestine presented her letter of credentials to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 2 May 2018.

Section 42 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2014 sets out the exclusion of certain records from the scope of FOI. Under Section 42 (h) this includes records relating to the President of Ireland.

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. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082857.

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,

Christina Prendergast
Protocol Officer