



Jan Cosgrove
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Dear Jan Cosgrove

I refer to your request where you asked:

"Could you please disclose who is responsible for:

- a) signing international treaties and conventions on behalf of the UK*
- b) ratifying such treaties and conventions.*

Please state to what extent signing obligates the UK to fulfil treaty and convention provisions.

Similarly, ratification.

If a convention or treaty is relevant to a matter before a UK Court, at which court level, if any, is the court obliged to take the treaty or convention into account in making a judgment.

Why are treaties and conventions not submitted directly to Parliament for ratification/accession?"

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Cabinet Office. You may be able to obtain more information by contacting the Foreign & Commonwealth Office via email at dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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