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Dear Nina Cross

**INTERNAL REVIEW OF FOI REQUEST REF: 1042-18**

Thank you for your email of 7 January requesting an internal review of Foreign and Commonwealth's handling of your FOI request.

Your request asked:

*You replied to my FOI asking what NGOs and CSOs you fund in Venezuela, and if you fund Mercy Corps or the Red Cross. You replied:*

*I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.*

*The FCO has funded various NGOs between January 2016 and September 2018, as part of UK support to strengthen civil society, human rights and democratic values in Venezuela. However the UK has not provided funding to Mercy Corps nor the Red Cross in Venezuela between those dates.*

*This is half an answer as I asked which NGOs you fund. Please advise which NGOs and CSOs you have funded inside Venezuela between January 2017 and January 2019*

I am writing to confirm that I have conducted a full examination of all the material of relevance and the handling of your request. I reviewed all the information provided and I am content that a reasonable search was carried out in relation to your request.

Our apologies for omitting the information on which other NGOs the FCO funded in Venezuela during the time period January 2016 to September 2018 which was the

timeline stated in your original FOI request. You made no reference to CSOs in the original request. Please see the list of NGOs relevant to your request below.

- *Centro de Justicia y Paz (CEPAZ)*
- *FUNDACIÓN EFECTO COCUYO*
- *Consejo Nacional de Promoción de Inversiones (CONAPRI)*
- *Instituto Radiofónico Fe y Alegría*
- *Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Prensa (SNTP)*
- *EXODO A.C.*
- *Westminster Foundation for Democracy*
- *PROVITA A.C.*
- *Centro Iberoamericano de Formación en Derecho Internacional y Derechos Humanos A.C. (CIFODIDH)*
- *Transparencia Venezuela, A.C.*

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Yours sincerely,

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