

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dpw.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 4855

DATE: 9 December 2015

Dear DPAC

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 November 2015. You asked:

“Your Response is very confusing. We are requesting any communication between the DWP and ministers that mention DPAC between Jan and Oct 2015

Which specific section of Section 27 on international Relations are you seeking to apply here?”

As you are fully aware the scope, nature and process of the UN inquiry (which your earlier question referred) is confidential. That confidentiality should be respected by all parties.

The exemption applied to FOI 4506 was 27(1), ‘disclosure would be likely to prejudice relations between the UK and another international organisation’.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dpw.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk