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Dear Stephen Adamson,

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0443-17

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Does the UK or England recognise Palestine as a state?

Could you tell me when Uk and England last recognised Palestine as a state

Could you give me a list of the states that Uk and England recognise?

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

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

Your questions concerning the UK's recognition of Palestine fall outside the remit of the Freedom of Information Act. You will receive a separate reply from our Near East Department answering those questions.

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The UK recognizes all the states included on the country names list on the Gov.uk website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/601590/country-names.csv/preview

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If you would like a review of our decision, or if you wish to make a complaint, please write to the FOI and DPA Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room K4.04, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: <a href="mailto:foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk">foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk</a>. You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

You can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, the Information Commissioner will not normally make a decision unless you have first exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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