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Dear Natacha Cingotti,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 0361-13

- *Information about all contacts (including emails and letter exchanges) between members of the Permanent Representation of the UK and banks and financial institutions (including: pension funds, asset management companies, trading venues, asset managers), in relation to the recast of MIFID (the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments repealing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) since 1 January 2012.*
- *A list of meetings that took place between the parties mentioned in 1) since 1 January 2012.*

I can now confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office does hold information falling within the terms of this request.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

The exemption we are considering is Section 27 (International Relations).

In your case we estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 20 June 2013. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed. If you are unhappy with the service you are receiving and wish to make

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Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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