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Dear Ms Klein

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 1111-15

I am writing in response to your request for information of 11 November 2015. This is further to our public interest test notification letters of 9 December 2015 and 11 January 2016. In your request you asked;

Under UK freedom of information rules, I request a list of meetings with detailed minutes or any other reports of such meetings between members of the UK Permanent Representation and the third parties listed below in which the health impacts of sugar intake, the reformulation and/ or labelling of sugar-sweetened products and/ or the drop of the sugar quotas in the EU was discussed.

- American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU)
- the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- ILSI - International Life Sciences Institute
- FoodDrinkEurope (incl. members/ sectors/ companies)
- WSRO - World Sugar Research Organisation
- IFBA - International Food & Beverage Alliance
- CIUS - Committee of the European Sugar Users
- UNESDA - Union of European Beverages Associations
- EUFIC European Food Information Council
- EUROGLACES - European Ice Cream Association
- CAOBISCO - Association of the Chocolate, Biscuit & Confectionery Industries of Europe
- PROFEL - European Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processors
- FEDIMA - European Federation of manufacturers and suppliers of ingredients to the Bakery, Confectionery and Patisserie Industries
- ESRA - European Sugar Refineries Association
- CIBE - International Confederation of European Beet Growers
- EFFAT - European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
- ASSUC - European Association of Sugar Traders
- Suedzucker AG
- Coca-Cola Company
- Coca-Cola Enterprises Europe Ltd

- PepsiCo Europe
- Kellogg Company
- Nestlé S.A.
- T&L Sugars Limited
- Mondalez Europe GmbH
- Cargill

The timeframe of my request is between 01 November 2014 and today.

As set out in the previous letters, I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office does hold information falling within the terms of your 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.

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 7 March 2016. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemptions which apply in relation to your request are: section 27 – International relations, section 35 – Formulation of governmental policy and section 43 – Commercial interests.

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

Yours sincerely,

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