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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0068-16

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Any documents about the Estonian parliamentary and presidential elections on 20 September 1992.

You confirmed you were happy for us to search for information from 1 July 1992 to 30 November 1992.

As you are aware, we were assessing whether redactions were required under section 27 – international relations. Section 27 is a qualified exemption, and as such we have considered where the greater public interest lies. On this occasion we have decided in favour of releasing the information without redactions under Section 27.

Please find attached the information the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) holds that is relevant to your request.

A small amount of personal data relating to third parties has been redacted as it is exempt information under section 40(2) and (3) of the Act. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which we think would be breached by disclosure in this case. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. We do not therefore have to apply the public interest test.

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Yours sincerely,

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