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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0215-16

Thank you for your email of 19 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

- 1) *All correspondence via letter and email by Vodafone or representatives of the firm in relation to its Safaricom Kenyan business between 2005 and 2008.*
- 2) *Please in particular forward correspondence that include the company Mobitelea Ventures Ltd*

Further to our letter 23 March. I am pleased to be able to confirm that we have now concluded the public interest test for information relevant to your request. I apologise for the delay in responding to your request. As you are aware, we had been considering the public interest test for Section 31 – law enforcement

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

The FCO holds one email that falls in the scope of the request that we are releasing after considering the public interest test. Some of the information has been redacted under Section 40 – Personal Information. After a thorough search of our records the attached letter referenced in the email cannot be located.

This information is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

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