

**FOI 0927-15: Digest of Correspondence Held**

**26/06/15 - Email from Omnia Strategy LLP to Minister Swire's office requesting meeting**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Mrs Cherie Blair CBE, QC, Chair of Omnia Strategy LLP.

As you may be aware, Omnia Strategy has been appointed by the Government of Maldives to advise on legislative reform and promotion of human rights as part of the Government's strategy of democracy consolidation.

We understand that the UK has expressed concerns regarding recent events in the country, particularly regarding Former President Nasheed.

Mrs Blair would very much welcome an opportunity to meet with State Minister Hugo Swire at his earliest convenience to discuss these events, in light of his call the other day with Foreign Minister Dunya Maumoon.

Our objective is to help Maldives achieve its desired goals of progress and stability. Given the historic ties and mutual bond through the Commonwealth, we are hoping for an open dialogue and constructive cooperation between the UK and the Maldives.

I would be very grateful if you could please let me know when State Minister Swire would be available to meet with Mrs Blair.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**27/07/15 - Email from Omnia Strategy LLP to High Commission Colombo requesting meeting**

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As you may be aware, Omnia Strategy has been appointed by the Government of Maldives to advise on legislative reform and promotion of human rights as part of the Government's strategy of democracy consolidation.

We understand that the UK has expressed concerns regarding recent events in the country, particularly regarding Former President Nasheed. We've already discussed these matters with the FCO's South Asia Department in London and would very much welcome an opportunity to meet with the UK High Commission in Colombo to discuss further.

Toby Cadman (copied), Partner at Omnia Strategy, will be traveling to Colombo this week. I would be very grateful if you could please let me know if you would be available to meet with Mr Cadman either on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon) or Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July (morning).

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.