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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1084-16**

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 November, in which you asked for the following information under the FOI Act (FOIA);

*Thank you for your answer to my FOI request, I appreciate your candid responses. However, I note that you did not answer this question:*

*What projects does the FCO have with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU)?*

*You confirmed that there is one project, but not what the project is. I would therefore like to request under the FOI Act 2000 for details of what the project is.*

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

The project the UK has been engaged on with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) follows on from a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project. The UNDP project was designed to enhance the capacity of the SIU to perform its role and assume its responsibilities in an efficient manner and according to international standards. The project also looked at strengthening the capacity of the SIU to comply with the BICI recommendations; improving Case Management systems and Communication.

The FCO project with the SIU was about strengthening evidence based investigations in line with international standards, including on human rights, and to encourage further support and communication given to victims and witnesses.

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Yours sincerely,

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