

From: Hyland Sonja HQ-POLITICAL
Sent: Monday 19 April 2021 20:55
To: Keown Gerard HQ-POLITICAL <Gerard.Keown@dfa.ie>
Subject: RE: Note for SG on LGBTI+ issues

Thanks for sending me this – I'm sending him something now suggesting that another option for an Envoy position with a focus on LGBT issues in the human rights space is to frame it as an Envoy of Freedom of Expression and/or Association and have civil society space and LGBT as key areas of focus. Will copy you

Sonja

From: Keown Gerard HQ-POLITICAL <Gerard.Keown@dfa.ie>
Sent: Sunday 28 March 2021 19:15
To: Hyland Sonja HQ-POLITICAL <Sonja.Hyland@dfa.ie>
Subject: FW: Note for SG on LGBTI+ issues

Sonja,

Here's what I sent Niall re LGBTI+ role, which covers the range of areas in which the Department is active. I also included an update on implementation of commitments under the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy, and a briefing I provided to the oversight committee earlier this month.

Gerard

From: Keown Gerard HQ-POLITICAL
Sent: Thursday 25 March 2021 14:20
To: Sec Gen PSSG <PSSG@dfa.ie>
Subject: Note for SG on LGBTI+ issues

PSSG,

The SG asked me to provide some input to him on scope for a possible envoy position on LGBTI+ issues. Grateful if the attached paper could be provided to him. It sets out my views, rather than those of Political Division.

I also attach a one-page note on the briefing I gave to the oversight committee of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy on 11 March, along with a summary of DFA's actions to date to implement its commitments under the strategy (should the SG wish to update MB on this issue).

I am available to discuss or clarify any of the points in these notes.

Many thanks,

Gerard

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