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South Dublin County Council  
County Hall  
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

On behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D., I refer to your letter of 12 August 2014, regarding Ibrahim Halawa, who is being detained in Egypt.

The Minister has noted the Suspensory Motion agreed by South Dublin County Council. As you can appreciate, for reasons of confidentiality this Department is prohibited from commenting on or discussing the details of Mr. Halawa's case with a third party.

This Department has, since his detention, provided Mr. Ibrahim Halawa and his family with consular assistance. The Minister is seriously concerned at Ibrahim's continued detention and has directed that the Irish Embassy in Cairo and the Consular Assistance Section at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade continue to provide all appropriate consular assistance.

Yours sincerely,

  
Robert O'Driscoll  
Private Secretary