Minister Charles Flanagan 11th July 2016

Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Iveagh House

80 St Stephens Green

Dublin 2

***Our Ref M13/0716***

**Re: Motions Agreed at July Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M013/0716)**

Dear Minister,

The following Motion was AGREED at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the11th July 2016.

“In light of the postponement of Ibrahim Halawa’s trial in Egypt for the fourteenth time, this Council asks the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Charlie Flanagan, to immediately apply for the Presidential Decree on Ibrahim’s behalf.

The Presidential Decree would allow Ibrahim to return to Ireland before a final ruling has been made in his case, and it is used in cases where a deportation or extradition would serve the ‘higher interest’ of the Egyptian state.

The Australian Government applied for the Decree pre-sentencing and Australian journalist Peter Greste, a former cell mate of Ibrahim’s, was released and back home with his family before his trial concluded”.

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference on any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Tom O’Neill,

Meeting Administrator,

Corporate Performance and Change Management.