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Dear Mr Reeve

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 2021-23407**

I am writing in response to your email of 6 September 2021 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You specifically asked:

*I would like to request the following information around the external consultation conducted via Wilton Park for the recent Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy.*

According to an [HMG document of Dec 2020](#):

*"The Cabinet Office and other Departments delivering the Review have consulted and engaged with a wide range of global partners and allies, businesses, and experts on the themes and analysis underpinning the Integrated Review. This includes the government's Open Innovation Team and Wilton Park, who facilitated 11 roundtable discussions and workshops, with inputs from over 100 external experts from 23 countries"*

1. *What were the themes and titles of the 11 roundtable discussions and workshops facilitated by Wilton Park?*
2. *Who were the external experts who participated in these events, and which organisations or governments were they affiliated to?*

*Many thanks for your assistance.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Richard Reeve*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that Wilton Park does hold information relevant to your request. Please find the information that Wilton Park can release to you.

1. I can confirm Wilton Park ran 5 events with 92 participants from 23 countries plus one sub-conference side meeting on counter-proliferation and one on youth. Please see the attached document (Insights Summary) with the names and details of these events.
2. Exemption s40 (2) and (3). Please find attached a list of the organisations represented at each of these Wilton Park events.

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Yours sincerely

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