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**Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Sweden**

*Department for International Law,
Human Rights and Treaty Law*

Mr. David Kaye
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of the
right to freedom of opinion and expression

**Your request for information on legislation and regulation of encryption and
anonymity tools**

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter dated on the 16th of January 2015.

There is no legislation or regulation that prevents individuals or organisations from using encryption to secure their transactions or communications in Sweden, or legislation preventing individuals or organisations to employ tools to transact and communicate anonymously online. Law enforcement authorities may, within the limits set out by law, use the means available to them to identify suspects online.

The provisions on freedom of expression are contained in our constitution. The freedom of expression in the media has particularly strong protection, according to the Fundamental Law on Freedom of Expression (*Yttrandefrihetsgrundlagen*), and the Freedom of the Press Act (*Tryckfrihetsförordningen*).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Gustaf Lind
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Treaty Law, Ambassador for Human Rights