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Detainee transferred back to her country of origin

Female convicted detainee J.R., a Malagasy national, had been convicted for certain drug-related offences by the Supreme Court and her earliest date of release was around June 2031.

In a letter dated 13 April 2017 she informed our Office that she formed part of a group of ten persons who were supposed to be transferred to their country of origin to serve their remaining sentences. She averred that they had already paid for their air tickets and that everything was in order for their transfer but could not understand why it was taking so long for their transfer.

We queried the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues about the situation and were informed that the Ministry was following up the matter with the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and that a reply was still being awaited from the Malagasy Authorities

Finally, by letter dated 02 August 2017 we were informed by the Ministry that Warrants of Transfer in respect of three Malagasy detainees, including the complainant J.R., had been approved and signed by the Prime Minister on 25 July 2017 and the detainees were effectively transferred to Madagascar on 29 July 2017.