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Ambassador Geela met with Mr. Sam Vandenaabee, Director at the Chancellery and Foreign Office of Flanders.

Both sides discussed and explored cooperation between the Maldives and Belgium, especially in the areas of Higher Education, Tourism, Trade, Environment and Climate Change.



Ambassador Geela attends Media Freedom Coalition's World Press Freedom Day side session

6 May 2025

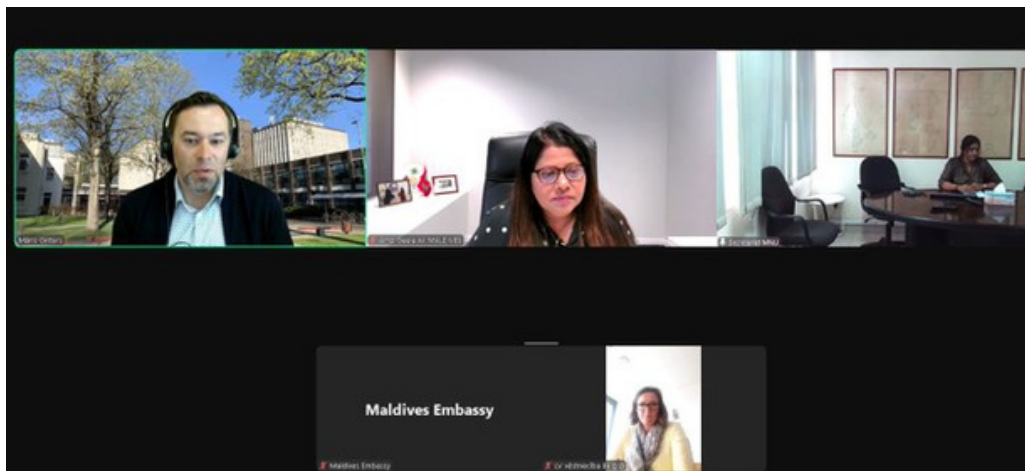
Ambassador Geela attended a session held to commemorate World Press Freedom Day 2025.

The side session was co-hosted by the Media Freedom Coalition and the FPS Foreign Affairs of Belgium.



Ambassador Geela attends a reception held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of China-EU relations 6 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a reception hosted by the Head of Mission and Ambassador of China to the EU, H.E. Mr. CAI Run, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of China-EU relations.



Ambassador Geela facilitates meeting between Maldives National University (MNU) and Riga Stradins University (RSU) in Lativa 8 May 2025

Ambassador Geela along with Latvian Ambassador in Brussels, Ambassador Aiga Lepina, facilitated a meeting between MNU and RSU to explore collaborative opportunities between the two Universities.

Vice-Chancellor at MNU, Dr. Shehenaz led discussions from MNU at the meeting while RSU was represented by Mr. Ginters, Head of International Admissions at RSU.



Ambassador Geela attends Europe Day celebrations

10 May2025

Ambassador Geela joined Ambassadors in Brussels at Europe Day celebrations hosted by the European External Action Service (EEAS).

Ambassador Geela attends a lunch meeting hosted by DG Legal Affairs, Mr. Antoine Missone, FPS Foreign Affairs of Belgium

12 May2025

Ambassador Geela attended a lunch meeting hosted by the Director General for Legal Affairs, Mr. Antoine Missone at FPS Foreign Affairs of Belgium. The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belgium also participated in this meeting.

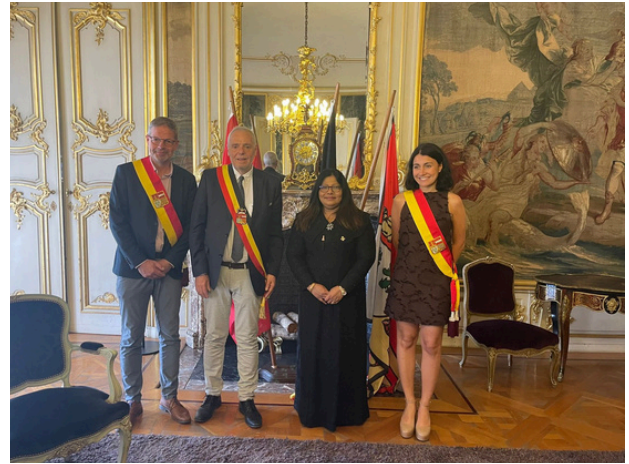
Ambassadors and the Director General discussed the upcoming Special session on amendments to the crime of aggression, the BBNJ Agreement and Belgium's bid to host the BBNJ secretariat.



Ambassador Geela attends Gala Dinner for Heads of Diplomatic Missions in The Netherlands

12 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attended the Annual Gala dinner held for Heads of Diplomatic Missions, held at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam. The Gala was hosted by King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Governor of Liège, Hervé Jamar 13 May 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Governor of Liège, His Excellency Hervé Jamar.

During the meeting Ambassador Geela shared information on the Maldivian economy, health and other sectors.

Discussions also focused on enhancing cooperation, especially in the areas of education, economy and the environment.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Governor of Antwerp, Cathy Berx 13 May 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Governor of Liège, Her Excellency Cathy Berx.

Discussions centered around the potential avenues for cooperation and collaboration between Maldives and Belgium.



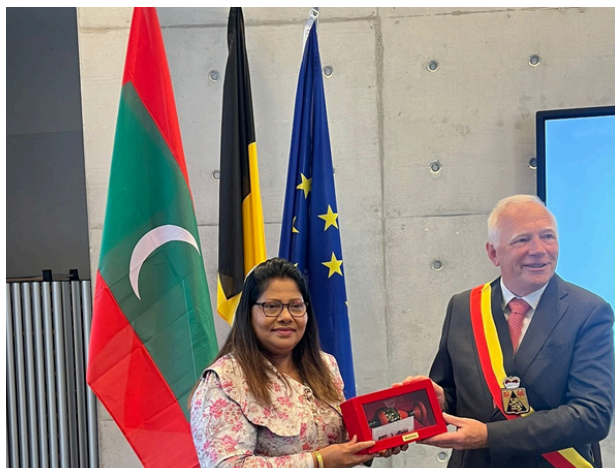
Ambassador Geela meets with Governor of Brabant Wallon, Gilles Mahieu

14 May 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Governor of Brabant Wallon, Gilles Mahieu.

During the meeting, both the Ambassador and the Governor explored avenues to further enhance cooperation between Maldives and Belgium.

Strengthening partnerships in the areas of trade, tourism, higher education, environment and climate change were discussed in the meeting.



Mission attends the presentation of Hungary's campaign for OPCW Director-General

14 May 2025

Second Secretary, Mr. Hassan Nawaaf participated in a reception hosted by Hungary in Brussels, to present Hungary's presentation of the campaign of Mr. András Kocsis, the Hungarian candidate for the position of Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the diplomatic missions.





Ambassador Geela attends the Special Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

15 May 2025

Ambassador Geela joined Ambassadors of Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) in the Special Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

The meeting was held in preparation for the upcoming Council of Ministers, scheduled to be take place from 23-25 May 2025. Ambassadors reviewed the issues to be discussed during the Council and the finalization of the document to be presented to the Council.

Ambassador Geela signs book of Condolences of former President of Uruguay, José Mujica

19 May 2025

Ambassador Geela signed the book of condolences opened at the Embassy of Uruguay in Brussels, following the passing of former President of Uruguay, José Mujica.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to EU, Mr. Christopher Farrugia

20 May 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU, Mr. Christopher Farrugia.

Discussions focused on exploring new avenues for trade, investment and on strengthening the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.



Ambassador of Maldives to the European Union, Geela Ali, presents her Letters of Credence to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen

20 May 2025

The newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Maldives to the European Union, Geela Ali, presented her Letters of Credence to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. The ceremony was held at the Headquarters of the European Commission, Berlaymont building in Brussels.

During the brief interaction that followed the ceremony, Ambassador Geela conveyed greetings and best wishes from His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of Maldives. She also reiterated the interest of the Government of Maldives to intensify engagements and strengthen relations with the European Union.

President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, congratulated Ambassador Geela for her appointment and re-affirmed the positive and growing momentum in the Maldives-EU relations.



Ambassador Geela high level event to mark 25 years of UNSC Resolution 1325 21 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attended the high-level event, "25 Years of UNSCR 1325: New Challenges, Renewed Commitment, and the Future of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda", organised by Belgian Foreign Ministry, EU, the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU, and UN Women.

Ambassador Geela attends the National Day Reception of Croatia 22 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attends a reception commemorating the National Day of Croatia.

The reception was hosted H.E. Joško Paro, Ambassador of Croatia to Belgium and Luxembourg and H.E. Irena Andrassy, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the EU.



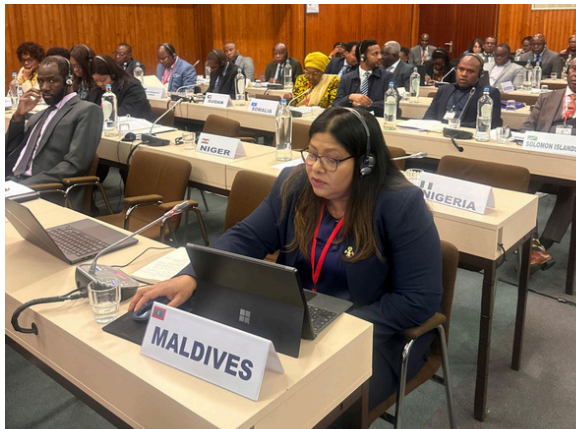


Ambassador Geela attends the opening of the 119th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers, including the launch of 50th anniversary celebrations of the organization

23 May 2025

Ambassador Geela joined Ministers and Ambassadors of OACPS member states at the opening of the 118th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

During the session, OACPS also presented its launch of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the organization.



Maldives participates in the 119th Council of Ministers of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

24 May 2025

The Ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Belgium, Geela Ali, delivered a statement on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdulla Khaleel, at the 119th session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). The meeting took place from 23-25 May 2025 in Brussels, Belgium.

In her remarks to the Council, Ambassador Geela reiterated the Government of Maldives' support for the reform agenda of OACPS, including the new Secretary General Moussa Salef-Batraki's initiatives to restructure the secretariat, enhance trade, and advance on progress towards sustainable development. She also highlighted the importance of the OACPS-EU partnership and expressed confidence in the partnership guaranteeing long term economic benefits to OACPS Member States including the Maldives.



Ambassador Geela attends “Introduction Flemish Government” Programme 26 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a programme organized by the Flanders Chancellery & Foreign Office.

The event was attended by new Ambassadors, and representatives from the Flanders government provided information on the functioning of Flanders within the Belgian institutional context, the role and functioning of the Flemish government and the Chancellery and Foreign Affairs Department.

Ambassador Geela meets with the Deputy Managing Director for Asia and Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Ms. Paola Pampaloni 26 May 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Deputy Managing Director for Asia and Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Ms. Paola Pampaloni.

Ambassador Geela and DMD Paola discussed further enhancing the close cooperation between the Maldives and the European Union.





Ambassador Geela attends a meeting of SIDS Ambassadors, co-hosted by the European Commission and EEAS to discuss priorities for UNOC3 27 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a meeting co-hosted by the European Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to SIDS based in Brussels.

During the meeting, countries took stock of national priorities and discussed EU and SIDS priorities in view of the 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3).

Ambassador Geela attends reception celebrating the Independence Day of Azerbaijan 28 May 2025

Ambassador Geela attends a reception hosted by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Belgium, Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov, to celebrate the Independence Day of Azerbaijan.

