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Ambassador attends an information session at the International Court of Justice in The Hague

1 April 2025

The International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration held an information session for newly appointed Ambassadors and legal advisors at the Peace Palace in The Hague on 1st April 2025.

During the briefing, the President of the ICJ, His Excellency Judge Iwasawa Yuji, and the Registrar, His Excellency Philippe Gautier, informed the Ambassadors about the work of the Court.

Ambassador Geela meets with the EU Head of Cooperation, Mr. Johan Hesse

2 April 2025

Mr. Johan Hesse, EU Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union in Colombo paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Geela during his visit to Brussels.

During the meeting, both the Ambassador and Mr. Hesse reviewed the ongoing cooperation between the Maldives and the European Union. Mr. Hesse also gave an update of EU's Multiannual indicative programme and its priority areas.



Ambassador Geela meets with the WHO Representative to the European Union, Her Excellency Dr. Oxana Domenti

3 April 2025

Ambassador Geela had a fruitful meeting with Her Excellency Dr. Oxana Domenti, WHO Representative to the European Union.

During the meeting both Ambassador Geela and Ambassador Dr. Domenti discussed strengthening health care systems and the ongoing cooperation through the WHO Office in Maldives.



Ambassador Geela meets with Ms. Barbada Dietrich, CEO of Diplomatic World Magazine

8 April 2025

Ambassador Geela met with Ms. Barbara Dietrich, CEO of Diplomatic World Magazine on 8 April 2025.

During the meeting, Ms. Dietrich presented Ambassador Geela with their spring and 76th edition of their magazine featuring Maldives.

Ambassador Geela thanked Ms. Dietrich and expressed hope to further the ongoing collaboration with Diplomatic World Magazine in the future.



Ambassador Geela had an introductory meeting with Hon. Tomas Zdechovsky, MEP at the European Parliament

8 April 2025

Ambassador Geela had an introductory meeting with Hon. Tomas Zdechovsky, MEP at the European Parliament.

Both the Ambassador and the MEP discussed ways to further strengthen the ongoing partnership between the Maldives and the European Union.



Ambassador Geela paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Dr. Ali Haidar, Minister of Higher Education, Labour and Skills development

9 April 2025

Ambassador Geela paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Dr. Ali Haidar, Minister of Higher Education, Labour and Skills Development, during the Minister's official visit to Luxembourg.

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela discussed the potential higher education opportunities in the region. The main purpose of Minister Haidar's visit is to participate in the Global Government Summit in Luxembourg.



Ambassador joined other Ambassadors accredited to The Netherlands in a lunch meeting with the World Trade Center in The Hague.

14 April 2025

The lunch meeting was attended by Ambassadors from Azerbaijan, United Arab Emirates, Somalia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Maldives, Dominican Republic and Pakistan.

During the meeting, Mr. Idsert Boersma, presented the ongoing work of the Dutch Development Bank and the potential opportunities and challenges in Global Trade.



Ambassador paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Vincent Blondel, President of the Belgian Senate

15 April 2025

Ambassador Geela paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Vincent Blondel, President of the Belgian Senate. During the introductory meeting,

Ambassador Geela briefed the President of the Senate on the priority areas of the Government of Maldives and the scope of the work done at the Embassy based in Brussels.



Ambassador paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Denis Mathen, Governor of Namur

15 April 2025

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

Some of the specific areas of potential cooperation were identified as crisis management, disaster risk reduction and climate change



Ambassador joined the 972nd virtual meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

17 April 2025

Ambassador Geela joined Ambassadors of OACPS in their 972nd virtual meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors.

Ambassadors reviewed the ongoing work of the subcommittees and the organization as a whole, and the work being done to prepare for the upcoming Council of Ministers in May 2025. This meeting is also the first meeting following the appointment of the new Secretary General of the Organization, His Excellency Mousa S. Batraki.



Ambassador Geela attends 35th Independence Day of Namibia celebrations 24 April 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a reception to mark the 35th Independence day of Namibia and conveyed best wishes to Ambassador of Namibia to Belgium, Her Excellency Mekondjo Kaapanda-Girrus and the Government and people of Namibia on the occasion of Namibia's Independence Day.



Ambassador Geela attends reception commemorating the 61st National Day of Tanzania 25 April 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a reception held in Brussels to celebrate the 61st National Day of Tanzania.

During the reception Ambassador Geela met with the Ambassador of Tanzania to Belgium, His Excellency Jestas Abouk Nyamanga and conveyed felicitations on the occasion.