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The Mission facilitates the filing of the Government of Maldives declaration of Intervention in the case of South Africa v. Israel at the International Court of Justice

01 October 2024

Attorney General Ahmed Usham, as the Agent of the Republic of Maldives, has filed the Declaration of Intervention of the Republic of Maldives, pursuant to Article 63(2) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in the case of the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel), at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The case was submitted to the ICJ by South Africa on 29th December 2023. South Africa alleges that Israel's acts against the Palestinian people in Gaza have violated the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Genocide Convention).

The Maldives focuses its intervention on the proper construction of the provisions concerning the incitement to commit genocide and the duty to punish the incitement of genocide in Articles I, III, IV and VI of the Genocide Convention, and also intervenes on the proper construction of Articles II and IX of the Genocide Convention.

Acknowledging that the intervention is limited to construction of the provisions of the Genocide Convention, the Government of Maldives in other international forums, continues to condemn Israel's multiple, serious violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which amounts to genocide and apartheid. Most recently, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of Maldives, stated in his address at the General Debate of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly that "...the ongoing massacre – the genocide – by Israel in Gaza is a travesty of justice and the international system... Israel must be held accountable for these acts of terrorism, for these violations of international law and UN resolutions."

The Maldives calls on Israel to halt its genocidal war against Palestine and calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. The Maldives confirms its unwavering support for the Palestinian people in their pursuit of their inalienable rights, including the establishment of a sovereign and independent State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.



Ambassador Geela attends a reception to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the Independence of Guinea

02 October 2024

Ambassador Geela attended a reception hosted by Her Excellency Savané Aïssatou Doukouré, Ambassador of Guinea, to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the Independence of Guinea.

The Ambassador extended greetings to the Government and people of Guinea on the anniversary of its independence.



National Security Advisor His Excellency Ibrahim Latheef DC (Retd), Lt. Col (Retd) makes an official visit to Brussels

03 October 2024

National Security Advisor, His Excellency Ibrahim Latheef DC (Retd), Lt. Col (Retd) made an official visit to Belgium and Netherlands from 3 – 9 October 2024.

During his official visit, the National Security Advisor met with senior officials at the European Union.



Ambassador Geela attends the 967th meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors of OACPS

03 October 2024

On behalf of the Maldives, Ambassador Geela participated in the 967th meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors of OACPS.

During the meeting, the Ambassadors discussed ways to further strengthen the institution and reiterated their commitment to increase engagement with third parties.



The Mission participates in the Europe Africa Investment Forum

04 October 2024

The Embassy of Maldives in Belgium participated in the 14th edition of the Europe-Africa Investment Forum organized by Credassur Group (NGO) and held in Brussels on 4th October 2024.

Along with African countries, this year's forum was also attended by countries from Asia including the Maldives, Myanmar and Vietnam.

In her statement to the forum, Her Excellency Geela Ali, Ambassador of the Maldives to Belgium and the European Union, detailed the potential investment opportunities in the Maldives, specifically in the areas of renewable energy, waste management, mariculture, and tourism. Following her statement, the forum was also presented with a video presentation and brochures from Invest Maldives, which detailed the investment prospects of the country.



Ambassador Geela attends a breakfast roundtable for Small Island Developing States on climate and biodiversity

08 October 2024

The Breakfast roundtable was co-hosted by the Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs, the Hon. Walter Roban JP, MP, and the Deputy Ambassador at the UK Mission to the EU, Her Excellency Caroline Read.

The discussions centred on driving ambition on nature and climate in the lead up to COP29, and finding ways for island nations to collaborate on protecting environment and oceans.



Ambassador Geela meets with the President of the Press Club in Brussels, Ms. Alia Papageorgiou

08 October 2024

Ambassador Geela had an engaging discussion with Ms. Alia Papageorgiou, President of the Press Club Brussels Europe, to explore avenues for collaboration.



Ambassador Geela makes an introductory meeting with His Excellency Badaoui Mohamed Chatur, Ambassador of the Union of Comoros in Belgium

09 October 2024

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Ambassador Geela attends a reception to mark the National day of Spain

15 October 2024

Ambassador Geela attended a reception hosted by the Ambassador of Spain, His Excellency Alberto Anton Cortest, to celebrate the National Day of Spain.

The Ambassador conveyed heartfelt felicitations to the Government and the people of Spain on the occasion of its National Day.

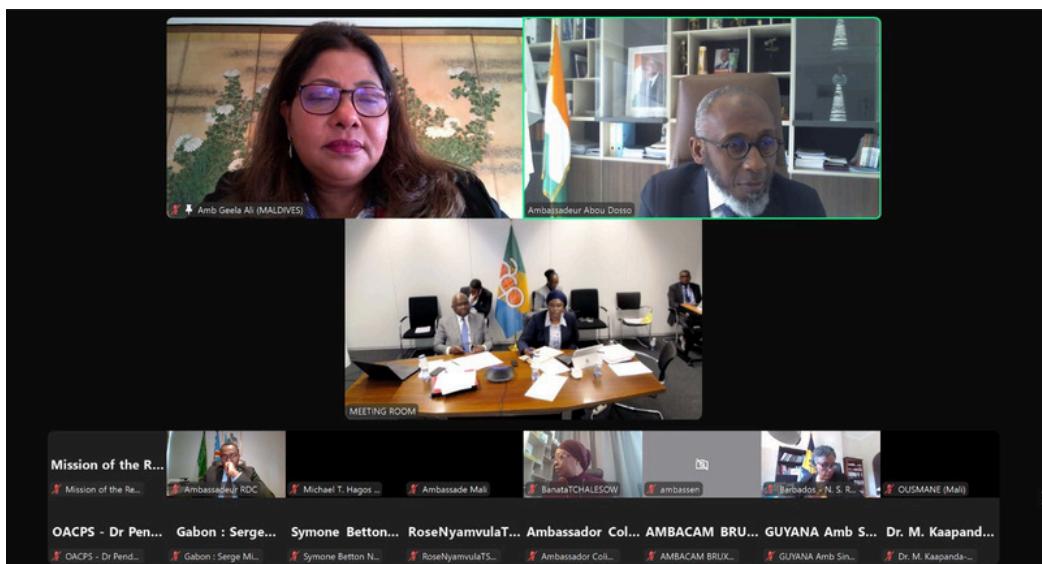


Ambassador Geela makes an introductory meeting with the Ambassador of Singapore to Belgium

16 October 2024

Ambassador Geela met with the Ambassador of Singapore to Belgium, His Excellency Lim Hong Huai.

The Ambassadors discussed strengthening bilateral relations and increasing collaboration and cooperation in areas of mutual interest.



Ambassador Geela participates in the virtual Special Meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors of OACPS.

16 October 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela stressed on the importance of enhanced cooperation in the efforts to implement the Samoa Agreement.



The Embassy congratulates all the runners from the Maldives who participated in the TCS Amsterdam Marathon

20 October 2024



Ambassador Geela attends a meeting of SIDS countries and EU to discuss ABAS

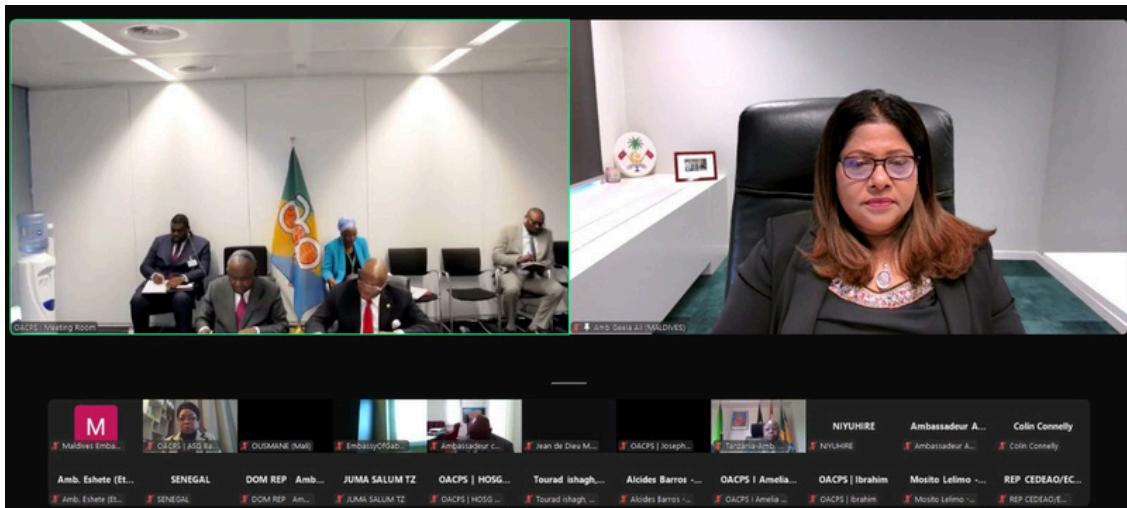
21 October 2024

Ambassador Geela joined SIDS countries in Brussels in participating in a discussion hosted Mr. Simone Mordue, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues at the European External Action Service (EUEAAS) and Mr. Ignacio Ybanez, EU Special Envoy on SIDS, to follow up on the Antigua and Barbuda Action for SIDS (ABAS).



Ambassador Geela joins a dinner hosted by Ambassador of Sri Lanka His Excellency Chandana Weerasena
21 October 2024

The dinner was attended by Ambassadors and diplomats of Asian countries.



Ambassador Geela participated in the 968th Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

24 October 2024

Ambassador Geela engaged in the discussions held during the 968th meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors. During the meeting, the Ambassadors discussed the priorities of OACPS countries and realignment of strategic priorities.



Mission celebrates the 14th anniversary of its establishment

27 October 2024

To celebrate the 14th anniversary of its establishment in Brussels, Belgium, the mission hosted a luncheon for Maldivians living in Belgium.



Ambassador Geela joins a coordination meeting between Ambassadors of the OACPS East African Region

31 October 2024

During the meeting, the Ambassadors from Member States of the East Africa Region in the OACPS, discussed key strategic issues and shared perspectives on advancing mutual interest within OACPS-EU relations.