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Ambassador Geela joins a farewell dinner hosted by the Embassy of Bhutan

01 November 2024

The main purpose of the reception was to bid farewell to His Excellency Gahendra Rajbhandari, Ambassador of Nepal to Belgium.
South Asian Ambassadors based in Brussels attended this farewell event.

Ambassador Geela joins a luncheon hosted by the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Czech Republic to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

04 November 2024

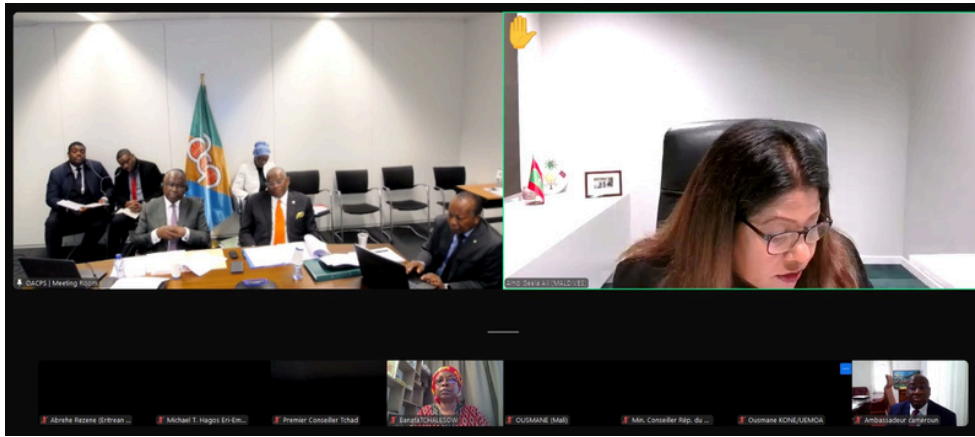
During the luncheon, Her Excellency Beti Jacheva, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia and His Excellency Rene Miko, Permanent Representative of Czech Republic to the OPCW presented their candidacies to the Executive Council of the OPCW for the 2025-2027 term. Both countries aim to represent the Eastern European Group in the Council.

The Mission participates in a briefing organized by the Organization for the prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

13 November 2024

Mr. Mohamed Shaffau Ibrahim, First Secretary and Mr. Hassan Nawaaf, Second Secretary at the Mission participated in this briefing where they presented the activities of the Executive council of the OPCW and the priorities of the organization with respect to the use of chemical weapons in recent years.

During the briefing, the secretariat also presented an overview of their international cooperation and assistance programmes.



Ambassador Geela participates in the special meeting of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

14 November 2024

During the meeting, the Committee of Ambassadors discussed the implementation of the Samoa agreement.

Ambassador Geela meets Ms. Barbara Dietrich the President and Founder of the Diplomatic World Magazine

14 November 2024

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the ongoing cooperation between the mission and the Diplomatic World Magazine and explore possible avenues for cooperation in the future.



The mission participates in a virtual meeting on ICJ advisory proceedings on the obligations of states in respect to climate change

14 November 2024

This meeting was a coordination meeting between the Mission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney General's office regarding the Government of Maldives participation at the oral hearings of the proceedings.



Ambassador Geela participates in the celebration of the 51st anniversary of Independence of the Commonwealth of Bahamas

18 November 2024

Ambassador Geela conveyed the commitment of Maldives to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries to Ambassador of Bahamas Her Excellency Cheryl E. Bazard.

In the event, Ambassador Bazard gifted a vibrant Junkanoo costume to Brussel's iconic Manneken Pis as an appreciation of Bahamian tradition and the shared humanity that transcend borders.



Ambassador Geela attends a reception commemorating 106th National Day of Latvia

19 November 2024

Ambassador Geela attended a reception hosted by Her Excellency Aiga Liepina, Ambassador of Latvia to commemorate their National Day.

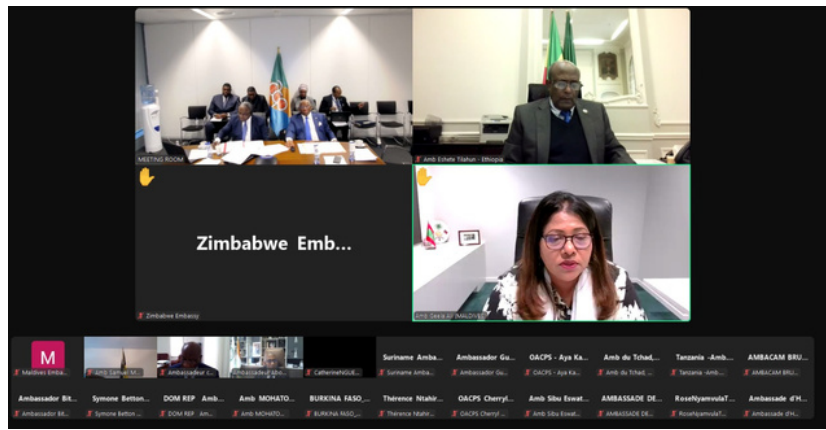
The reception was commenced by Ambassador Aiga Liepina in support for Latvia's candidacy for the upcoming UN Security Council term. The Brussels Latvian Choir performed Latvian traditional songs reflecting the deep artistic tradition of the country.



Ambassador Geela attends Oman's National Day Celebrations

20 November 2024

Ambassador Geela participated in the National Day celebrations of the Sultanate of Oman, hosted by Ambassador of Oman, Her Excellency Rua Issa Al Zadjali.



Ambassador Geela participated in the 969th Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

21 November 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela engaged in the discussions held during the 969th Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

Ambassadors of OACPS member states discussed on the current matters of importance for the organization



Ambassador Geela attends Brussels Women Ambassadors' Exchange of Views event, held in honor of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

21 November 2024

Ambassador Geela joined the Brussels Women Ambassadors' Exchange of Views event, organized by the Ambassador of Greece, Her Excellency Sofia Grammata and the Ambassador of South Africa, Her Excellency Xasa Tokozile, held in honor of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The event was attended by more than 40 female Ambassadors and diplomats to Belgium and EU.

Ms Florence Raes, Director UN Women Brussels Office in her remarks highlighted the need for strengthened collaborative efforts to combat violence against women and girls noting the alarming fact that 1 woman is killed every 10 minutes and the rising sexual violence in conflicts by 50%.



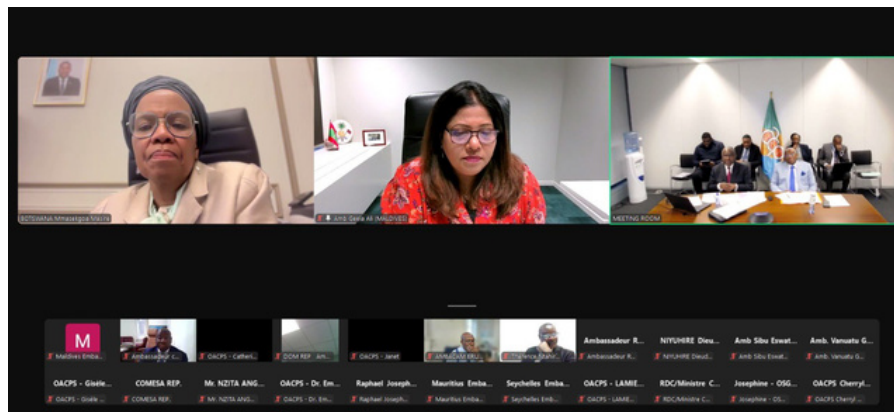
Ambassador Geela participates in the International Conference “Children’s Rights at a Crossroads: Evolving Humanitarian Crises” held in Brussels.

22 November 2024

The event was organized by the Belgian Foreign Ministry, UNICEF Belgium and Plan International Belgium to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The opening address was given by Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians in her capacity as an Advocate for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Four thematic areas that were discussed in working groups, included

- Children and armed conflict,
- The climate crisis is a children’s rights crisis,
- Girls in crises- addressing their specific needs and
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in emergencies with reflections on current domestic and international contexts.



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

25 November 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela joined the Ambassadors of member states in discussions on the appointment of the new Secretary-General of OACPS and preparation of the upcoming 118th session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

The main issue items discussed included an update on the appointment of a Secretary General for the period 2025-2030 from the Central African Region and an update on the work of the Ambassadorial Crisis Management Group.

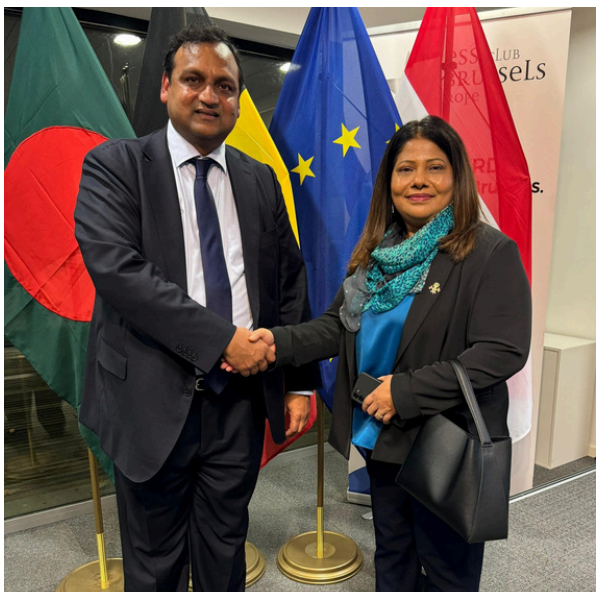


Ambassador Geela attends the meeting between the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Countries of South Asia (DSAS) and South Asian Ambassadors

27 November 2024

At the meeting Ambassador Geela and Ambassadors of South Asia met with the European Parliament's Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia, MEP Șerban-Dimitrie Sturdza.

In the opening remarks of the new chair of the delegation, His Excellency Șerban-Dimitrie Sturdza (MEP) from the European Conservatives and Reformists Group, he reassured commitment to further the existing inter-parliamentary ties between the delegation of the European Parliament and the members of the South Asian countries. Ambassador Geela also reiterated the Government of Maldives commitment to further expand cooperation with the European Union and its institutions especially in the areas of trade, investment, environment and climate change.



Ambassador Geela attends the farewell reception of the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belgium, His Excellency Mahbub Hassan Saleh

28 November 2024

Ambassador Geela attended a farewell reception hosted by the Bangladesh Embassy in Brussels, for the departing Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belgium, His Excellency Mahbub Hassan Saleh.

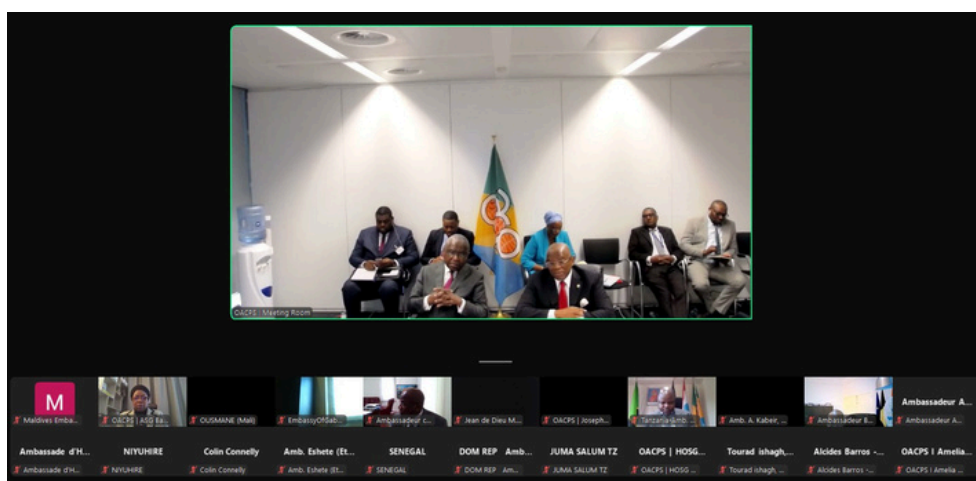


Ambassador Geela attends a meeting between OACPS SIDS Ambassadors and the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union

29 November 2024

Ambassador Geela joined OACPS SIDS Ambassadors in a briefing with the Permanent representation of Ireland to the European Union.

During the meeting, the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union briefed the OACPS Ambassadorial delegation on the new Global Ireland Strategy focused on doubling the country's efforts to support regional strategies for Asia-Pacific, Nordic region and Latin America/Caribbean. During her remarks, the Ambassador of Bahamas and Chair of the OACPS SIDS Forum thanked the Permanent Representative for this initiative and presented the priority areas for OACPS SIDS Countries.



Embassy participates in the virtual Preparatory Meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

29 November 2024

During the meeting, Ambassadors deliberated on the agenda items of the upcoming 118th OACPS Council of Ministers and discussed logistical and administrative matters related to the Ministerial meeting.

The main agenda items of the meeting included an update on the financial situation of the organization as well as upcoming events of the organization including the 1st Africa – EU Regional Parliamentary Assembly.