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Maldives signs the “Samoa Agreement”

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The Maldives has signed the “Partnership Agreement between the European Union (EU) and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), of the other part”, also known as the “Samoa Agreement” at a signing ceremony in the OACPS headquarters in Brussels. The Agreement was signed by Geela Ali, Ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Belgium, on behalf of the Maldives. The Maldives also submitted declarations and reservations to specific articles of the Agreement at the time of signature.

The Agreement, which also marks the first partnership agreement between the Maldives and the European Union, will serve as an overarching framework for the relationship between the European Union and OACPS for the next twenty years. It will strengthen the capacity of OACPS member countries to address global challenges and will focus on the priority areas of democracy and human rights, sustainable economic growth and development, climate change, human and social development, peace and security and migration and mobility as key priority areas.



Ambassador Geela convenes a virtual meeting with the Managing Director of MMPRC, Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree

04 July 2024

Both the Ambassador and the Managing Director explored strategies to promote Maldivian tourism in Brussels and Europe and discussed ways to further diversify the industry.



Ambassador of Maldives to the European Union, Geela Ali, presents her Letter of Credence to the President of the European Council

08 July 2024

The newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of Mission of the Republic of the Maldives to the European Union, Geela Ali, presented her Letter of Credence to Charles Michel, the President of the European Council. The ceremony took place at the Europa Building in Brussels.

During the meeting that followed the ceremony, Ambassador Geela conveyed greetings from His Excellency President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu to the President of the European Council and reflected on the existing friendly relations between the Maldives and the European Union. She also highlighted the conclusion of the first framework agreement, 'Samoa agreement', between the Maldives and the European Union and reiterated her commitment to further intensify cooperation between the Maldives and the European Union.

President of the European Council, Charles Michel, congratulated the Ambassador on her appointment and welcomed the positive and growing momentum between the Maldives and the European Union.



Ambassador Geela concludes an introductory meeting with Her Excellency Pernilla Sjölin, Head of Protocol at the European Commission

10 July 2024

The main purpose of the meeting was to hand over the true copies of her letters of credence addressed to the President of the European Commission, Her Excellency Ursula Von Der Leyen.

During the meeting, both the Ambassador and the Head of Protocol also discussed the accreditation process at the European Commission including the recent elections and future engagements.



Ambassador Geela Ali's meets with the Ambassador of Vietnam to Belgium, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van Thao today.

17 July 2024

The Ambassadors' discussed the bilateral ties between Maldives and Vietnam and ways to expand trade, tourism and education cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Geela also shared the economic priorities and investment opportunities available in Maldives and welcomed investments from Vietnam



Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassador of Hungary to Belgium, H.E. Mr. Tamás Iván Kovács

19 July 2024

During the discussions, Ambassador Geela congratulated Hungary for its Presidency of the EU Council and expressed the Maldivian government's desire to strengthen its cooperation with the EU.

The Ambassadors also discussed the cooperation between the two countries including the signature of the economic cooperation agreement. Ambassador Geela also thanked Hungary's contribution towards the socio-economic development of Maldives, highlighting the scholarships provided annually by Hungary. Ambassador Kovács reassured Hungary's commitment to enhance cooperation with Maldives.



Ambassador Geela attends Belgium National Day reception hosted by at the Egmont Palace

21 July 2024

Hosted by Her Excellency Hadja Lahbib Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions, the reception commemorating the National Day was held at the Egmont Palace in Brussels, Belgium.

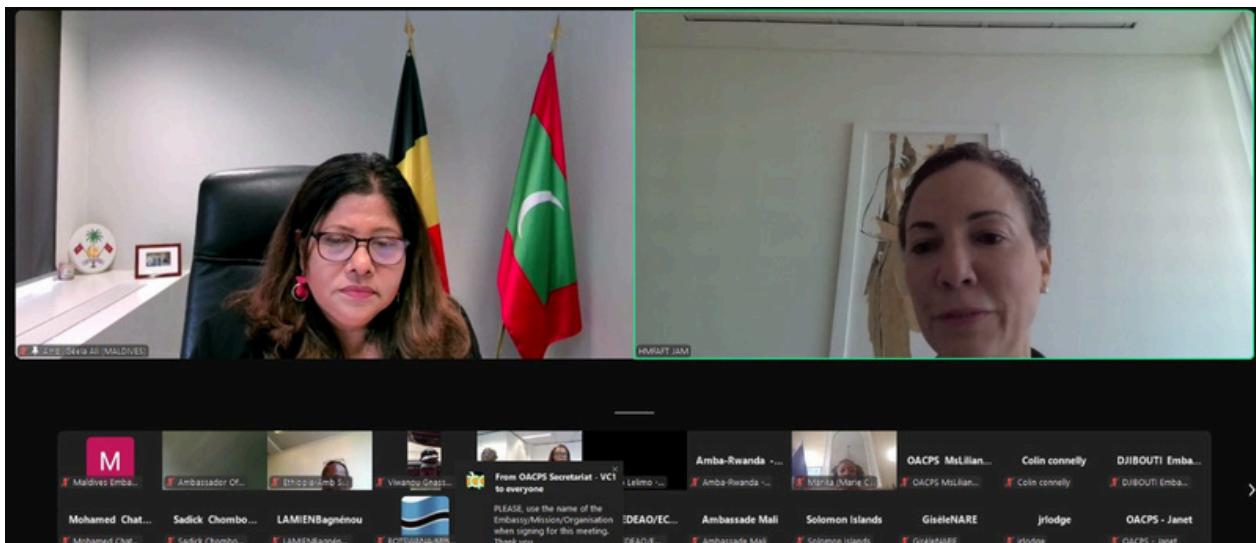


Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassador of Kenya, H.E. Professor Jacob T. Kaimenyi

22 July 2024

Ambassador Geela shared the government's key priorities including the increasing cooperation with OACPS and member states of the OACPS.

During the meeting, the Ambassadors also discussed the ways to enhance OACPS' role in the international arena and on ensuring mutually beneficial cooperation with the European Union.



Ambassador Geela participates in the virtual 117th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers – 23-26 July & 31st July 2024

23 July 2024

Discussions at the 117th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers focused on enhancing the role of the organization in the international arena, such as increasing cooperation with partner countries and the visibility of OACPS in the international arena. The Council also made key decisions and recommendations on the revaluation of the organization's priorities, mobilization of resources and on increasing efficiency of the secretariat of OACPS.

The OACPS Council of Ministers was held virtually from 23-26 July with a resumption session held on 31st July 2024.