



Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Geo/2008/091

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### NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and has the honour to inform the Ministry that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands intends to send a Fact Finding Mission to Georgia in order to establish the circumstances under which the Dutch journalist, Mr Stan Storimans, has perished during his visit to Gori on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The fact finding mission will arrive on 29th August 2008 and will be led by Ambassador Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged. The Deputy teamleader will be former Commander of the Royal Military Police, Mr Beuving.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has approved the Terms of Reference of the Mission:

- The Mission will collect facts which will provide clarity about the circumstances under which Mr Stan Storimans perished in Gori on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008;
- To this end the Mission will meet with the competent Georgian authorities, as well as all other relevant interlocutors;

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands kindly requests the approval of the Ministry with the visit of the Fact Finding Mission as well as the kind cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia to facilitate the meetings of the above mentioned Fact Finding Mission.

The Embassy expresses its sincere appreciation for the kind cooperation of the Ministry.

The Embassy would highly appreciate it if the Ministry would confirm its approval and readiness to facilitate the visit of the Fact Finding Mission.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tbilisi, 26 August 2008

European Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia



N 6/4121-07

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia and in response to the note of the Embassy № Geo/2008/091, dated by 26 August 2008, has the honour to inform that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia approves the decision of the Dutch side to send the Fact Finding Mission to Georgia in order to establish the circumstances under which the Dutch journalist perished in Gori on 12 August 2008 and expresses its readiness to facilitate the meetings of the mission with the representatives of the competent Georgian authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tbilisi, 27 August 2008

**Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**  
**Tbilisi**



საქართველოს საგარეო საქმეთა სამინისტრო  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

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საქართველოს საგარეო საქმეთა სამინისტრო გამოხატავს თავის პატივისცემას საქართველოში ნიდერლანდების სამეფოს საელჩოსადმი და საელჩოს 2008 წლის 26 აგვისტოს № Geo/2008/091 ნოტის პასუხად, აქვს პატივი აცნობოს, რომ საქართველოს საგარეო საქმეთა სამინისტროსათვის მისაღებია ნიდერლანდური მხარის გადაწყვეტილება, განხორციელდეს ფაქტის დამდგენი მისიის (Fact Finding Mission) ვიზიტი საქართველოში, რომლის მიზანია დაადგინოს გარემოებები, რომლის დროსაც, მ.წ. 12 აგვისტოს, ქ. გორში დაიღუპა პოლანდიელი ჟურნალისტი და გამოთქვამს მზალყოფნას, დახმარება აღმოუჩინოს მას საქართველოს ხელისუფლების კომპეტენტური ორგანოების წარმომადგენლებთან შეხვედრების ორგანიზების საკითხში.

საქართველოს საგარეო საქმეთა სამინისტრო სარგებლობს შემთხვევით, რაითა კვლავ დაუდასტუროს საქართველოში ნიდერლანდების სამეფოს საელჩოს თავისი ღრმა პატივისცემა.

თბილისი, 2008 წლის 27 აგვისტო



ნიდერლანდების სამეფოს საელჩო  
ქ. თბილისი



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The Fact Finding Mission has requested the Embassy to convey its sincere gratitude and thanks for the excellent cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia which facilitated all meetings during the stay of the Fact Finding Mission.

The Fact Finding Mission has highly appreciated the full cooperation from the different Ministries and Government officials of Georgia which allowed the Mission to receive very relevant information.

The Embassy kindly requests the Ministry to convey its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Secretary of the National Security Council, the Ministry of Interior, the Acting Prosecutor General, the Governor and Prosecutor of Gori as well as the European Department of the Ministry.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tbilisi, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia  
European Department





## TBILISI

Confirmation

27/08/08

Thank you for your interest in the COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT TBILISI.  
We are pleased to confirm your reservation as follows:

Name : Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged, Minze Beuving,  
Hans Stumpers, Efsthios Andreou  
Arrival Date : 29/08/08 Departure Date : 04/09/08  
Number of Rooms : 4 Number of Persons : 4  
Rate per room and Night : 220.00 USD Confirmation Number: 76673, 76674, 76675,  
76676

Guaranteed by: \_\_\_\_\_ CC exp.date \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation Policy: 24 Hour prior to arrival, otherwise will incur a charge of one night's room rate and tax from your credit card. (per room not cancelled)

Our Full American Breakfast Buffet is included at the restaurant "La Brasserie"

To guarantee the reservation, please provide Credit Card number and expiration date. Should your reservation be not guaranteed it will be cancelled automatically 24 hour prior to the arrival date, without any penalty fee.

The room rate is quoted in US Dollars currency and all major credit cards are accepted. Payment will be calculated in Georgian Lari at National Bank's exchange rate upon upon your check out.

Please note that our Check in time is 15:00 p.m. and check out 12 noon. To guarantee room for early morning arrival please make reservation from the day before.

For non-guaranteed reservations, if confirmed by hotel, early arrival fee from midnight to 5 a.m. is full room rate and 50% from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. Late departure fee from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. is 50% of room rate and 100% after 6 p.m.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcome you to our hotel, where no effort will be spared to make your stay a most comfortable and enjoyable one.

With Best Regards,  
Reservations Department  
Ka Tkemaladze

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## PROGRAMME OF THE ASSESSMENT MISSION

29 th August – 4 th September 2008

### Version 02/09/2008

#### Delegation:

- Ambassador Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged
- Mr Minze Beuving, former Commander of the Military Police
- 10 2 e [REDACTED], Ministry of Defence
- 10 2 e [REDACTED], Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

17.00 hrs Ambassador leaves Embassy for Airport  
Car 1 (CMD1/driver 10 2 e [REDACTED]) and car 2 (031D02/driver 10 2 e [REDACTED])

18.10 hrs Arrival of the delegation at Tbilisi International Airport  
*Flight PS 9417 from Kyiv*

Delegation to be welcomed by Ambassador Onno Elderenbosch

Transfer to Hotel Marriott Courtyard  
Cars 1 and 2

19.20 hrs Departure for Residence of the Ambassador  
24 Lvovi Street , Saburtalo Tbilisi  
Cars 1 and 2

20.00 hrs dinner (*casual*) and briefing by Ambassador

#### Saturday 30 August 2008.

08.00 Departure of Ambassador and Deputy Head of Mission from  
Residence to Hotel Marriott Courtyard  
Minibus/driver 10 2 e [REDACTED]

08.30 Departure from Hotel to HALO Trust  
Delegation  
minibus/driver 10 2 e [REDACTED]  
Please bring passport

09.00 hrs HALO Trust (mine clearance/ weapons and ammunition  
disposal). 10 2 e [REDACTED] / tel. 877.444.716  
Office HALO Trust , Kostava Str (across Europa Hotel)

12.00 hrs Meeting Meeting with 10 2 e Secretary of the  
National Security Council of Georgia

13.00 hrs Mrs 10 2 e (Interpreter/Embassy staffmember) arrives at  
Hotel Courtyard

13.30 hrs Transfer to Ministry of Interior  
Delegation, 10 2 e interpreter  
minibus/driver 10 2

14.00 hrs Meeting with 10 2 e Head of the Analytical  
Department, Ministry of Interior

15.00 hrs Prosecutors Office  
Meeting with Acting Prosecutor General, 10 2 e  
and 10 2 e  
Translation 10 2 e

**Sunday 31 August 2008.**

08.00 hrs Ambassador and Mrs 10 2 e arrive at Hotel Courtyard

08.30 hrs Departure for GORI  
*Please bring passports*  
*Embassy Car CMD 1 and Car 2*

10.30 hrs Meeting with UNHCR Head of Office in GORI  
Mrs 10 2 e / 895.115.464  
Mr 10 2 e  
*Meeting point : central square Gori, near Stalin Statue*

12.00 hrs Meeting with Mr 10 2 e Governor of Shida  
Kartli Region and Mr 10 2 e Regional Prosecutor  
10 2 e interpreter  
*Protocol Officer of the Ministry of Interior will accompany the  
Delegation : Mr 10 2 e +877.52.63.77*

Inspection of locations , interviews of eye witnesses

**Monday 01 September 2008.**

10.00 hrs Meeting with Russian Ambassador , Vyacheslav Kovalenko  
*Ambassador Jacobovits and Ambassador only*

10.00 hrs Interview with taxi driver, Mr 10 2 e (taxi used by  
Mr Storimans and Mr Akkermans during their trip to Gori  
on 12th August)  
*Embassy*

12.00 hrs Meeting with HoM OSCE , H.E. Mrs 10 2 e

*OSCE Compound*

- 13.00 hrs Meeting with **10 2 e** Chief Military Officer OSCE  
*OSCE compound*
- 15.00 hrs Visit of Ministry of Interior / inspection of remnants
- 18.00 hrs **10 2 e** REUTERS correspondent  
*Hotel Marriott Courtyard*
- 20.00 hrs Mr **10 2 e** Human Rights Watch HRW/  
Tel. mobile 877.42.12.35  
*Hotel Marriott Courtyard*

**Tuesday 02 September 2008.**

- 09.00 hrs Transfer to Embassy  
minibus
- 11.30 hrs Transfer to ICRC  
Delegation  
Minibus / driver **10 2**
- 12.00 hrs ICRC, Mr **10 2 e** Deputy Head of Mission  
4, Kedia Street TBI  
Tel. 822-355510
- 16.00 hrs Meeting with Mr **10 2 e** Director European  
Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia  
*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**Wednesday 03 September 2008.**

- 03.00 hrs departure from Hotel to Airport  
minibus
- 05.10 hrs Departure for Amsterdam  
Georgian Airlines

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Onno Elderenbosch : + 995 **10 2** (mob)

Mr Minze Beuving : +31 6 **10 2 e**  
**10 2 e** : 06 **10 2 e**

Duty officer Embassy: + 995 **10 2**



# REISOPGAVE

Datum: 28 augustus 2008

Naam : 10 2 e  
 Adres :  
 Land van bestemming : Georgië  
 Taak omschrijving : Onafhankelijke Fact Finding Mission  
 Duur uitzending : 7 dagen

Reisschema : V Amsterdam dd. 29 augustus 2008 per PS102 om 09.45 uur  
 A Kiev om 13.30 uur  
 V Kiev dd. 29 augustus 2008 per PS9417 om 14.35 uur  
 A Tbilisi om 18.10 uur

Terugreis : V Tbilisi dd. 4 september 2008 per PS728 om 04.10 uur  
 A Kiev om 05.35 uur  
 V Kiev dd. 4 september 2008 per PS101 om 06.45uur  
 A Amsterdam om 08.45uur

Hotelreservering : via Harer Majesteits Ambassade te Tbilisi

Verblijfsvergoeding : kale hotelkamerhuur alsmede DSA minus roomrate percentage

DSA vergoedingen : Tbilisi ( Marriot en Sheraton Metechi) US\$ 345 minus roomrate 61% =  
 US\$.134,55 per dag

- De DSA is **onderhevig aan wijzigingen**, de hierboven genoemde bedragen zijn de **thans geldende DSA** vergoedingen conform de **VN-normen**;
- Indien sprake is van restant DSA-voorschot, na afloop van de missie, dient dit bij debriefing/eindgesprek aan HDPO/PM/WS-km geretourneerd te worden.

Voorschot : € 1.500,--

Uitrustingskosten : € 50,--

Verzekering : Reisongevallenverzekering Mercer Human Resource Consulting (opgetoet)

Bijzonderheden : Artikel 3 en 4 zijn niet van toepassing daar het een onafhankelijk onderzoek betreft.

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10 2 e [REDACTED]

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Naam : De heer A.P.R. Jacobovits de Szeged  
 Adres : 10 2 e

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# Fax message



Koninkrijk  
der Nederlanden

To **10 2 e**  
Budgetadministrateur DZO/CU

Fax **10 2 e**

Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel  
20 Telavi street  
0103 Tbilisi  
Georgia

Date 11 November, 2008  
Our ref.  
Page 1/2  
Encl.  
Re Kosten Storimans Missie  
Cc

Contact **10 2 e**  
Tel. +995 32 27 62 00  
Fax +995 32 27 62 32  
**10 2 e** @minbuza.nl

Dear **10 2**,

As requested, enclosed herewith please find a copy of the bewijssruk of the payment made to the driver for the fact-finding mission Storimans. The amount is 555 GEL. I have booked it as instructed.

Kind regards,

**10 2 e**

Assistant AZ

ONTVANGEN van  
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Netherlands Embassy

*for transport of 5 days*  
(bedrag in letters) (amount in words) (somme en lettres)

*5 days transport services for vehicle (8 days - 3 days)*plaats  
place  
lieu*Tbilisi*datum  
date*8 September 2008*bedrag in cijfers  
amount in figures  
somme en chiffres*for 500*

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

INFORMATION AND PRESS DEPARTMENT

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**Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia A.A. Nesterenko on a question of the media regarding the death in Gori (Georgia) of a citizen of the Netherlands in August this year**

1663-23-10-2008

**Question:** What you could say about the circumstances of the death in Gori on August 12 of the Dutch cameraman S. Storimans and the results of the investigation in the Netherlands in connection with the incident?

**Answer:** On 12 August this year during combat operations repel the Georgian aggression against South Ossetia in the town of Gori (Georgia) Dutch cameraman S. Storimans died, while preparing a report for the news service broadcasting company «RTL». According to the Ministry of Defense of Russia, the city harboured Georgian military units that participated in the aggression against South Ossetia and were trapped in the zone of operations against them. According to the Office of the Press Service and Information of the Ministry of Defense of Russia, S. Storimans did not receive accreditation to work in formations and military units of the North Caucasus Military District that took part in the operation to force Georgia to peace; his work on the territory of Georgia was subjected to guarantees of the Georgian side.

The death of S. Storimans received wide resonance in Dutch society, was discussed in Parliament, on whose initiative a special commission was set up to ascertain the circumstances of the death of the journalist. In August-September of this year Commission members have visited Tbilisi and Gori, met with representatives of the Georgian authorities, interviewed witnesses of the August events on the ground. On 17 October this year at the request of the Dutch side, members of the commission, headed by its Chairman Ambassador at Large A. Jakobovich de Szeged were received in the Russian Foreign Ministry by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia A.V. Grushko and Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces Russia A.A. Nogovitsyn.

During the talks the Russian side expressed condolences to the family and friends of the deceased, described Russia's position on the situation in the Caucasus, discussed the circumstances of the incident on 12 August.

The information in connection with the death of S. Storimans provided by the Dutch side was transferred for expert opinion to the Ministry of Defense of Russia. First of all, on the basis of information provided by the Dutch it is not possible to draw a clear conclusion on the origin of the ammunition, by fragments of which, apparently, he was struck. The documents and photographs from the location of the death of S. Storimans provided by the Dutch side do not pose sufficient evidence for the fact that he died as a result of the use of weapons of the Russian side.

Nevertheless, as we learned, on October 20 the Commission presented a report on its work, claiming that S. Storimans died as a result of the impact of a Russian tactical ballistic missile type SS-26 ( «Iskander») with cluster munition. One can only regret that that the arguments presented by the Russian side during the meeting on 17 October in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia fell on deaf ears and have not properly been reflected in this document. We believe that establishing the true circumstances requires more careful work of military experts. By the way, cluster munitions are in the possession of the Georgian side. ??

23 Oct., 2008