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Europe Department
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Russian Federation and wishes to inform the Embassy as follows.

Referring to our Notes of 26 August 2013 (DEU-0674/2013) and of 23 September 2013 (DEU-0725/2013) the Netherlands regrets not having received the requested information before the set deadline, and urges the Russian Federation to provide answers to the questions put forward in these Notes.

The Netherlands reiterates the importance of this matter and its request that the Russian Federation immediately release the vessel and its crew. In this respect, the Netherlands would appreciate being informed whether such release would be facilitated by the posting of a bond or other financial security and, if so, what the Russian Federation would consider to be a reasonable amount for such bond or other financial security.

In addition, the Ministry requests the Russian authorities to detail the procedural steps leading to the inculcation of the two Dutch nationals among the arrested crew members, Faiza Oulahsen en Mannes Ubels, and to continue to allow visits by a consular officer of the Netherlands to these persons, in accordance with article 36 of the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The Ministry informs the Embassy that the Dutch authorities are present at the public hearing scheduled relating to the charges brought against these persons.

The Ministry would appreciate receiving all information requested in the present Note and aforementioned Notes by 26 September 2013 at 5 PM.

The Ministry of Foreign affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

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