



Note

Legal Affairs Directorate

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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.

On 7 October 2013, the Leninsky District Court at Murmansk ordered the seizure of the Dutch-flagged vessel 'Arctic Sunrise'. On the same date, the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, Investigation Department for the North-Western Federal District, wrote to inform the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in St Petersburg that an official report on the seizure of the 'Arctic Sunrise' would be drawn up. On 15 October 2013, the seizure order was implemented against the vessel and the official report was drawn up.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands formally lodges its protest against the seizure of the 'Arctic Sunrise', because - as the Kingdom of the Netherlands has repeatedly stated - the seizure followed the boarding and detaining of the vessel by authorities of the Russian Federation in its exclusive economic zone without the prior consent of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In this respect, the Kingdom of the Netherlands reiterates its urgent request for the immediate release of the vessel together with its crew.

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

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