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Response to Demmink Allegations

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In response to allegations made against Mr. Joris Demmink (former Secretary General of the Ministry of Security and Justice), the government of the Netherlands would like to provide the facts on this matter.

Charges against Mr. Demmink were thoroughly investigated by the Public Prosecution Service. The Public Prosecutor, an independent authority, determined the allegations against Mr. Demmink were unfounded.

The decision not to prosecute Mr. Demmink was upheld by the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Demmink was not in Turkey during the time the alleged charges occurred.

The Netherlands is a committed ally with the United States in the fight against human trafficking and will continue to be so. Our commitment is recognized by the State Department in its latest Trafficking in Persons report.

To learn all the facts on Mr. Demmink and the Netherlands stance on human trafficking please see:

- The 2011 action plan by the Dutch Task Force on Human Trafficking
- Letter of October 3, 2012, from the Minister of Security and Justice to the House of Representatives of the States General
- The letter from the Minister of Security and Justice to the Lower House of the Dutch parliament on the charges against Mr. Demmink
- Letter from the house of representatives to the government, 2007
- The letter from Ambassador Bekink to members of the US House of Representatives
- The State Department Trafficking in Persons Report
- Statement by the Government of the Netherlands issued on the occasion of the referral to the

House Committee on Foreign Affairs H.RES.62.

- [Website of the Dutch Public Prosecution Service](#)