

Press release

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Appointments committee on individual compensation Second World War

On November 27, 2018 it was announced that a committee will be formed that will deal with the question of individual compensations for survivors and next of kin of the actions of NS during the Second World War. NS and Mr. Salo Muller confirm that Mr. Job Cohen is willing to be chairman of the committee Individual compensation for Victims of WWII Transports NS. This committee further consists of Ms Lilian Gonçalves-Ho Kang You and Ms Ellen van der Waerden. Ms Eva van Ingen has been appointed secretary to the committee. The independent committee also involves various stakeholders.

The committee's mission is to proceed on moral grounds for individual compensation to a group of survivors and next of kin to be determined.

Members of the committee

Mr. Cohen (1947) is a lawyer and until the end of last year he was a professor at the University of Leiden in the field of municipal law and community law. Previously, he was a research assistant at the University of Leiden (1971-1981), professor at Maastricht University (1981-1997), including in recent years as Rector Magnificus (1991-1993 and 1995-1997), State Secretary for Education (1993-99), 1994), member of the Senate (1995-1998), State Secretary of Justice (1998-2000), mayor of Amsterdam (2001-2010), and member of the House of Representatives (2010-2012). He now fulfils a number of management and supervisory functions.

Mrs. Gonçalves - Ho Kang You (1946) is a lawyer. From 2009 to 2016 she was a state council member of the advisory department of the Council of State. Before that she was a lawyer and a member of the State Committee Constitution. From 1994 to 2000 she was vice-chairman of the Equal Treatment Committee. From 2001 to 2009 she was director of Amnesty International in the Netherlands (2001-2005) and of the international board in London (2005-2009).

Ms. Van der Waerden (1966), public administration expert and historian, is a municipal archivist and manager of the Hague Municipal Archive since 2017. Before that she was Program Manager Collection and Information Management at the NIOD, Institute for War, Genocide and Holocaust Studies. From 2012-2015 she worked as deputy Director at Memorial Centre Kamp Westerbork. Before that she worked at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, including as Program Manager Heritage of the War.

Commission Secretary

Ms. Van Ingen (1984) is a lawyer and founder of FirmBase. Before that she worked as General Counsel at various companies in the technology sector and as a lawyer at an international law firm. Since 2017 she has been a member of the board of Foundation Collectieve Maror-gelden Netherlands.

Next steps

The committee has met for the first time today. Shortly, the committee will announce further on its way of workings and announce its timelines. The committee considers it important that there is

clarity quickly, whilst the process is carefully followed. The committee will therefore open its own information and contact point as soon as possible. Until then, it is not yet possible nor necessary to register for this compensation. Contact details of persons and organizations who have had previously contact with NS or Mr. Muller or his lawyer Ms. Liesbeth Zegveld will be transferred to the committee after approval of the parties involved.

NS in the Second World War

During the Second World War , NS operated trains on the occupier's instructions. This marks a black page in the history of our country and our company, which we will not ignore. Earlier, Mr Salo Muller, a survivor of the Holocaust, spoke to CEO Van Boxtel. It has become clear from these discussions with Mr Muller that there is a desire for individual compensation, which is well understood by NS. As a result, a joint decision has been taken to set up this committee.

All currently available information can be found at:

www.ns.nl/tegemeetkomingenwo2