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honorary patronage:

Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Poland

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

RULES OF THE PRIZE

23. Edition

General conditions

1. The Polish Prize of Sérgio Vieira de Mello, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (2002-2003), hereinafter also referred to as the “Prize” is awarded annually in two categories: a person and a nongovernmental organization.
2. The Prize is awarded for activities enhancing the peaceful coexistence and cooperation of communities, religions, and cultures.
3. The Prize is awarded after an examination of submitted applications by the Panel of Judges, functioning according to the regulations.
4. Candidates for the Prize may come from Poland and abroad.
5. Candidates for the Prize may be proposed by individuals, institutions, diplomatic and consular corps, and non-governmental organizations from Poland and abroad.
6. It is not possible to award at the same time a nongovernmental organization and a person related to that organization.
7. Laureates receive a commemorative diploma and a gift; the Prize may also include a monetary award.

8. The Panel of Judges may award a special Honorary Prize for outstanding achievements in human rights. Candidates for the Honorary Prize are proposed by the members of the Panel.

Application process

1. The applicant may propose more than one Candidate for the Prize, submitting a separate Nomination Form for each Candidate.
2. The applicant chooses the appropriate category for their Candidate fills in the Nomination Form and submits it online via www.villa.org.pl **from May 1st 2026 to June 19th 2026.**
3. Nomination Forms meeting the conditions set up above will be considered by the Panel of Judges.

Information about the contest and awarding of the Prize

1. Nomination Forms and Regulations are available at: www.villa.org.pl.
2. For more information, please contact Carlos Panek, e-mail: nagrodademello@villa.org.pl
3. The ceremony of awarding the 23rd edition of the Prize will take place on October 22nd 2026.

Additional Provisions

1. The Nominator consents to the use of the information contained in the nomination form by the Organizer for the purpose of conducting subsequent stages of the Prize process.
2. The Nominator assumes liability from the Organizer for any claims made by third parties that may arise in connection with the Candidate's nomination.
3. Submitted documents and materials will not be returned.
4. If necessary, the Prize Committee may request additional information and materials from the Nominator and other persons associated with the Candidate's activities.
5. Applications that do not meet the conditions outlined in the regulations will be rejected.
6. The act of signing the nomination constitutes a declaration of acceptance of the obligations and conditions set forth in the Prize regulations.
7. The financial award will be transferred via bank transfer directly to the bank account indicated by the Laureate after the official Gala. The following details are required for the payment to be processed:
 - Bank account number
 - Full name / Name of recipient

- Street address, building and apartment number
 - Postal code and city/town
 - Country
 - SWIFT/BIC code
 - Name of the bank
 - Bank address (including country)
8. If incorrect bank account details are provided, any costs associated with subsequent attempts to process the transfer after the first unsuccessful attempt will be deducted from the amount of the financial award granted to the Candidate.
 9. The official languages of the Prize are Polish and English.

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