



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 April 2015

Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution 69/269 on the Statute of the United Nations Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, adopted on 2 April 2015.

In accordance with the resolution, the Prize will be an honorary award to be presented once every five years. It will be a tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of two individuals, one female and one male, in recognition of their dedicated service to humanity, in promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and in community development, guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

The laureates will be selected by a United Nations committee chaired by the President of the General Assembly and composed of representatives of six Member States, including representatives from each of the five regional groups and a representative of the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, who will serve as an ex-officio member. The UN Department of Public Information will serve as the committee's secretariat.

I have the honour to inform you that the call for nominations is now open, and encourage Member States and Observers to submit their nominations for the 2015 Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize. The deadline for submission of nominations is May 18, 2015. Details on submission of nominations can be found at <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/nominations>. It is expected that the laureates will be announced in June 2015 with the first prizes awarded at UN Headquarters in New York during the commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day. More information and details can be obtained at <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/prize> or by email to mandelaprize@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K. Kutesa', followed by a checkmark.

Sam K. Kutesa

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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