

17 February 2020

Excellency,

Reference is made to my letter, dated 18 December 2019, on the Statute of the United Nations Rolihlahla Mandela Prize.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/269 entitled, ‘‘Statute of the United Nations Rolihlahla Mandela Prize’’, adopted on 2 April 2015, the Nelson Mandela Rolihlahla Mandela Prize is awarded once every five years to two individuals (one female and one male), in recognition of their dedicated service to humanity; the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion; and 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 Global Communication will serve as the committee’s secretariat.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to remind you that the call for nominations is open. I encourage Member States and Observer States to submit their nominations for the 2020 Nelson Mandela Prize. Details on submission of nominations can be found at <http://bit.ly/2oYYt3M> and <http://bit.ly/2OSPg7v>. It is expected that the laureates will be announced in May 2020, with prizes awarded at UN Headquarters in New York during the commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day. Additional information can be obtained at https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/mandela_prize.shtml or by email to mandelaprize@un.org.

For further information, please contact my Senior Adviser, Mr. Márcio Burity (marcio.burity@un.org, +1 (917) 272-1304). Meanwhile, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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