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PREAMBLE

Honouring his Excellency *D. António Francisco dos Santos*, the bishop of the city of *Porto*, for his relevant work within the city of Porto, for being a reference at loving the next one and of solidarity, the *Irmandade dos Clérigos*, the *Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto* and the *Associação Comercial do Porto* have decided to appraise the **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS**, in order to annually reward a personality, national or international, for its relevant role in promoting peace, the dignity of the human being and the inter-religious and ecumenical dialogue.

1. OBJECTIVE

The **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** has the objective to award and disclose the action and contribution of personalities, in Portugal or abroad, in favor of defense and the promotion of peace, the human rights, the dignity of the human person and of the interreligious and ecumenical dialogue.





2. PERIODICITY

The **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** is awarded annually on the 11th of September, the day the *Porto* bishop passed away.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** is eligible to individual persons, residing in Portugal or abroad, who show relevant signs in fulfilling the objectives of this award, may it be in the local sphere, the regional, national or even international.

The Irmandade dos Clérigos, the Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto and the Associação Comercial do Porto reserve the right of not admitting the applications which do not fulfill the stipulated conditions of this regulation.

4. EVALUATION CRITERION

The evaluation will take into consideration the active participation in favor of the objectives of the **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS**, as well as the impact of its action within the community.

5. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The applications may be presented by individuals, groups or consortiums, national or foreign, as long as they properly identify the candidate.

5.1. Application deadline

The application period starts on the 1st of March and ends on the 30st of June of each year.

5.2. Form

The application is formalized by filling out a specific electronic form, to which it is possible to annex two ZIP formatted attachments, with a maximum of 4MB, in order to assist in its evaluation. The form is available at www.torredosclerigos.pt; www.cciporto.com; www.scmp.pt. Paper documents or bulk documentation sent by email will not be accepted.





5.3. Doubts clarification

Any doubts about the presentation of applications and the evaluation proceedings can be clarified by the *Irmandade dos Clérigos*, throughout the email <u>250@torredosclerigos.pt</u> or the following telephone number: +351 220 145 489.

6. APPLICATION EVALUATION

After the acceptance of the applications, depending on the satisfaction of the eligibility conditions and of presentation within the specified deadlines, the applications will be subjected to an evaluation and selection process constituted by two sequential phases:

1st phase - Evaluation at the headquarters of the selection committee:

The selection committee will consist of one representative of the *Irmandade dos Clérigos*, one representative of the *Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto* and one representative of the *Associação Comercial do Porto*. The selection committee is responsible for the comparative evaluation of the candidates. After a final decision by the selection committee there is no appeal.

2nd phase - Evaluation at the selection committee headquarters

The selection committee is responsible for the credibility evaluation of the candidates and their impact within the community, taking into consideration the global evaluation produced by the selection committee. The members of the jury must have total access to the documentation in order to previously analyze and have a face-to-face meeting in order to individually analyze and discuss each candidate. Throughout the evaluation process any complementary information about the candidate can be requested to the person responsible for the candidacy. The jury is entitled not to assign any award, in case the applications justify it. After a final decision by the selection committee there is no appeal.

7. SELECTION BOARD

The selection board of the **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** consists of priest *Américo Aguiar*, President of *Irmandade dos Clérigos*, by *António Tavares*, Ombudsman of the





Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto and by Nuno Botelho, President of the Associação Comercial do Porto.

8. AWARD

The **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** will have the pecuniary amount of 75.000.00€ (seventy five thousand Euros).

9. DISSEMINATION

The dissemination of the winner of the **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** will be held in an open session prize delivery on the 11th of September of each year.

10. FINAL PROVISIONS

The Irmandade dos Clérigos, the Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto and the Associação Comercial do Porto guarantee the confidentiality of all the information made available throughout the process of application and evaluation of the candidates.

The applications for the **AWARD D. ANTÓNIO FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS** shall not have any information that might fall into the obligation of secrecy, and shall decline to enforce any responsibility to the promoting entities in consequence of any improper dissemination of this type of information.

These same entities reserve the right to modify the herein regulation, as well as the composition of the selection board due to force majeure reasons.

