RULES OF THE COMPETITION FOR A COMMEMORATIVE LOGO MARKING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND ETHIOPIA

In 2027, Poland and Ethiopia will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. On this occasion, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Addis Ababa invites you to participate in the competition entitled "Competition for a Commemorative Logo Marking the 80th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Poland and Ethiopia".

I. COMPETITION ORGANISER

The organiser of the competition (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") is the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Addis Ababa (hereinafter referred to as the "Organiser").

Information about the Competition and the Competition Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") will be published on the website https://www.gov.pl/web/etiopia/aktualnosci in Polish and on the English-language version of the website https://www.gov.pl/web/ethiopia, as well as on the social media accounts operated by the Organiser.

II. SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION

1. The subject of the Competition is the creation of a graphic design (logo) (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition Entry") commemorating and promoting the 80th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Poland and Ethiopia.
2. The purpose of the Competition is to select the Competition Entry that best meets the Organiser's criteria (set out in Chapter IV) for promotional, identification and representational purposes.
3. The best entry selected from among the Competition Entries should symbolise the relations between the two countries, based on mutual respect and friendship. It should refer to the symbols and/or colours of the flags of Poland and Ethiopia. The logo must include the wording "Poland-Ethiopia" in English and be accompanied by a short description.
4. The winning logo will be used in connection with the activities of the Organiser. In particular, it may be placed on business cards, letterhead, posters, leaflets, electronic media and the Internet, outdoor advertising media, promotional and advertising items, and the Organiser's publications.

III. COMPETITION FORMAT AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. The Competition is open and consists of a single stage.
2. The Competition is open to citizens of Ethiopia who are at least 18 years of age on the date on which they submit their Competition Entry (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants"), and who have read and accepted these Rules.
3. Participation in the Competition is free of charge and voluntary.
4. Participants are free to adopt any artistic approach to the subject, subject to the provisions of these Rules.
5. To participate in the Competition, a Competition Entry must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V.
6. Entries not accompanied by an entry form or the required declaration will not be admitted to the Competition. Entries that do not meet the participation requirements set out in the Rules will not be evaluated.

7. Each Participant may submit a maximum of three graphic designs.
8. The Competition Committee will select one (1) winning entry from among the submitted Competition Entries, for which the first prize in the Competition will be awarded:
    - USD 800.00 (eight hundred US dollars and 00/100) – the cost of the prize will be covered by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Addis Ababa.
9. The Competition Committee reserves the right to designate additional prize-winners.
10. The winner and any additional prize-winners (if designated) will be notified of the Competition Committee's decision by email and must acknowledge receipt of the notification. If they fail to do so, the Committee may select other entries.
11. Entering the Competition constitutes unconditional acceptance of these Rules.
12. By entering the Competition, Participants undertake, if their Competition Entry is selected as the winning entry, to transfer to the Organiser, on an exclusive basis and without territorial or time limitations, all economic copyrights to their Competition Entry, in the fields of exploitation specified in the agreement on the transfer of economic copyright, the template of which is attached to the Rules as Annex 4. The declaration of such undertaking is included in Annex 3 to the Rules (Declaration by a Competition Participant on the Transfer of Economic Copyright).
13. By submitting a Competition Entry, Participants are also deemed to declare that they consent to its use for the purposes of the Competition; that the submitted Competition Entry is their exclusive property and does not infringe any third-party rights, in particular economic or moral copyrights, or any applicable laws; and that the Competition Entry submitted by them is new, original and has not been published previously. Participants shall bear full legal liability if they are not entitled to submit the Competition Entry to the Competition or if the entry infringes third-party copyrights and/or personal rights.
14. The Organiser shall not be liable for any extension, shortening, amendment or cancellation of the Competition for reasons beyond its control.
15. The Organiser reserves the right not to select a winner.
16. Participants undertake not to bring any claims against the Organiser in connection with its use of the Competition Entry, its failure to use the entry, or its use to a limited extent.

IV. SUBMISSION OF COMPETITION ENTRIES

1. Each Competition Entry must be submitted in digital form to addisabeba.amb.competitions@msz.gov.pl, with the email subject line in English: "Poland-Ethiopia 80". The Competition Entry must meet the following requirements:
    a) the logo must be in vector format and submitted as a PDF, with the wording "Poland-Ethiopia" in English;
    b) the format of the canvas containing the logo must be 300 × 300 mm; the maximum file size is 10 MB;
    c) the logo must be in colour (a maximum of six colours, including black, is permitted);
    d) the logo design must be placed in the centre of the canvas, leaving a margin of at least 50 mm on each side.
2. The Participant's first and last name, or their initials, must not appear anywhere on the canvas.
3. The deadline for submitting Competition Entries is 5th December 2026.
4. Competition Entries that do not meet the requirements set out in the Rules or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
5. The Organiser reserves the right to extend the deadline for submitting Competition Entries and will announce any such extension on the websites https://www.gov.pl/web/etiopia/aktualnosci and https://www.gov.pl/web/ethiopia.

6. Employees of the Organiser, members of the Competition Committee and members of their immediate families may not participate in the Competition.
7. Participants shall bear all costs associated with their participation in the Competition.

V. SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED DECLARATIONS

1. Each Competition Entry must be accompanied by the following documents and declarations:
    a) a scan, in Polish or English, of the completed and signed entry form set out in Annex 1 to the Rules: "Competition Entry Form";
    b) scans, in Polish or English, of the completed and signed declarations set out in Annex 2 to the Rules: "Declaration of Authorship of a Competition Entry by the Competition Participant", and Annex 3 to the Rules: "Declaration by a Competition Participant on the Transfer of Economic Copyright";
    c) a short description of the logo, including its inspirations, key themes, etc., in Polish or English, of no more than 100 words.

VI. LOGO EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Functionality and practicality.
2. Clarity of the message commemorating the 80th anniversary of the establishment of Polish-Ethiopian diplomatic relations.
3. Innovation and originality.
4. Aesthetic qualities of the design.
5. Ease of adaptation for use across various social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).
6. The logo should ensure the correct use and application of the visual identity (symbols) of Poland and Ethiopia.

VII. ORGANISER'S LIABILITY

1. The Organiser shall not be liable for any pecuniary or non-pecuniary damage suffered by a Participant as a result of their participation in the Competition or as a result of being awarded or not being awarded a prize, including injury, loss, bodily harm or moral damage.
2. A Participant shall bear full and exclusive liability if their Competition Entry infringes the rights of third parties, the provisions of these Rules or applicable laws.
3. The Organiser shall not be liable for errors, omissions, theft, destruction, alteration, unauthorised access to, loss of, or delays in the delivery of Competition Entries to the Organiser, where such events affect the proper submission of entries and are caused by factors beyond the Organiser's control.
4. The Organiser shall have the right to cancel the Competition or change its dates without stating reasons.

VIII. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

1. The Competition Committee shall consist of:
    - Ms Ilona Korchut, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Republic of Poland, Chair of the Competition Committee;
    - two representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Addis Ababa;
    - a representative of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
    - two representatives of the Polish-Ethiopian artistic community.

2. The Chair of the Competition Committee, Ms Ilona Korchut, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Republic of Poland, reserves the right to appoint other members of the Competition Committee.
3. If other members of the Competition Committee are appointed or the composition of the Committee changes, the full and/or updated list of Committee members will be made available on the website referred to in Chapter I of the Rules.
4. The decisions of the Competition Committee are final and are not subject to appeal.

IX. COMPETITION RESULTS

1. The results of the Competition will be published no later than 18th December 2026 on the websites referred to in Chapter I of the Rules. The Organiser reserves the right to publish the results additionally on the social media accounts operated by the Organiser.
2. The Organiser reserves the right to change the date on which the results of the Competition are announced and will provide information about any such change on the website referred to in Chapter I of the Rules.

X. PRIZE

1. The Competition Committee may award the following prize (in accordance with Chapter III, section 8 of the Rules):
    - First Prize for the winner selected by the Committee – USD 800.00 (eight hundred US dollars and 00/100) (the cost of the prize will be covered by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Addis Ababa);
2. The winner of the Competition shall be responsible for paying any taxes arising from the income associated with receiving the prize. The prize will be paid only after the winner has submitted a written declaration confirming that they will independently settle with the competent tax authority all tax liabilities arising from the income associated with the prize received. The Organiser shall not be liable to the competent tax authority for any failure or omission on the part of the winner of the Competition.
3. The winner of the Competition is required to transfer the copyrights to the winning Competition Entry to the Organiser free of charge, in accordance with the declaration submitted using the template set out in Annex 3 to the Rules: "Declaration by a Competition Participant on the Transfer of Economic Copyright". The agreement on the transfer of economic copyrights, using the template set out in Annex 4 to the Rules: "Agreement on the Transfer of Economic Copyright", must be concluded no later than 10 working days from the date on which the results of the Competition are announced. Refusal to sign the agreement shall be equivalent to withdrawal of the entry from the Competition.
4. The First Prize, in the form of a cash award of USD 800.00 (eight hundred US dollars and 00/100), will be handed to the winner in person in cash at the Embassy or transferred to the bank account indicated by the winner, no later than 30 working days after the Organiser receives the following documents from the winner, in Polish or English:
    a) a declaration signed by the winner confirming that they will independently settle with the competent tax authority all tax liabilities arising from the income associated with the prize received;
    b) a declaration signed by the winner providing the personal data required to transfer the prize by bank transfer, if the prize is not paid in cash: Annex 5 to the Rules, "Declaration of Personal and Bank Account Details for the Payment of the Cash Prize";

c) an agreement on the transfer of economic copyrights, signed by the winner and based on the template set out in Annex 4 to the Rules: “Agreement on the Transfer of Economic Copyrights”.

5. If the Participant whose Competition Entry has been selected as the winning entry declines to conclude an agreement with the Organiser on the transfer of economic copyrights, the Organiser shall have the right to select a new winner from among the Participants in the Competition. The new winner will be required to fulfil the above obligations, in particular those set out in sections 2–4.
6. The Organiser reserves the right to change the prize due to factors beyond its control that affect the award of the prize.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The Organiser reserves the right to cancel the Competition or postpone its dates, and also reserves the right to amend these Rules. Information about any changes will be published on the website referred to in Chapter I of the Rules.
2. In matters not regulated by these Rules, the Organiser shall make the decision. No appeal may be lodged against the Organiser’s decision.
3. The Organiser shall not be liable for any damage caused by Participants providing incorrect or outdated information.
4. The Organiser shall not claim any ownership rights in respect of Competition Entries that are not used.
5. The Organiser shall not cover the costs of preparing and submitting Competition Entries or entry documents.
6. Entry into the Competition requires consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes of conducting the Competition, selecting the winner and any additional prize-winners (if designated), awarding and paying the prize, and promoting and providing information about the Competition. This includes publication of the first and last names of the winner and any additional prize-winners (if designated) on the website referred to in Chapter I of the Rules and on the Organiser’s social media accounts, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR). The consent form is included in Annex 1 to the Rules (Competition Entry Form).
7. Information concerning the Organiser’s processing of personal data is set out in Annex 5 to the Rules (Information on the Processing of Personal Data).
8. If a Participant withdraws their consent to the processing of personal data, the entry form containing their personal data will be destroyed without delay.
9. Matters not regulated by these Rules shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Civil Code of the Republic of Poland. These Rules have been drawn up in accordance with Polish law. In the event of any dispute relating to these Rules, the Participant accepts the jurisdiction of the common court having jurisdiction over the registered office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland.
10. The Organiser will not return Competition Entries that are not used. Any unused Competition Entries will be destroyed without undue delay after the Competition has ended.
11. These Rules shall enter into force on the date on which the announcement of the Competition is published.