

WARRANT

By the President whereby "the ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF O. R. TAMBO" is instituted.

To all to whom these presents may come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is desirable that citizens of foreign countries who have distinguished themselves by their service in the mutual promotion of our international relations or have promoted the interests and share the aspirations of the Republic of South Africa, be honoured in an appropriate manner;

Now, therefore, I do hereby institute in terms of section 84 (2) (k) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996) an Order, which shall be known as "the Order of The Companions of O. R. Tambo" as an honourable tribute to such persons as may be considered and further ordain that the undermentioned rules, together with the regulations that may be issued in terms of this Warrant shall govern the award of the Order:

CATEGORIES

1. The Order may be awarded in three categories;

(i) Category I : Supreme Companion (Gold)

Heads of State and in special cases Heads of Government, and other eminent persons who have promoted the interests and aspirations of the Republic at the higher levels through excellent cooperation and active expression of solidarity and support.

(ii) Category II : Grand Companion (Silver)

Heads of Government and other Ministers of State, Supreme Court Judges, Presidents of Legislative Bodies, Secretaries

of State, Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Commanders in Chief of armed forces, other functionaries and persons of comparable rank and station according to the rules and practices of each country, who have actively promoted the interests and aspirations of the Republic through their outstanding cooperation, solidarity and support.

(iii) Category III : Companion (Bronze)

Members of Legislative Bodies, Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary, senior officers of the armed forces other than Commanders in Chief, other functionaries and persons of comparable rank and station according to the rules and practices of each country, who have actively promoted the interests and aspirations of the Republic through their cooperation, solidarity and support.

INSIGNIA

2. *The Insignia shall consist of –*

- (i) the Neck Decoration;
- (ii) the Walking Stick;
- (iii) the Miniature ;
- (iv) the Rossette.

3. Neck decoration and miniature

- (i) Both the neck decoration and miniatures shall be identical in design, differing only in metallic composition, size and means of suspension.
- (ii) The principal insignia shall comprise a cartouche bearing a circular central motif per cross serpentine, the convex curves clockwise, between two triangular points in pale, representing the axis. Issuant from the top and bottom of the cartouche respectively, shall be serpents' trails orientated anti-clockwise in an oval configuration, the tips terminating opposite the top and bottom respectively.
- (iii) The metal of Category I, shall be gold; of Category II, silver; and of Category III, bronze.

- (iv) The overall dimensions of the neck decoration shall be 60 mm in height and 39mm in width.
- (v) The dimensions of the miniature shall be one third of the size of the neck decoration.
- (vi) Both the full-size and miniature insignia shall bear on the reverse the National Coat of Arms, in relief.

4. Ribbon

- (i) The ribbon shall be 36 mm in width, white in colour, with recurring shaded representations of the circular central motif, 25mm in diameter, in gull grey to the top, left and bottom right, medium grey to the right and slate grey to the left, but with the axis triangles set in bend sinister.
- (ii) The miniature ribbon shall be half the width of the full-size ribbon.

5. Lapel badge

The Lapel badge shall be identical in design to the primary cartouche, and shall be the same size as that in the miniature.

6. Walking stick

In addition to the neck decoration, miniature and lapel badge for each category there shall also be a carved wooden walking stick with a spoon-shaped head projecting from which is a hooked handle; the shaft shall be entwined of a mole snake, the head and neck of which curve around an oval in which is set a representation of the neck badge, and on the other side a carved representation of the national coat of arms.

OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER

The officials of the Order are the following:

- (i) The President as the Patron of the Order; and
- (ii) The Chancellor of Orders, who administers and keeps the Order.

AWARD OF THE ORDER

7. The President may subject to the rules and Regulations concerning: "the Order of the Companions of O. R. Tambo" (herein after referred to as the Regulations)
- (i) award the Order, also posthumously;
 - (ii) annul such award; and
 - (iii) restore an award annulled in terms of rule 7 (ii).

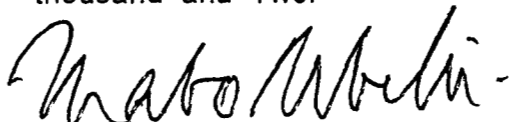
WEARING OF THE ORDER

8. The insignia of Category I, Category II and Category III shall be worn pendent from a ribbon worn around the neck, while the miniature shall be worn on the left breast.
The lapel badge of the respective categories shall be worn on the left lapel of the jacket, in the case of ladies, as a brooch.

GENERAL RULES

9. The President as patron of the Order is, on assumption of office and after relinquishing office, the holder of the Order in the highest category and may wear insignia of the Order on appropriate occasions.
10. All unawarded insignia and ribbons shall be kept at the Chancery and shall be supplied to recipients by the Chancery only.
11. The names of the persons who have been awarded the Order, shall be published in the Government Gazette.
12. The President may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Warrant.

Given under my Hand at Pretoria this day of December, Two thousand and Two.



T. M. MBEKI,
President.

By Order of the President-in -Cabinet

REGULATION GOVERNING "THE ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF O.R TAMBO"

The President has, in terms of rule 13 of his Warrant, dated the of December 2002, by which "the Order of The Companions of O.R Tambo" (hereinafter referred to as the Order) approved that the following regulations governing the Order be promulgated:

1. Upon award, the Order shall be presented by the President or by any other person designated by him to the person to whom the Order has been awarded, If at all possible, in the case of a posthumous award, to the next of kin, a blood relation or legal heir of the deceased, as the President may determine.
2. A Certificate of Award bearing the Seal of the Chancery of Orders and signed by the Chancellor of Orders or any officer designated by him/her, shall be issued in respect of each award.
3. The insignia shall be worn only by the person to whom they have been awarded.
4.
 - (i) If the insignia or certificate of award is stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged, the circumstances must be reported to the Chancellor of Orders.
 - (ii) If the Chancellor, after due investigation and upon sworn information is of the opinion that the theft, loss destruction or damage to the insignia or Certificate of award was not due to negligence or carelessness of the recipient, he may authorize the replacement of thereof at the state expense, otherwise the recipient shall bear the cost of replacement.
5. The holder shall not pledge, barter, sell or in any way alienate the insignia except by testamentary bequest. In case of any doubt, the Chancellor or the Chancery of Orders must be consulted.
6. Upon award of the Order in a higher category the insignia of the category previously held by a recipient shall be returned to the Chancery and only the Insignia of the higher order may be worn.

7. Before the Order may be awarded, an unequivocal assurance, confirmed through diplomatic channels, that the nominee is prepared and has been granted approval by his Government to accept the Order, must be obtained.
8. The Chancery of Orders shall keep a register in which the following shall be recorded:
 - (i) The name of the recipient, the date of award and the serial number of the insignia; and
 - (ii) The annulment, restoration, loss or replacement of the Insignia of the Order.
9. The President may-
 - (i) amend or recall the Insignia of the Order;
 - (ii) amend or rescind the requirements for award of the Order; and
 - (iii) recall the Order.