**Terms and conditions**

**DIPLOMAT FOR A DAY 2024**

Terms and conditions for entering the competition

1. The competition is open to female applicants (i.e. identifying as female, inclusive of diverse gender identities) who are Belgian nationals and residents, including dual nationals, enrolled in high school, aged 16 to 19, except the relatives of employees of the British, Canadian, and US Embassies to Belgium, and anyone otherwise connected with the judging of the competition.
2. There is no entry fee.
3. The competition organisers will cover public transport costs to and within Brussels. We will also cover accommodation expenses for nominees and their chaperone (if one is needed) who live more than 40 kilometres from the British Embassy Brussels, Avenue d'Auderghem 10, 1040 Brussels.
4. Route to entry for the competition and details on how to enter are:
* All candidates must answerthe following question.
	1. Why do you think equal rights are important and what actions would you carry out, or have you already carried out in order to achieve and/or promote equal rights?
* The entries can be submitted in either a video format or in a written format. The video should not be longer than two minutes, and the word limit for written entries is 300 words.
1. Only one entry will be accepted per person. Multiple entries from the same person will be disqualified.
2. The closing date for entry will be 23:59 hrs, 31 January 2024. After this date, no further entries to the competition will be permitted.
3. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason.
4. The nominees will be selected based on their essay or video by a judging panel, which includes British, Canadian and US Embassy employees. The number of nominees shall be no more than 4.
5. The nominees will be notified by 16th February. If a nominee cannot be contacted within four working days of notification, the three Embassies hold the right to withdraw the nomination and pick a replacement among the other competitors.
6. The prize consists of:
* Shadowing Diplomats at the UK, US and Canadian Embassies in Brussels.
* First-hand experience of multilateral diplomacy in Brussels;
* Participation in a high-level event on gender equality
1. The rules of participation in the Diplomat for a Day campaign are as follows:
* Minors must have a written parental consent as prescribed by the law in order

 to travel to Brussels.

* The winners must be available to travel to Brussels on 8th March.
* Any winner aged under 18 must have a written consent from their parent or

 guardian who is over 21 years old in order to travel to Brussels on 8th March.

* The winners as well as their chaperones must have valid ID and/or passport.
	+ The winners agree to be photographed and/or filmed as part of the Diplomat for a Day campaign in order to promote the initiative, provided that the photos/videos do not prejudice their dignity and reputation.
1. By applying to the competition, participants transfer the copyright ownership of their videos and essays to the British, US and Canadian Embassies. The Embassies may use these to produce content for future communication on its social media channels.
2. The Judging panel’s decision in respect of all matters to do with the competition, including but not limited to the appraisal of the participants, the organisation of carrying out the competition and the awarding of the winners’ prizes will be final
3. If there are any restrictions on in person contact due to the Covid-19 pandemic or any other unforeseen events, some or all activities may need to occur in a virtual format. We will inform the winners in advance should this be the case.
4. By entering this competition, the entrant and her lawful representative is indicating her agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.