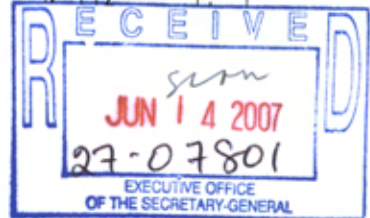


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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Unveiling ceremony of Sergio Vieira de Mello's bust at Palais Wilson, 28 June 2006

1. I write to inform you of the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Sergio Vieira de Mello which will take place on Thursday 28 June 2006 at Palais Wilson, Geneva.
2. The bust was donated by the President of the Russian Academy of Art, Mr. Zurab K. Tsereteli, to my Office. The instalment of the bust outside Palais Wilson has been made possible by the kind generosity of the Government of the Russian Federation, which facilitated its transfer from Moscow to Geneva, and of the Swiss Authorities which provided public space for its installation.
3. The bust of Sergio is mounted on a plinth to which is attached a plaque commemorating all twenty-two colleagues who lost their lives in Baghdad on 19 August 2003.
4. The unveiling ceremony will take place in the presence of former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, the UNOG Director General, Sergei Ordzhonikidze, and myself.
5. Family members of the victims, the diplomatic community and representatives of civil society and the media have been invited to the ceremony and to the reception which will follow.



Louise Arbour  
High Commissioner for Human Rights  
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