

## Swiss NGO Lists 52 Brazilians for the Nobel Peace Prize

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The Association of 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize, a Swiss non-governmental organization (NGO), made a simultaneous announcement, yesterday, June 29, in 40 countries, of the names of the women chosen to compete for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize.

52 of them are Brazilian. Women from 153 countries were selected, and Brazil had the third largest number of candidates, trailing only India, with 91, and China, with 81.

The Brazilian list includes some public figures, such as the actress Zezé Motta, for her performance in roles that valorize black women, as well as the work she does at the forefront of the Black Actors' Information and Documentation Center, an NGO that helps young blacks receive professional training as actors.

Another woman who was nominated is Silvia Pimentel, a lawyer, university professor, and co-author of the bill for the first Constitutional amendment that altered the status of women in the Civil Code, in the struggle to gain equal rights for men and women.

In its 104 years of existence, only 13 women have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, which is traditionally conferred in the Norwegian capital, Oslo, on December 10, the anniversary of the death of the Swedish founder of the prize, Alfred Nobel.

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