

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Editors is pleased to assist in the wider dissemination of information concerning the Council of Europe's "European Human Rights Prize", instituted under Resolution (80) 1 of the Committee of Ministers of 5 February 1980, which will be awarded for the third time in 1986.

The Prize is honorary in character. Its purpose is to reward individual or group activities which have made an exceptional contribution to the cause of human rights. Accordingly, any individual or group of persons, institution or non-governmental organization whose activities have made an outstanding contribution to the protection or promotion of human rights in accordance with the principles of individual freedom, political liberty and the rule of law, shall be eligible for consideration.

The first Prize was awarded in 1980 to the International Commission of Jurists and in 1983 to the Medical Section of Amnesty International.

In principle, the Prize shall be awarded every three years according to the procedure set out in Articles 4 to 9 of the Regulations.

Appended hereto is a copy of the Prize Regulations (previously announced in (1980) NILR page 132) in the event that nominations for the Prize may wish to be presented. Any such nomination should reach the Secretary General by 31 December 1985 at the latest.

RESOLUTION (80) 1

Containing Regulations on a European Human Rights Prize

*(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 5 February 1980
at the 314th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe.

Recalling that the protection and development of human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the roles assigned to the Council of Europe under its Statute;

Regarding the awakening of public awareness in human rights questions as a vital factor in promoting these rights;

Convinced that the institution of a European Human Rights Prize aimed at rewarding activities having made an outstanding contribution to the cause of human rights would promote public interest in these questions,

Decides:

1. To institute a Council of Europe "European Human Rights Prize" in accordance with the conditions set out in the appendix to this resolution;

II. That the aim of this prize shall be to uphold the merits of a person, group of persons, institution or non-governmental organization which has been active in promoting or protecting human rights in accordance with the principles of individual freedom, political liberty and the rule of law.

Appendix to Resolution (80) 1

The European Human Rights Prize Regulations

Article 1

1. A European Human Rights Prize is instituted by the Council of Europe for the purpose of rewarding individual or group activities which have made an exceptional contribution to the cause of human rights.

2. This prize shall be awarded in principle every three years.

Article 2

The European Human Rights Prize shall be honorary. A medal and a certificate commending the prizewinner's contribution to the cause of human rights will be awarded to him.

Article 3

Any individual or group of persons, institution or non-governmental organization whose activities have made an outstanding contribution to the protection or promotion of human rights in accordance with the principles of individual freedom, political liberty and the rule of law, shall be eligible for consideration.

Article 4

1. Nominations must reach the Secretary General of the Council of Europe before 31 December of the year preceding the award of the prize.

2. They shall be accompanied by documents attesting the merits of the candidate in the field of human rights.

Article 5

Nominations which meet the requirements set out in Articles 3 and 4 above shall be communicated by the Secretary General to the President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe before 31 May of the year of the award of the prize.

Article 6

1. The Consultative Assembly shall make known to the Committee of Ministers its recommendations regarding the prizewinners.

2. If, in the absence of worthy candidates, the Assembly feels unable to propose any prizewinner, it shall inform the Committee of Ministers.

Article 7

The prizewinner shall be chosen by the Committee of Ministers on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Assembly.

Article 8

The Secretary General shall fix the date of the presentation of the award and shall inform the prizewinner.

Article 9

The prize shall be officially presented to the prizewinner by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe at a public ceremony to be held as a general rule at the seat of the Council of Europe.