

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S 'EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE'

The Council of Europe's '*European Human Rights Prize*', instituted under Resolution (80) 1 of the Committee of Ministers, of 5 February 1980, will be awarded for the fourth time in 1989.

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 organisation 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 Prize was awarded to the International Commission of Jurists in 1980, to the Medical Section of Amnesty International in 1983 and in 1986 jointly to Argentina's President Raul Alfonsin and Austria's former Justice Minister, Christian Broda.

According to Article 4 of the Prize Regulations, nominations must reach the Secretary General of the Council of Europe before *31 December* of the year preceding the award of the Prize. They shall be accompanied by documents attesting the merits of the candidates in the field of human rights.

**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 15a 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:

- I. 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 organisation 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 organisation 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.