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EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE



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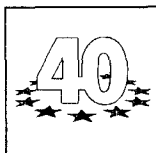
Secretariat memorandum

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1. The European Human Rights Prize was instituted by Resolution (80) 1 adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 5 February 1980.
2. The prize, which is honorary, is intended "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". It is awarded in principle every three years.
3. The European Human Rights Prize was awarded for the first time in 1980, to the International Commission of Jurists. In 1983, it was awarded to the medical section of Amnesty International and, in 1986, jointly to Mr R ALFONSIN and Mr C BRODA.
4. Under the regulations on the Prize, the Secretary General communicates nominations to the Assembly, which makes recommendations on prizewinners to the Committee of Ministers. The Committee of Ministers then selects the prizewinner on the basis of these recommendations.

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Forty years
Council of Europe
Quarante ans
Conseil de l'Europe

5. In Resolution 701 (1979), the Assembly instructed its Legal Affairs Committee, or the latter's Sub-Committee on Human Rights, to make recommendations regarding the Prize.

6. The present memorandum contains nominations for the Prize, in alphabetical order, with summaries of the reasons for each.

7. The regulations on the Prize are appended.

1.

Candidate: Christian Action for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT)

Nominated by: The Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the Council of Europe, supported by the Holy See

Description and reasons:

- Attempts to influence the authorities in all countries where torture, inhuman treatment and the unexplained disappearance of prisoners are current
- Action to secure the abolition of judicial and non-judicial capital punishment
- Specific projects in certain countries (eg sponsoring of children of missing parents in Argentina)
- Contacts with numerous Christian groups and communities which champion human dignity in countries where torture is practised
- Vigilance in its own country to avert situations which create the risk of torture
- Bringing the scandal of torture and capital punishment home to public opinion
- Research on the causes of inhuman treatment and ways of preventing it.

2.

Candidate: Association for the Declaration of
26 August 1989 (AD 89)

Nominated by: Mr Jean-Michel BLANQUER, President of the
Association

Description
and reasons:

- . The Association was set up by young people in January 1985 for the purpose of drafting a Universal Youth Declaration to mark the bicentenary of the Declaration of 26 August 1789
- . The AD has more than 300 members in France, and has branches in the provinces and abroad, in nearly all the countries of Eastern and Western Europe, as well as in North and South America and the third world
- . Publication of a book, "Manifesto for 89" in October 1988. A second is due in January 1989, and a third will deploy a wealth of background material in presenting human rights themes. A short book on human rights is also planned for very young children
- . On 26 August 1989, the anniversary of the 1789 Declaration, the Universal Youth Declaration will be proclaimed in France and in all the countries sending delegations to the Extraordinary Youth Convention

3.

Candidate: Turkish Human Rights Association, Ankara

Nominated by: The member organisations of "Concertation Paix
Développement" (Brussels)

Description
and reasons:

Campaigns in the last three years to make Turkish and international public opinion aware of human rights problems in Turkey. The main themes have been:

1. Campaign against the torture of political prisoners in 1987
2. Campaign on prison conditions in Turkey in 1987
3. Campaign for the abolition of capital punishment in 1988

4.

Candidate: International Bar Association's Human Rights Committee (IBA)

Nominated by: International Bar Association, London (IBA)

Description and reasons:

The IBA has 111 member associations, which support its activities.

Its Human Rights Committee:

- deals with certain human rights violations at world level, and particularly with those involving long-term detention or imprisonment without trial, refusal of the state to allow legal presentation of prisoners, and cases in which barristers or judges are prevented from exercising their professions freely and independently
- co-operates with other organisations working in the human rights field
- works to ensure that barristers and judges are able to exercise their professions freely and independently (letters, canvassing of support, sending of observers or fact-finding missions)
- has adopted minimum rules on the legislature's independence of government
- is drafting guidelines to ensure the independence of the legal profession
- sends distinguished jurists as observers or to investigate judgments in cases in which jurists specialising in human rights are involved (eg Chile, Philippines)
- organises world seminars and conferences on human rights.

5.

Candidate: Association for the Victims of Repression in Exile,
AVRE (Paris)

Nominated by: RCT, Copenhagen

Supported by: Mr Jacques Chaban-Delmas

Description
and reasons:

The organisation's purpose is to assist the exiled
victims of torture.

It is committed to the cause of human rights and
human dignity.

It operates frequently in countries where torture
is practised.

6.

Candidate: International Movement ATD Fourth World

Nominated by: Mr H G SCHERMERS, Member of the European Commission of Human Rights

Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Description
and reasons:

- . The concept of human rights also includes social and economic rights
- . The International Movement ATD Fourth World devotes itself to the poorest individuals and groups in any society or community. Its voluntary workers help families to overcome poverty and keep their human dignity. In so doing, the movement has done much to promote the realisation that extreme poverty, as it exists and as it is spreading at present, is flagrantly at odds with the whole concept of human rights.

7.

Candidate: Mr Robert BADINTER

Nominated by: The French authorities

Description
and reasons:

Mr Badinter, now President of the Constitutional Council, has had a long career as barrister, jurist and human rights champion.

He was Minister of Justice from June 1981 to February 1986.

During his term of office, France

- abolished the death penalty
- withdrew its reservations concerning individual application to the Commission and Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg
- abolished the State Security Court and the standing courts of the armed forces
- humanised the prison system and launched a crime prevention policy
- gave the victims of crime additional rights and improved the rights of the defence, particularly with regard to detention on remand
- launched a project for the reform of French criminal law, now before parliament, whose first purpose is to ensure respect for human rights.

8.

Candidate: Mr Josephe CARBONARO

Nominated by: Mrs Hény CARBONARO

Description
and reasons:

Mr Carbonaro, an operatic tenor, is the founder of the "Voice of Israel" movement, and has been active in several countries in working for peace between Jews, Arabs and Christians.

9.

Candidate: Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims,
Copenhagen

Nominated by: The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Description
and reasons:

- . Independent, private, humanitarian centre,
established in Copenhagen to assist the victims of
torture and help to prevent torture
- runs a rehabilitation centre for torture
victims and their families
- provides Danish and foreign health staff with
guidance on the examination and treatment of
torture victims, as well as general information on
the prevalence and methods of torture, and on ways
of rehabilitating victims
- undertakes and encourages research on
torture, and on the nature and extent of its
effects
- operates and is expanding an international
documentation centre
- advises various international organisations
on matters relating to the treatment of torture
victims and the prevention of torture.

Prizes and awards

1986: The Aristotle Prize of the Onassis
Foundation "The 8th Irwin Goldhart Memorial
Lecture"

1988: The Walter Briehl Human Rights Foundation's
Human Rights Achievement Award

The Minnesota Lawyers' International Human
Rights Committee's Human Rights Award

The 1988 Right Livelihood Honorary Award,
also known as "The Alternative Nobel Prize",
to the Centre's founder and medical director.

In view of the centre's merits, the Prime
Ministers of Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway,
and other distinguished figures, have agreed to
serve on its Support Committee.

10.

Candidate: International Committee of the Red Cross

Nominated by: The Government of Portugal

Description
and reasons:

Humanitarian activity and defence of human rights

11.

Candidate: Committee for the Restoration of Human Rights
throughout Cyprus

Nominated by: The Union of Cyprus Municipalities, Nicosia

Description
and reasons:

Has made an exceptional contribution to protection
of the human rights of all Cypriots (Turkish and
Greek).

Submitted a series of volumes containing the
signatures of more than 250,000 persons above the
age of 18 and calling for the restoration of human
rights in Cyprus to the Secretary General of the
United Nations in 1987.

12.

Candidate: Consulta per la Giustizia dei Diritto dell'Uomo, Rome

Nominated by: itself

Supported by: The Rome Bar Association

Description
and reasons:

- supplies member associations with information on the application of human rights legislation in Italian courts and before the European Commission and Court of Human Rights
- has from the beginning denounced the "unreasonable delay" in Italian civil and criminal proceedings
- has promoted the publication of a handbook containing texts of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Rules of Procedure of the European Commission and the Rules of Court of the European Court of Human Rights, the case-law of the European Court and practical instructions on the bringing of applications before the European Commission
- attends and organises congresses on human rights.

13.

Candidate: Europäische Ärzteaktion
Dr. Siegfried ERNST, President

Nominated by: Mr Gerhard ZECHA, Professor in the Institute of
Philosophy, University of Salzburg

Description
and reasons:

- is committed to promoting the human rights of
the defenceless
- works to protect the dignity and value of human
life
- takes initiatives to prevent abortion,
euthanasia and suicide

14.

Candidate: International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)

Nominated by: itself

Description
and reasons:

Non-governmental organisation enjoying
consultative status with the Council of Europe

- . Relations with the Council of Europe
 - Organisation in 1984 of a colloquy on judicial enquiry and observation missions, one of the Federation's special areas of action
 - Establishment of a working party on the right of asylum
 - Conferences to publicise the European Convention on Human Rights and the work of the Council of Europe and its institutions in the human rights field
- . Relations with other organisations
 - UNO, Geneva, New York, Vienna; UNESCO, UEA
 - co-operates with various bodies as appropriate
 - joint organisation of judicial enquiry and observation missions
- . Special concerns of FIDH
 - Regularly takes up human rights issues at international level, in accordance with the statutes of the organisations concerned. Example: approaches to the UN Committee and Sub-Committee on Human Rights concerning human rights in wartime, the death penalty, the right of peoples to self-determination, degrading treatment, child prostitution and detention, unlawful expulsions, etc.
- . Special features of FIDH
 - International forum for human rights organisations
 - Permanent concern: the protection of human rights activists and their organisations. Has helped set up the International Humanitarian Centre, one of the aims of which is the protection of medical staff serving abroad.

15.

Candidate: Mr John GALTUNG, Norway
Professor at the University of Hawaii,
Honolulu

Nominated by: The International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU),
Utrecht

Description
and reasons:

- very extensive work in the field of peace research
- by his work, Mr Galtung is helping to create a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms laid down in the various human rights declarations and conventions can become a reality
- honorary doctorates from the Universities of Tampere, Cluj-Napoca and Uppsala
- honorary professorships at the Universities of Alicante, Berlin and Sichuan.

16.

Candidate: Mr Jean-Jacques GAUTIER (posthumously)
jointly with the Swiss Committee against Torture

Nominated by: The Swiss authorities

Description
and reasons:

- Mr Gautier (died 1 May 1986)
- . displayed exceptional human qualities in his work to secure abolition of the death penalty
- . was founder and President of the Swiss Committee against Torture, and played a major European and international role in campaigning against torture, contributing to the drafting and codifying of international legal standards in this area
- . the European Convention for the prevention of torture was drawn up on his initiative under Council of Europe auspices.

The Swiss Committee against Torture

- . founded by Mr Gautier
- . campaigned for the abolition of torture
- . launched SOS Torture
draft American convention; other draft conventions

17.

Candidate: Belgian-Luxembourg section of the International Fiscal Association

or

the International Fiscal Association

or

Mr Marc BALTUS, Brussels

Nominated by: Mr M BALTUS

Description
and reasons:

The Congress of this Association organised a Seminar on "Taxation and Human Rights" in Brussels in 1987.

18.

Candidate: His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan

Nominated by: Mr Muhammed MOKBEL, Mr ELBAKRY

Description
and reasons:

- in August 1988, announced decision to sever all legal and administrative links between Jordan and the West Bank. This decision both contributes to human rights and serves the cause of peace in the Middle East. It is mainly significant in giving West Bank Palestinians the right of self-determination
- the effect of this decision appeared when the existence of a Palestinian state was proclaimed on 15 November 1988 - significant with a view to the reaching of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

19.

Candidate: The International Institute for Human Rights Studies,
Trieste

Nominated by: The International Union of Property Owners, Trieste
The Department of Political Science at the University
of Trieste

Description
and reasons:

- Provides instruction on human rights
- Has organised seminars on the following themes:
 - ? Contemporary ideologies and human rights
 - . Medicine and human rights
 - . The right to information
 - . Dominant cultural models and human rights.
The development and transfer of technological
knowledge in the North-South context
 - . Genetic engineering and human rights
- Participates in the work of the UNESCO
Directorate (preparation of a study on the
interpretation of the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights)
- Organises congresses, study sessions and
scientific activities.

20.

Candidate: Interessengemeinschaft der mit Ausländern
verheirateten Frauen (IAF), Frankfurt

Nominated by: The official of the Federal Republic of
Germany responsible for the integration of
foreign workers and their families

Description
and reasons:

Mutual aid organisation working to protect human
rights and political and individual liberties in
the case of foreigners married to Germans

- 1966: Reform of international private law.
Under this reform, women married to foreigners are
not automatically subject to the law of the
husband's country
- has secured the adoption of regulations
improving the administrative and legal position of
these families
- is active not only at national, but also at
European level (European co-operation for the
obtention of visas, for example).

21.

Candidate: International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF), Vienna

Nominated by: The Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Supported by: Mr I FOIGHEL (Professor at the University of Copenhagen)

Description and reasons:

- has worked to promote human rights on the basis of the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
- has taken various steps to secure closer links between Eastern and Western Europe

The following activities should also be mentioned:

- permanent provision of documentary material for delegations at the Helsinki Conference in Vienna through the publication of numerous reports
- organisation of a visit to Moscow by human rights experts from Western Europe; organisation of meetings between representatives of the Soviet Government, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Church and opposition groups (January 1988)
- organisation of a meeting on human rights in co-operation with the Helsinki Group in Belgrade (June 1988)
- organisation of a symposium on human rights in co-operation with "Charta 77" in Prague (November 1988).

22.

Candidate: His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain

Nominated by: Mr Joaquin RUIZ-GIMENEZ CORTES
Professor at the Institute of Human Rights,
University of Madrid

Description
and reasons:

Various activities in support of human rights

23.

Candidate: Justice and Peace, Catalonia (Institution)

Nominated by: The Parliamentary Group in the "Senat de Convergencia i Union", Barcelona

Description
and reasons:

This institution was founded in 1968. It was at first chiefly concerned with the defence of human rights in Spain: political amnesty, abolition of the death penalty, civil and political rights. Later, it shifted its attention to human rights at international level. Its work has four main emphases: development co-operation in the third world, peace and disarmament, human rights at national and international level, marginalisation and poverty in Catalonia.

Justice and Peace has participated in several human rights missions in Central America, Washington, Ethiopia and Chile, and has been represented at numerous conferences and meetings on human rights in European cities.

It ran the "Catalunya Solidaria" campaign as part of the Council of Europe's campaign on North-South interdependence and solidarity.

24.

Candidate: Mrs Chiara LUBICH
Founder and President of the Focolari Movement

Nominated by: Mrs L Fronza Crepaz
Member of the Italian parliament

Description
and reasons:

Mrs Lubich was born in Trente 44 years ago, and the aim of her work is to help promote the universal brotherhood adumbrated in Christ's words: "That they may be one".

The movement today runs numerous projects and activities, taking in community, family and church life, and involving children, young people and adults.

Examples: eight housing complexes in five continents, and development projects in poor neighbourhoods in Manilla and the South American "favelas". Many practical schemes, community projects and cultural initiatives.

April 1977: award of the Templeton Prize in London in recognition of action taken to promote human spiritual development and Christian unity, and social action "personally" undertaken in various third world countries.

October 1988: prize marking celebration of the Peace of Augsburg, 1988.

25.

Candidate: Mr Norman MacEWAN

Nominated by: The Scottish Council for Civil Liberties, Glasgow

Description
and reasons:

to be supplied.

26.

Candidate: Mr Nelson MANDELA
and "Charta 77"

Nominated by: The Swedish Government

Description
and reasons:

- Mr Nelson MANDELA

Mr Mandela has been imprisoned in South Africa for the last 25 years for having devoted his life to combating apartheid. He is now 70 years old and still symbolises the struggle against apartheid.

- "Charta 77"

"Charta 77" is the main human rights organisation in Czechoslovakia and the principal source of information on the human rights situation in that country. It has been active for more than ten years in defending human rights in Czechoslovakia.

27.

Candidate: Marie-Schlei-Verein, Hamburg

Nominated by: "Deutscher Frauenrat", Bonn
("Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Frauenverbände
und Frauengruppen gemischter Verbände e.V.)

Description
and reasons:

Since 1984, this association has been promoting mutual aid projects between women in numerous third world regions, women being disadvantaged by comparison with men in economic, social, legal, political and cultural terms.

In many parts of the world, women live in prison-like conditions, as a result of ignorance and lack of material resources. This is why the association particularly focuses on training projects geared to trades, farming and general organisation, leading to the establishment of mutual assistance groups.

28.

Candidate: Médecins sans Frontières
(international organisation)

Nominated by: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg

Supported by: The Minister of Justice of Belgium

Description
and reasons:

- Médecins sans Frontières is an international private organisation, staffed entirely by doctors and other health personnel who accept the principles embodied in its Charter. Its members assist all victims of natural disaster, mass accident and armed conflict, regardless of race, politics, religion or philosophy.
- Médecins sans Frontières is a non-governmental organisation, exercising an international activity of general utility, free of any merely national considerations.
- International medical aid is the basis of its work and the common denominator of its various national associations.
- Médecins sans Frontières has
 - . a rapid intervention unit (RIU), with specialists (surgeons, anaesthetists) on stand-by at the main medical centres and ready to leave within six hours
 - . medical, surgical, intensive care and logistic modules ready for shipping.

The RIU has already worked in Ethiopia, Colombia, Mexico, South Yemen, Lebanon, Somalia, the Sudan and Armenia.

It provides emergency aid, rehabilitation and structural back-up.

Finally, its aid is intended to be practical, international, humanitarian and apolitical.

Its main focus lies on aid to the poorest sections of the third world (and soon the fourth world).

29.

Candidate: Mr Hermann MOSLER

Nominated by: The Government of the Federal Republic of
Germany

Description
and reasons:

- Former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Former member of the European Court of Human Rights
- Has assisted in drawing up an impressive number of judgments
- Outstanding jurist
- Through Mr Mosler, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany wishes to pay tribute to the other judges of the Court.

30.

Candidate: Mr David NORRIS, Senator

Nominated by: Mr Noël C BROWN, former Minister of Health,
Ireland

Mr David PARRIS, professor

Description
and reasons:

- has defended the cause of the homosexual minority in the Irish courts
- successfully took this issue to the European Court of Human Rights
- has devoted himself to other human rights issues, and particularly to the rights of disabled children and battered wives.

31.

Candidate: "Ökumenische Asiengruppe Beratungsstelle für Frauen", Frankfurt

Nominated by: "Deutscher Frauenrat", Bonn
(Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Frauenverbände und Frauengruppen gemischter Verbände e.V.)

Description and reasons:

- This movement concerns itself with the "marriage market" and with stemming the trade in women from other countries.
- It has established contacts in the regions from which these women come (many of them had been transferred to the Federal Republic of Germany) for the purpose of helping them to return home.
- It is trying to secure amendment of the law in the Federal Republic of Germany to improve the legal situation of these women.
- The trade in women from Asia, Africa and Latin America is a source of particularly serious problems.

32.

Candidate: "Greenpeace" Organisation
and
"Commando del No", Chile

Nominated by: Department of Legal Philosophy at the University
of Valencia

Description
and reasons:

- "Greenpeace"

Has made an exceptional contribution to
maintaining peace and safeguarding the human
rights of future generations.

- "Commando del No", Chile

Has made an exceptional contribution to the
restoration of individual freedom, political
liberty and the rule of law in Chile.

33.

Candidate: Pax Christi International (IPB)

Nominated by: The International Peace Office (Rome)

Description
and reasons:

Pax Christi International (IPB) is an international, non-governmental network of non-aligned organisations working for peace. It has consultative status with the United Nations, and its purpose is to strengthen the links between the work done for peace at the United Nations and that done by national governments, other international organisations and non-aligned peace movements.

Although mainly concerned with disarmament, it is also active in the human rights field.

34.

Candidate: Mr Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR,
Secretary General of the United Nations

Nominated by: The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of
the Council of Europe

Description
and reasons:

Secretary General of the United Nations.

Has personally contributed to the settlement of
several particularly bloody regional conflicts.

35.

Candidate: Mr Jean PICTET

Nominated by: The Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva

Description
and reasons:

- Former Vice-Chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the former President and Director of the Henry Dunant Institute
- Played an essential role in formulating the basic principles on which the International Committee of the Red Cross operates, and did much to establish "international humanitarian law" as a new branch of law

36.

Candidate: Mr D Joaquin RUIZ-GIMENEZ CORTES

Nominated by: Mr D Eugenio GAY MONTALVO,
Barrister and Director of Human Rights
Institute of Catalonia
Paris Bar Association

Description
and reasons:

- Former defender of the rights of the Spanish people
- Former Ambassador and Minister of Education
- Former professor of international law, Madrid
- Former President of Pax Romana and of the International Movement of Catholic Lawyers
- Has served on several human rights mission in Europe and Latin America
- Member of numerous non-governmental human rights organisations, some of which he has headed
- While holding political office, has always displayed tolerance and willingness to engage in dialogue at difficult times, for example during the transition in Spain
- has displayed commitment in journal: "Cahiers pour le dialogue".

37.

Candidate: Mr Paul SIEGHART (deceased)

Nominated by: Mr Leah LEVIN, Director of the British Section
of the International Commission of Jurists

Mr Kéba MBAYE, Vice-President of the International
Court of Justice

Supported by: Lord SCARMAN (House of Lords)

Mr O NATHAN (Rector of the University of Copenhagen)

Mr Saddrudin AGA KHAN

Mr A HEIJDER (Attorney General in the Court of Appeal,
The Hague)

Mr A PEREIRA (Lisbon, International Commission of
Jurists)

Mr L E PETTITI (Barrister in the Court of Appeal,
Paris)

Mr P NOBEL (European Human Rights Foundation)

Mr Niall MacDERMOT (Secretary General of the
International Commission of Jurists)

Description
and reasons:

- made an outstanding contribution to the teaching, study and development of human rights
- played a part in the work of various non-governmental, intergovernmental and professional organisations. His work in the human rights field was acknowledged nationally and internationally. Made a special contribution to the protection of private life and laid a decisive role in many torture cases. Personally assisted many persons who had been persecuted in their own countries and had come to the United Kingdom as refugees
- his writings carry worldwide authority; his ideas have considerably influenced recent developments in the international law of human rights. His book, "The International Law of Human Rights", is a classic in its field.

38.

Candidate: Father SMANGALISO MKHATSWA (South Africa)

Nominated by: CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS (Rome)

Supported by: The Right Rev. Johannes BRENNINKMEIJER "Bishop"
of Kroonstad and President of Caritas (South Africa)

The South African Catholic Bishops' Conference in the
person of its Vice-President, Monsignor Reginald Joseph
ORSMOND, Archbishop of Johannesburg

Description
and reasons:

- . has devoted his life to promoting respect for
the dignity of the human person in South Africa
- . an advocate of non-violence, he is an example
to the people of South Africa

39.

Candidate: "SOLWODI - Solidarität für Frauen in Not",
Hurzenach/Boppard

Nominated by: "Deutscher Frauenrat", Bonn
(Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Frauenverbände und
Frauengruppen gemischter Verbände e.V.)

Description
and reasons:

- assists women who come from poor countries to find work in the Federal Republic of Germany and end up as prostitutes;
- intends to establish a "solidarity network" of lawyers, psychotherapists, doctors and women's associations to help solve the numerous problems which arise in this area.

40.

Candidate: Mr Pierre-Henri TEITGEN

Nominated by: The Paris Bar Association

Mr L E PETTITI and Mr C RUSSO, Judges in the
European Court of Human Rights

Description
and reasons:

- Former Minister of Justice and Information
- Former Judge in the European Court of Human Rights (1976-80)
- Professor of public and European law
- played a decisive role in preparing the draft European Convention on Human Rights
- Author of important legal works which are still basic reference sources.

41.

Candidate: Mr Georges TENEKIDES
Former member of the European Commission of Human Rights

Nominated by: EBU International Studies
Faculty of Law, Demokritos University, Thrace

Description
and reasons:

- Constant, untiring work for the defence, realisation and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Greece and at European and international level
- Lecturer on human rights
- Multiple contributions to the Greek people's struggle against dictatorship in 1967-74; aid to the oppressed in several other countries
- Contribution to the work of the European Commission of Human Rights.

42.

Candidates: Mrs Michele Santo TRIMARCHI

Mrs Luciana Luisa PAPESCHI

respectively President and Vice-President of the
Centre for Human Evolution Studies, Rome

Nominated by: The "Corpi Sanitari Internazionali Garibaldini",
Rome

Description
and reasons:

The aim of the Centre for Human Evolution Studies,
of which the candidates are President and
Vice-President respectively, is to improve the
quality of life and contribute to peace in the
world. It believes that the sciences can, if
integrated in an interdisciplinary manner within
education, cope with the social and economic
problems which cause all wars. In their work, the
two candidates attempt to realise the Centre's aim
by applying educational and scientific methods
designed to reduce human aggression.

43.

Candidate: Mr Theodoor Cornelius VAN BOVEN

Nominated by: Quaker Peace and Service, London

Description
and reasons:

- Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Limburg, Maastricht (Netherlands)
- Expert on the United Nations Sub-Committee on the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities
- From 1972 to 1982: Director of the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations in Geneva
- From 1970 to 1975: Netherlands representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Previously professor at the University of Amsterdam and civil servant in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Author of numerous articles on human rights and humanitarian issues; author of the books, "International Protection of Religious Liberty" (1967) and "People Matter - Views on International Human Rights Policy" (1982)
- Awarded the Louise Weiss Prize, Strasbourg (1982)
- Awarded honorary doctorate at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)
- Awarded the "Right Livelihood Honorary Award", Stockholm (1985)
- Member and President of several human rights organisations in the United Kingdom, France and Switzerland

44.

Candidate: Mr Karel VASAK

Nominated by: Mr M MILOJEVIC, Belgrade

Description
and reasons:

- Former Council of Europe official
- Former associate of Mr René Cassin
- Former Secretary General of the International Institute of Human Rights
- Editor in chief of the "Revue des Droits de l'Homme"
- Has contributed to the development of human rights theory, has lectured on human rights and is the author of numerous works on the subject.

45.

Candidate: Mr Phédon VEGLERIS, Professor

Nominated by: The MARANGOPOULOS Foundation for Human Rights (Athens)

Description
and reasons:

- Former Secretary General of the Marangopoulos Foundation
- Has devoted his entire life to the defence of human rights, in accordance with the principles of individual freedom, political liberty and the rule of law
- Extensive publications on human rights
- Lectures on human rights (UNESCO Prize 1980)

46.

Candidate: The City of Lisbon

Nominated by: The Municipality of Lisbon

Description
and reasons:

International activities organised by the City of Lisbon, chiefly focused on publicising and implementing the European ideal.

Examples: organisation of European and world congresses, meetings and colloquies. Twinning agreements with towns in Mozambique, S. Tomé e Príncipe, Portuguese Guinea, the Cape Verde Islands, Brazil, Morocco, Malaysia and Macao. Meeting of young people from the capital cities of the European Community.

On 20 September 1988, the Secretary General of the United Nations presented the "Messenger of Peace" award to the City of Lisbon.

47.

Candidate: Mr Lech WALESA

Nominated by: Mr John WILKINSON, MP

Description
and reasons:

- Leader of the banned trade union "Solidarnosc"
- Constant advocate of reform and dialogue
- His success lies in hard-won compromise. Realises that his problem is that of bringing pressure to bear on General Jaruzelski's government without precipitating a major political crisis and Soviet intervention
- has shown in the last seven years that the only agreement possible with the people of Poland, represented by "Solidarnosc", is an agreement based on government action to promote economic reform
- The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to him in 1983 in recognition of his passive resistance against the communist regime
- Walesa faces up to problems, tries to solve them, and succeeds in solving them by taking on the authorities; his battle is a battle constantly renewed
- Thanks to his flexibility, the government is again prepared to discuss the whole question of "Solidarnosc"
- Walesa will continue his work, regardless of circumstances; the workers' cause which he champions has become legendary.

48.

Candidate: Mr Elie WIESEL, Professor

Nominated by: The World Jewish Congress, Geneva

Description
and reasons:

Has worked tirelessly to defend human rights, and has personally devoted himself to assisting the victims of intolerance and injustice.

Has published widely on this subject.

From the Holocaust to the present time, has devoted his life to working for freedom, justice and peace.

49.

Candidate: Mr Simon WIESENTHAL

Nominated by: The Rector's Office of the University of
Applied Arts, Vienna

Description
and reasons:

Outstanding and internationally recognised work in
the human rights field.

50.

Candidate: Father Joseph WRESINSKI (deceased)
Former Secretary General and founder of the
International Movement ATD Fourth World

Nominated by: Mr P van DIJK, President of the Institute of
Human Rights, Utrecht (Netherlands)

Description
and reasons:

- Numerous humanitarian activities to assist the poorest members of the community
- In his daily work for the poorest families and sections of the community, showed what "human rights" meant in practice.