

**Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resources Development  
Department of Higher Education**

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UNESCO Headquarters, Paris has invited nominations for the Felix Houphouet – Boigny Peace Prize. Relevant details are on the next page.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by **11<sup>th</sup> April, 2014** (and should not be sent directly to UNESCO) at the following address for onward transmission to UNESCO, Paris.

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Subject: **Nominations for the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize**

Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure in inviting your Government to submit nominations for the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, which was established pursuant to 25 C/Resolution 23, adopted by the General Conference at its 25th session in 1989.

As indicated in the attached extracts from the General Regulations (Annex I), the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize is intended to honour individuals, bodies or institutions that have made a significant contribution to promoting, seeking, safeguarding or maintaining peace.

The Prize, which comprises a cash award of 150,000 United States Dollars, a gold medal and a peace diploma, is awarded every year to one or more prizewinners by an international Jury composed of eminent persons and chaired by Mr Mário Soares, former President of the Portuguese Republic.

Aware as I am of your Government's interest in the cause of peace and in the defence of human rights and democracy, I should be grateful if you would kindly nominate candidates worthy of receiving this outstanding international distinction.

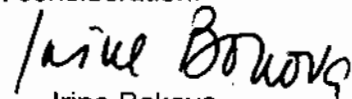
They should be men, women or institutions that have acquired an international reputation on account of their major contribution to the promotion of peace, democracy and human rights.

To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

You will find attached a list of the winners from previous years (Annex II).

I also am enclosing a form for presentation of candidature (Annex III), which you are requested kindly to return duly completed, by **30 April 2014**, to Mr Alioune Traoré, Executive Secretary of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, UNESCO (Room B1.06), 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15 (France).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Irina Bokova  
Director-General

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cc National Commissions for UNESCO  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

## ANNEX I

### EXTRACTS FROM THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY PEACE PRIZE

[...]

#### Article I – Purpose

The Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize is intended to honour living individuals and active public or private bodies or institutions that have made a significant contribution to promoting, seeking, safeguarding or maintaining peace in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution and UNESCO.

#### Article II – The Prize

- (a) The Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize may be awarded each year by an international Jury.
- (b) The value of the Prize shall be \$150,000 United States Dollars. If several prizewinners are designated, the amount of the Prize shall be shared equally among them.

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#### Article VI – Nominations

[...]

In addition to Member States and the above-mentioned non-governmental organizations, the following may submit nominations:

- (i) members of the Jury during their deliberations;
  - (ii) previous winners of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize;
  - (iii) academies or academicians;
  - (iv) centres and foundations specializing in areas relating to the search for peace;
  - (v) institutes of international law;
  - (vi) members of the International Court of Justice;
  - (vii) members of parliaments and governments;
  - (viii) associations or organizations working to promote peace, human rights and the spread of democratic values in the world, with due respect for the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of the United Nations;
  - (ix) university rectors and university professors of history, political sciences and law;
  - (x) Nobel prizewinners.
- (c) The Jury may, however, award the Prize to any living individual or active institution or body of its choice not included in the list of candidates.

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#### Article VII – Awarding ceremony of the Prize

- (a) The Prize shall be presented at an official ceremony to be held at UNESCO Headquarters, or at any other place proposed to the Director-General by the Jury, the Sponsor or the Patron of the Prize.

- (b) The Director-General may invite any person, institution or association whose presence would add lustre to the ceremony.
- (c) The Director-General shall present to the prizewinner(s) a cheque or cheques of a total value of 150,000 United States Dollars, or of an equivalent value in another currency.
- (d) The President of the Jury shall present to the prizewinner(s) a gold medal and UNESCO's Peace Diploma.

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**ANNEX II**

**WINNERS OF THE FÉLIX HOUPOUËT-BOIGNY PEACE PRIZE**

- 1991 **Nelson Mandela**  
President of the African National Congress  
South Africa  
*and*  
**Frederik W. De Klerk**  
President of the Republic of South Africa
- 1992 **The Hague Academy of International Law**  
Netherlands
- 1993 **Yitzhak Rabin**  
Prime Minister of the State of Israel  
  
**Shimon Peres**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel  
*and*  
**Yasser Arafat**  
President of the Palestinian National Authority
- 1994 **H.M. Juan Carlos I**  
King of Spain  
*and*  
**Jimmy Carter**  
Former President of the United States of America
- 1995 **Ms Sadako Ogata** (*intuitu personae*)  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
*together with*  
**The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- 1996 **Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen**  
President of the Republic of Guatemala  
*and*  
**Comandante Rolando Morán**  
Representative of the National Guatemalan Revolutionary Unity
- 1997 **Fidel V. Ramos**  
President of the Republic of the Philippines  
*and*  
**Nur Misuari**  
Chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front  
Philippines

- 1998      **Sheikh Hasina**  
Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
*and*  
**George J. Mitchell**  
American Senator  
Former Special Advisor to the President of the United States of America for Initiatives  
in Ireland
- 1999      **Community of Sant'Egidio**  
Italy
- 2000      **Ms Mary Robinson**  
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 2001      *Prize not awarded*
- 2002      **Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão**  
President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- 2003      **Cardinal Roger Etchegaray**  
President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace  
*and*  
**Dr Mustafa Cerić**  
Grand Mufti of Bosnia
- 2004      *Prize not awarded*
- 2005      **Abdoulaye Wade**  
President of the Republic of Senegal
- 2006      *Prize not awarded*
- 2007      **Martti Ahtisaari**  
President of the Republic of Finland
- 2008      **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**  
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
- 2009      *Prize not awarded*
- 2010      **The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo**  
Argentina
- 2011 and 2012      *Prize not awarded*
- 2013      **François Hollande**  
President of the French Republic

ANNEX III

FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY PEACE PRIZE

*Form for presentation of candidature*

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Nomination submitted by.....

Address .....

Telephone.....

Name of candidate(s).....

Address .....

Telephone.....

Fax .....

Email.....

Profession or fields of activity.....

**Contribution by the candidate(s) to the promotion of peace, or to the defence of democracy and human rights (two to three pages at the most).**

*(N. B. - The candidature will be considered by the Jury only on presentation of this document.)*

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