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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
(INC Section)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 28th October, 2011

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Nominations for the Félix Houphouët – Boigny Peace Prize.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter No. CL/3976 dated 12th September, 2011 received from Director General (UNESCO) on the subject mentioned above.

It is requested that the nomination, if any, of individual or an institution with an international reputation on account of their contribution to the promotion of peace, democracy and human rights may be sent to this Ministry latest by 10th February, 2012 in the prescribed proforma enclosed, alongwith bio-data for onward transmission to UNESCO Officer, Paris for their consideration.

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Director (ICC)
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Encl.: as above.

To
All the line Ministries working in the field of UNESCO.

All the Bureau Heads in the Deptt. of HE and SE&L.

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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 (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 US \$150,000, 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.

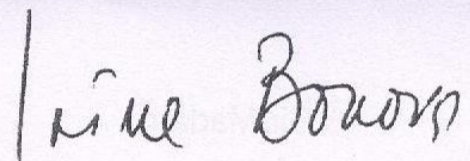
Aware as I am of your Government's interest in the cause of peace and in the defence of human rights and democracy, I should be grateful if you would kindly nominate candidates worthy of receiving this outstanding international distinction.

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.

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

I am also enclosing herewith a form for presentation of candidature (Annex III), which you are kindly requested to return duly completed, by **29 February 2012**, 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).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Irina Bokova
Director-General

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 of 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.

[...]

Article VI – Nominations

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- (b) 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.

[...]

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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