

HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE

OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

REGULATIONS

Article 1: Purpose

1. “The French Republic’s Liberty, Equality, Fraternity Human Rights Prize, endowed by the Prime Minister of the French Government, is awarded annually by the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights.

It is conferred in Paris, or as appropriate in the prize-winner’s country of residence, on 10 December each year on the occasion of the Human Rights Day proclaimed by the United Nations.

2. The prize distinguishes field work and projects connected with the effective protection and promotion of human rights, in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. Eligibility for the prize extends to work or projects of an individual or collective nature without distinction of nationality or frontier, with the exception of members of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights.
4. Each year, the prize is associated with one or two themes concerning the protection and promotion of human rights. Applications must bear a relation to either or both of the said themes.

Article 2: Award

1. The prize is awarded to the candidates, up to the number of five, ranked first by the jury.
2. A “special mention”, designed to encourage applications of particular merit, is accorded to the five candidates ranked next by the jury.

Article 3: Prize money

The prize money for attribution is determined as a block total amount by the Prime Minister. The jury is free to divide this sum among the prize-winners, as designated under Article 2.1, according to the dossiers submitted and the candidates’ financial estimates.

Article 4: Application procedure

1. Each year, the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights issues a call for applications, stating the theme or themes of the year and notifying the closing date for applications, beyond which applications cannot be accepted.
2. Applications, with supporting documents, should be sent to the Secretary-General of the Commission. They must contain a detailed description of the work or project, a budget

estimate and presentation of the authoring party. Applications must be written in French.

Article 5: Jury

1. The prize is awarded by a jury empanelled each year by the President of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights and consisting of at least fifteen titular members of the Commission, all with voting rights.

The jury is chaired by the President of the Commission.

The jury is empowered by delegation granted by the Plenary Assembly of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights.

2. The jury decides by majority vote. No more than one proxy vote is allowed. For decisions to be valid, at least two-thirds of the jury must be present or represented.
3. The jury proposes the theme or themes of the year to the Plenary Assembly of the Commission, sets the timetable of events, time-limits and meetings, nominates rapporteurs from among its members, examines applications and casts its votes.
4. The secretaryship of the jury is exercised by the Secretary-General of the National Commission.

Article 6: Obligations of recipients

1. In the thirteenth month following the award of the prize, each recipient must obligatorily submit to the Secretary-General of the Commission a report on the performance of the work or project and the use to which the funds received have been put.
2. The French Government and the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights decline all responsibility for the opinions and actions of recipients. The latter must not let it be thought that they speak or act on behalf or with the authority of the French Government or the Commission.
3. In the case of a confirmed breach of conduct, or where a recipient fails to respect his or her obligations, the jury may forbid the recipient to claim title to the prize.
4. Recipients of the sums paid undertake in advance to return to the French State all or part of the amount awarded in the event that they do not carry out their work or project, or that they fail in the obligations stipulated under these regulations.
5. Candidates are required, when entering their applications, to be cognizant of these regulations.