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Cremer-Passy Prize Rules

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PREAMBLE

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is the global organization of national parliaments. We promote democratic governance, institutions and values, working with parliaments and parliamentarians to articulate and respond to the needs and aspirations of the people. We work for peace, democracy, human rights, gender equality, youth empowerment, climate action and sustainable development through political dialogue, cooperation and parliamentary action.

With a view to encouraging parliamentary diplomacy and fostering concrete action by parliamentarians in the pursuit and promotion of more lasting peace and effective democratic societies, the IPU Governing Council, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, adopted the present Rules establishing the "Cremer-Passy Prize", to be awarded annually to a parliamentarian who makes an outstanding contribution to the defence and promotion of the IPU's objectives as well as those who contribute to a more united, peaceful, sustainable and equitable world.

The Cremer-Passy Prize Rules and criteria are hereby approved as follows:

Article 1

The Inter-Parliamentary Union hereby establishes a parliamentarians' award for excellence entitled the "Cremer-Passy Prize".

Article 2

1. The Cremer-Passy Prize is awarded by the IPU and is intended to reward a sitting parliamentarian who makes an outstanding contribution to the defence and promotion of the objectives of this Organization and to a more united, peaceful, sustainable and equitable world.
2. The Cremer-Passy Prize shall be awarded annually, at the second IPU Assembly of each year.
3. The winner of the Prize shall be invited to attend the IPU Assembly referred to in Article 2.2 and to address the Assembly in recognition of their achievement and to serve as an inspiration to the work of other members of parliament.
4. The Cremer-Passy Prize shall not be awarded posthumously, except under the circumstances outlined in Article 6.16. The nominee(s) should be alive at the time of their nomination.

Article 3

All parliamentarians from IPU Member Parliaments, who at some point in the year to which the Prize relates were sitting Members of Parliament, shall be eligible for the Prize. At the time of nomination, the nominee shall not have been convicted by a competent judicial authority of corruption, human rights violations, violence, terrorism, or any other serious criminal offence incompatible with the values and objectives of the IPU.

Article 4

1. Nominations for the Cremer-Passy Prize shall be accepted from sitting parliamentarians or groups of parliamentarians from the IPU's Member Parliaments and Associate Members, submitted by 18:00 (CEST) on 30 June of each year to the IPU Secretariat by filling in a specific form available at www.ipu.org.

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2. A sitting parliamentarian may nominate him- or herself. The nomination shall provide the information and supporting evidence required under these Rules and shall be evaluated in the same way as other nominations.
3. Where possible, the nominating party is encouraged to submit both male and female candidates.
4. Nominations can only be accepted in either of the IPU's two official languages, English or French.
5. Failure to comply with the time limit laid down in Article 4.1 cannot be remedied.

Article 5

1. The IPU Secretariat shall review the content of the nominations submitted within 40 days after the deadline for submitting nominations in order to assess whether the nominees have met the criteria.
2. The IPU Secretariat shall conduct a basic integrity check on nominations, based on publicly available information and without prejudging matters that fall under national judicial jurisdiction.
3. The IPU Secretariat shall gather all the nominations deemed valid and submit them to the Prize Selection Board, together with a report on the nominations that have been rejected, setting out the reasons for their exclusion.
4. In the event of failure to comply with any of the criteria for the nominations, the IPU Secretariat shall inform the nominating party accordingly.
5. Where the nominating party does not remedy the non-compliance within 10 days of notification from the Secretariat, the nomination in question shall be rejected by the IPU Secretariat.

Article 6

1. The Prize Selection Board shall be composed of seven members, including the current IPU President, who shall chair the Board without voting rights except for the purposes of Article 6.8, and the most recent Honorary President from each geopolitical group.
2. Geopolitical groups that cannot be represented by an Honorary President shall nominate, in accordance with their rules of procedure, a retired Speaker or prominent MP.
3. The Secretary General of the IPU shall attend the Prize Selection Board as a non-voting observer in order to ensure that the proposals are assessed based on up-to-date knowledge of the current Member Parliaments of the IPU.
4. The members of the Prize Selection Board shall have 30 working days from the date of receipt of the nominations from the Secretariat to consider them**,** using the evaluation matrix appended to these Rules.
5. The Prize Selection Board shall meet as soon as possible from the expiry of the period referred to in Article 6.4 in order to discuss and decide on the Prize winner.
6. The Cremer-Passy Prize winner will be decided through a majority vote of the Prize Selection Board members using the evaluation matrix referred to above.
7. In the event of a tie, the Prize Selection Board shall hold a second vote between the two nominees with the most votes.
8. Where the tie remains after the second vote count, the Prize Selection Board Chair shall have a casting vote to determine the winner.
9. The Prize Selection Board may unanimously decide not to award the Cremer-Passy Prize in a given year whenever unforeseen circumstances emerge (force majeure).
10. The Prize Selection Board may unanimously decide to award the Cremer-Passy Prize to the runner-up in a given year should the eligibility or status of the winner change after the evaluation process or in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
11. Members of the Prize Selection Board shall not score nominees from their own geopolitical Group.
12. Any member of the Prize Selection Board who has a personal or financial relationship with a nominee must declare the conflict and recuse themselves from deliberation and voting on that nomination.
13. If members of the Prize Selection Board are unable to score the nominees within the given deadlines, their votes will be distributed equally among all nominees (except those from their own geopolitical group).

14. The IPU Secretariat shall make all the necessary arrangements to hold the meeting stipulated in Article 6.5 above.
15. If a nominee dies before selection, the nomination lapses.
16. If a nominee dies after selection, the Prize shall nevertheless be awarded posthumously in the winner's name and presented to the deceased winner's family, without substitution.

Article 7

The IPU may revoke an already-awarded Prize, on the recommendation of the Prize Selection Board, only where a final judicial finding after the award establishes that the winner engaged in conduct as described under Article 3.

Article 8

All persons involved in the award procedure shall keep all nominations confidential.

Article 9

1. The periods referred to in these Rules shall be counted in working days.
2. In the event that the country of any IPU Member has a public holiday on 30 June, that day, for the purposes of the submission of nominations laid down in Article 4.1, shall be considered a working day.

Article 10

Any amendments to the present Rules shall be adopted by the Governing Council and take effect for subsequent editions of the Prize.

Article 11

The above Rules shall constitute the whole Rules of Procedure for the Cremer-Passy Prize.