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Cremer-Passy Prize Rules

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PREAMBLE

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (hereinafter "the IPU") is an international organization of the parliaments of sovereign states, which was established in 1889 with the aim of promoting peace, cooperation among peoples and the consolidation of representative institutions by fostering personal relations between the members of all Parliaments, bringing them together in a joint action aimed at maintaining and ensuring the full participation of Member Parliaments.

The IPU advocates for the peaceful resolution of international conflicts through concrete action by parliamentarians globally, engaging in effective parliamentary diplomacy in the following areas of activity: representative democracy, peace and international security, sustainable development, human rights and humanitarian law, gender equality, international trade, and education, science and technology.

With a view to encouraging such 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 or group of parliamentarians who make an outstanding contribution to the defence and promotion of the IPU's objectives as well as those who contribute to a more united, fair, secure, 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 parliamentarian or group of parliamentarians who make an outstanding contribution to the defence and promotion of the objectives of this organization and to a more united, fair, secure, 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.

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 award.



Article 4

1. In accordance with their own rules of procedure, the geopolitical groups shall accept nominations for the Cremer-Passy Prize from their parliamentary delegations, and submit them by 18:00 (CET) on 30 April of each year to the IPU Secretariat by filling in a specific form available at www.ipu.org.
2. Each geopolitical group may submit more than one nomination, stating an order of preference.
3. The nominations shall be accompanied by a cover letter signed by the Chair of the geopolitical group, setting out the reasons why they consider that the parliamentarian or group of parliamentarians deserve to be awarded the Cremer-Passy Prize.
4. Failure to comply with the time limit laid down in Article 4.1 cannot be remedied.

Article 5

1. The IPU Secretariat shall check the content of the nominations submitted by the geopolitical groups within 20 days of the deadline for submitting nominations in order to assess whether the nominees have met the criteria.
2. 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.
3. In the event of failure to comply with any of the criteria for the nominations, the IPU Secretariat shall inform the nominee(s) accordingly.
4. Where the geopolitical group does not remedy the non-compliance, 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 paragraph 6.8, and the last President Emeritus from each geopolitical group.
2. Geopolitical groups that cannot be represented by a President Emeritus shall nominate, in accordance with their rules of procedure, a retired Speaker.
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 Members 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.
5. The Prize Selection Board shall meet within a maximum of five days from the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph 6.4 in order to discuss and decide on the prize winner or winners.
6. The Cremer-Passy Prize winner(s) will be decided through a majority vote of the Prize Selection Board members.
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 Chairman shall have a casting vote to determine the winner(s).
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 IPU Secretariat shall make all the necessary arrangements to hold the meeting stipulated in paragraph 6.5 above.

Article 7

The prize to be awarded consists of a trophy with an appropriate inscription.

Article 8

All actors 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 April, that day, for the purposes of the submission of nominations laid down in Article 4.1, shall be considered a working day.

Article 10

To ensure the implementation of the present Rules, which establish the Cremer-Passy Prize, it shall be mandatory that the annual IPU Budget has a specific allocation for the Cremer-Passy Prize.

Article 11

Any amendments to the present Rules shall be adopted at the first IPU Assembly in any given year prior to award of the prize at the second IPU Assembly of that year.

Article 12

All these Cremer-Passy Prize Rules contained herein are constituted as the whole Rules of Procedure for the Cremer-Passy Prize.