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Subject: **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2011**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to submit nominations for the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, created in honour of Guillermo Cano, the Colombian journalist who was assassinated in 1986 in the exercise of his profession, and supported by the Guillermo Cano Foundation, the Nicholas B. Ottaway Foundation and JP/Politiken Newspapers Ltd. (Denmark).

Awarded annually, the Prize consists of a medal and a monetary award.

As stipulated in the Regulations adopted by the Executive Board, the UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize is intended "to honour a person, organization or institution that has made a notable contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially if this involved risk. Member States and international and regional professional and non-governmental organizations working in the field of journalism and freedom of expression may nominate candidates for the Prize".

Member States that wish to submit nominations must provide a written explanation of their choice, in English or French. Nominations should be submitted to the Director-General. No Member State may submit more than three candidates in the same year.

I should be grateful if your submissions could be made using the attached form, which should be duly filled out in English or French and returned to the address indicated below by **15 February 2011** at the latest.

Mr Jānis Kārklīņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information (tel: 33(0)1 45 68 42 12; fax: 33(0)1 45 68 55 85, e-mail: s.coudray@unesco.org), stands ready to provide you with any additional information you may require.

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

Irina Bokova
Director-General

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FORM FOR PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATURE

Candidate presented by Member State, professional organization, non-governmental organization		
Given name/Family name (if the candidate is a person) Name of the Organization (if the candidate is an organization)	Given name	Family Name
	Name of organization	
Date and place of birth (if the candidate is a person) Date and place of creation (if the candidate is an organization)	Date	
	Place	
Nationality (if the candidate is a person) Country of origin/headquarters (if the candidate is an organization)		
Address	Street name/number	
	Postal Code	
	City	
	Country	
	Telephone	
	E-mail	
Brief biography (if the candidate is a person) History (if the candidate is an organization) <i>Please highlight the nominee's contribution to the defence and/or promotion of freedom of information over the years (Continue on separate sheet, if necessary)</i>		

Please add all necessary background documents (e.g. resumé, statutes for an organization, etc.), which may be of use for the pre-selection process.

The material concerning candidates should be sent **before 15 February 2011** to:

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