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# Third World Prize

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## Code of Procedure

The Third World Prize Selection Committee has adopted the following Code of Procedure for conferring the Prize.

## The Prize

The Prize is called 'The Third World Prize.' The Prize is to be conferred on individual(s) or institution(s) for outstanding contribution to Third World development, particularly in the economic, social, political, and scientific fields. The Selection Committee may determine priorities from time to time. The principal qualities which the Prize aims to honour are originality, inspiration, enterprise, creativity, innovation and service to the general good of the peoples of the Third World.

The Prize each year shall be in the sum of \$100,000.

## Eligibility for the prize

The Prize is open to all persons regardless of race, nationality, creed or sex.

The Prize may be jointly conferred when the recipients have worked together or are otherwise considered equally deserving of recognition.

Personal application will disqualify the applicant for the Prize. Nomination of an institution by any

member including the head of that institution, will not be a valid nomination.

## Period of the prize

The Prize has been conferred beginning with the year 1980 and every year thereafter.

The Selection Committee will be free to withhold the Prize in any one year if they consider that none of the nominations for that year merit recognition.

The Prize will not be awarded posthumously, but if the Prize winner dies between the date on which the Prize is announced and the date scheduled for the Prize ceremony, the amount of the Prize will be held for the winner's estate until the end of the year following that in which the Prize is awarded. Should the estate not make arrangements to receive the amount of the Prize within that period, the undisbursed amount shall revert to the Third World Prize Endowment Fund. If a Prize winner declines to accept the Prize or having accepted the Prize fails to give instructions as to how the amount is to be paid within a period of twelve months from the date of the announcement of the Prize, the amount shall revert to the Third World Prize Endowment Fund.

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## **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Third World Prize Endowment Fund once every three years, which period shall represent the tenure of the Committee. A retiring member may be reappointed by the Trustees.

The tenure of the present Selection Committee will terminate on 31 December 1985.

The Selection Committee will frame its own rules of procedure and determine the frequency and venue of its meetings.

The secretarial work of the Selection Committee will be undertaken by the Third World Foundation, under the supervision of the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

Should any member of the Selection Committee resign, or be otherwise unable to discharge his duties as a member of the Committee for whatever reason, the Board of Trustees of the Third World Prize Endowment Fund may appoint another person for the unexpired portion of the term.

The Selection Committee may, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, co-opt one or more members, not exceeding three, from year to year.

Should the Chairman be unable to attend a meeting

of the Committee he may ask any member of the Committee to act as Chairman for that meeting. The final decision for the Prize shall be made by consensus. No reasons shall be given save those contained in the citation (which the Selection Committee shall prepare), and the Selection Committee's decision shall be final. The decisions of the Selection Committee shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest will lie against those decisions. The minutes of the meetings of the Selection Committee or the views expressed by individual members shall not be made public in any way or otherwise revealed.

## **Mode of nomination**

Only persons nominated according to the following procedure shall be considered by the Selection Committee.

The Member-Secretary will invite the following to make nominations for the Prize:

- (a) former members of the Selection Committee;
- (b) persons who have received the Prize;
- (c) presidents and vice-chancellors of selected universities;
- (d) in their personal capacity heads of selected

international and regional organisations and institutions;

(e) in their personal capacity heads of selected learned societies and research institutions;

(f) persons whom the Selection Committee may invite to submit nominations.

Members of the Selection Committee shall not be entitled to make nominations and nomination of any member of the Committee shall be regarded as invalid.

No holder of the Prize may be nominated for a second time. Nominations may be made in English, French or Spanish. Nominations will be invited in the month of June each year so as to reach the Member-Secretary (Third World Foundation, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4TS) of the Selection Committee by 30 September of the year of the Prize.

Nominations must be accompanied by adequate evidence in support of them. The Selection Committee may verify the information supplied to it and ask for additional information.

After the evaluation of nominations the Selection Committee will decide on the recipient or recipients of the Prize in the month of November of the year of the Prize.

Nominations shall be confidential and shall not be divulged at any time.

### **Announcement**

After advising the Third World Foundation of their decision, the Chairman, on behalf of the Selection Committee, will communicate the decision of the Selection Committee to the recipient of the Prize.

### **Presentation of the prize**

The presentation of the Prize will take place at a specially arranged ceremony, preferably in a Third World country, as soon as practicable after the announcement. Arrangements for the ceremony will be made by the Third World Foundation.

### **Third World Lecture**

The recipient of the Prize or a representative of the institution awarded the Prize will be expected to attend the ceremony to receive the Prize in person and to deliver the annual Third World Lecture concerned with the work for which the Prize has been awarded. If appropriate, the Third World Foundation may agree to the recipient being represented by some other person at the ceremony, and for the Lecture to be read in his/her absence.