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Subject: **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2014**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to submit nominations for the 2014 edition of 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. Awarded annually, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, the Prize consists of a medal symbolizing the award, as well as a monetary recompense.

As stipulated in the Regulations adopted by the Executive Board, the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano 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 propose nominations must provide a written explanation of their choice, in English or French, which should be submitted to the Director-General. No Member State may submit more than three candidates in any one year.

I should be grateful if your submission of candidates could be made using the attached form, which should be duly completed in English or French and returned to the address indicated on it by **15 February 2014** at the latest.

Mr Jānis Kārklīņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, and his colleagues stand ready to provide you with any additional information you may require. However, initially, queries should be directed to Ms Sylvie Coudray, Chief of the Section for Freedom of Expression in the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development, Communication and Information Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 42 12; fax: +33 1 45 68 55 85, e-mail: [s.coudray@unesco.org](mailto:s.coudray@unesco.org)).

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

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