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Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to submit nominations for the 2017 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 of a monetary recompense.

As stipulated in the Regulations adopted by the Organization's 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 me. No Member State may submit more than three candidates in any one year.

I should be grateful if your submission of candidates would 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 2017** at the latest.

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 of the Communication and Information Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 42 12; fax: +33 1 45 68 55 85; e-mail: s.coudray@unesco.org).

Mr Frank La Rue, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, and his colleagues stand 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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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Nomination Form for 2017

Nominator

Candidate presented by <i>[Only a UNESCO Member State, international or regional professional organization and non-governmental organization working in the field of journalism and freedom of expression may nominate] *Please include nominator's contact information</i>	
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Nominee (one form per nomination)

Given name/Family name <i>[If the candidate is a person]</i>	<i>[Given name]</i>	<i>[Family name]</i>
Name of Organization <i>[If the candidate is an organization]</i>	<i>[Name of organization]</i>	
Date and place of birth <i>[If the candidate is a person]</i>	Date <i>[day/month/year]</i>	
Date and place of creation <i>[If the candidate is an organization]</i>	Place	
Nationality <i>[If the candidate is a person]</i>		
Country of origin/headquarters <i>[If the candidate is an organization]</i>		
Address of the candidate	Street name/No.	Postal Code
	City/State	
	Country	
	Telephone No.	
	Email	
Brief biography and motivation for nomination <i>[If the candidate is a person]</i> History <i>[If the candidate is an organization]</i> <i>Please highlight the nominee's contribution to defence and/or promotion of freedom of the press over the years. [Continue on separate sheets, if necessary and provide supporting documents]</i>	<i>[maximum 150 words]</i>	

Note: Where possible, please include a *high resolution and copyright free photograph of the candidate*, as well as all necessary background documents (e.g. *résumé*, news clippings, Statutes of the organization, etc.).

The material concerning the candidate should be sent **before 15 February 2017** to:

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