

Statutes for the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award

In accordance with article 23 of the "Gemeindeordnung für den Freistaat Bayern" (published on August 22, 1998, in the Gazette p. 796; and last changed by article 2 of the law of March 28, 2000), the City of Nuremberg issues the following Statutes Concerning Changes to the Statutes for the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award (MRPS) of June 6, 1995 (Gazette p. 207).

§ 1 Nuremberg International Human Rights Award

(1) The City of Nuremberg institutes an International Human Rights Award. The Award is endowed with Euro 15,000. It will be awarded every two years.

(2) This Award is intended to contribute towards the observance and implementation of Human Rights as a universal and indivisible principle. This Award is also intended to symbolize that any messages emanating from Nuremberg in the present and in the future will be signals of peace, reconciliation and human understanding.

(3) While the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award is intended to recognize the achievements of the individual it is awarded to, it is also intended to protect those in danger and to encourage others.

§ 2 Award Winners

(1) The Award honours individuals or groups who have, in an exemplary manner, committed themselves to the respect of Human Rights, sometimes at considerable personal risk.

(2) The Nuremberg International Human Rights Award may not be given to the same individual or organisation in two consecutive award periods.

§ 3 Nominations

(1) Nominations may be made by all members of the Jury.

(2) Nominations should be addressed to the Oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor) of the City of Nuremberg.

§ 4 Decision by Jury

(1) The decision on the award will be made by an international jury.

(2) The jury will consist of 11 members. The Oberbürgermeister of Nuremberg who is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the award process, is a member of the jury by virtue of his office. Members of the jury will be appointed by the Nuremberg City Council, after having been proposed by the Oberbürgermeister.

(3) Members of the jury will be appointed to the jury for a period of 4 years. If one of the members of the jury resigns during his or her term in office a new member may be appointed for the remainder of such term.

(4) The jury's decision is by simple majority.

§ 5 Award Ceremony

(1) The Prize will be solemnly presented in the context of a ceremony held in Nuremberg, in the city, where the artist Dani Karavan has created the "Way of Human Rights".

(2) The first solemn award ceremony will take place in September 1995 - sixty years after the proclamation of the abominable National Socialist Race Laws in Nuremberg.

§ 6 Coming into Effect

(1) This constitution will come into effect the day after its publication in the "Amtsblatt" (official gazette) of the City of Nuremberg.