

2006/12. UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award

The Executive Board,

Having considered the recommendation of the secretariat proposing changes to the UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award (E/ICEF/2006/16),

Decides that the procedure related to objectives, recipients, nominations, selection and value for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award be amended to reflect the following:

1. Objectives and criteria

The Award will be titled “The UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award”. The Award will be granted to an individual or organization displaying extraordinary example and exemplary innovation and inspirational leadership in contributing to the advancement of the UNICEF mandate for children on a national, regional and global scale. In selecting a recipient, consideration will be given to those individuals or organizations whose activities (a) provide for meaningful results for the betterment of children and young people’s condition; and (b) encourage activities with a potential for multiplying positive effects for children in their community.

The Award not only will be conferred on the basis of recipients’ previous work but will also be considered a grant in support of the continued work of the individual or organization in carrying out the above objectives.

2. Recipients

The Award may be conferred upon an institution, agency or individual, but not upon a Government or a Head of State or Government. The Award will not be conferred upon any United Nations organization or official. Caution will be exercised in the selection to ensure that a selected recipient does not inappropriately figure within the national political processes. Due regard will be given to the principle of equitable geographical balance.

3. Nominations

The Executive Director will invite nominations for the Award from United Nations Member States and Observers, specialized agencies, UNICEF Country Representatives, Regional Directors and other secretariat offices, and National Committees for UNICEF in order to ensure a broad range of nominations.

4. Selection Committee

The secretariat, in close consultation with the Bureau, will create a Selection Committee comprising up to seven independent, eminent persons who will be

knowledgeable about the Award's criteria and who have demonstrated commitment to humanitarian principles.

5. Selection process

The Selection Committee, with the assistance of the secretariat, will receive nominations for the Award through the secretariat. After a comprehensive review and evaluation of the nominees, the Committee will submit to the Executive Board, through the Executive Director and after prior consultation with the Bureau, a single recommendation for approval by the Board.

6. Value

The Award will not necessarily be of monetary value. It may be bestowed as a symbolic appreciation of an individual's or organization's dedication to the cause of children. When of monetary value, the Award will confer no more than \$50,000 in any one year, the amount to be met from regular resources.

7. Award ceremony

The Award will be bestowed at a public ceremony, thereby drawing further attention to the work of the recipient and to the mandate of UNICEF on behalf of children.