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## Draft selection criteria for the grant of the Ebru Timtik Fair Trial Award

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### I. The Award's recipients:

- (a) The Award shall be granted to one or more individual(s) or an organisation who or which have demonstrated outstanding commitment and sacrifice in upholding fundamental values related to the right to a fair trial.
- (b) The Award shall be granted to an individual and/or an organisation from the focus country chosen for that year for the Fair Trial Day or to an individual and/or an organisation who or which has been active in defending and or promoting the right to a fair trial in that specific country.
- (c) The work or activities of the individual/organisation with respect to the right to a fair trial should be interpreted in the broadest way. This should allow, for example, the possibility of granting the Award to an individual/organisation who is himself/herself/itself the victim of violations of the right to a fair trial.
- (d) The Award shall be granted to an individual or an organisation either in recognition of his/her/its recent outstanding piece of work in relation to the right to a fair trial or in recognition of his/her/its distinguished long-term involvement in fair trial issues.

### II. The nomination process:

- (e) A public call for nominations shall be circulated.
- (f) The nomination applications may be submitted only by a legally established organisation or by a group of individuals composed of a minimum of 10 people. An organisation/group of individuals may not nominate themselves or one of their members.
- (g) Each organisation/group of individuals may submit only one nomination per year.
- (h) The nomination applications shall include three documents:
- the candidate's detailed bio
  - a letter signed by the organisation/group of individuals explaining the reasons why it considers that the candidate should be granted the Award. This letter should, at a minimum, answer the following questions:
    - What are the main achievements of the candidate with respect to the right to a fair trial in the focus country?
    - In what ways would the Award be beneficial for her/his/its work/situation?
  - one recommendation/supporting letter from an unrelated, external organisation, if the application is submitted by a group of individuals
- (i) The Award shall not be granted to an individual/organisation when it could be detrimental to him/her/it; e.g. because of serious risks in the country concerned. Therefore, before nominating a candidate, the nominating organisation/group of individuals should ascertain directly or indirectly from the individual/organisation they nominate that the Award would not be detrimental to him/her/it and that he/she/it would accept the Award if granted to him/her/it.

### **III. Granting of the Award:**

(j) The Award shall be granted every year during an online Ceremony organised on the occasion of the Fair Trial Day on 14 June, with the participation of the winner(s) or his/her/its representative.

(k) The Award is a non-monetary Award.

(l) The winner(s) of the Award shall be chosen by a jury composed of independent individuals who are experienced with the right to a fair trial, including one or more from the focus country. Only one nomination shall be chosen as the winner.

(m) On the basis of the nominations received, the jury shall decide on the winners. Once the winner(s) has been chosen, he/she/it shall be contacted in order to confirm that he/she/it accepts the Award and, accordingly, to invite him/her/it to the Ceremony on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.