



Prix International des droits de l'homme Ludovic-Trarieux 2007
Ludovic-Trarieux International Human Rights Prize 2007
Premio Internacional de Derechos Humanos Ludovic Trarieux 2007

“L’hommage international des avocats à un avocat ”
“The international tribute from lawyers to a lawyer ”
“El homenaje internacional de abogados a un abogado ”

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Su Excelencia

This is to inform you that the 21 European lawyers members of the Jury * (list below) of the "LUDOVIC-TRARIEUX INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE » awarded to Mr. **René de Jesús Gómez Manzano**, 63 years-old, Cuban lawyer, the twelfth « Ludovic-Trarieux » Prize 2007.

We have no political purpose, but only professional involvement.

The Prize created in 1984, the "International Human Rights Prize Ludovic-Trarieux" is awarded to " a lawyer, regardless of nationality or Bar, who throughout his career has illustrated, by his activity or his suffering, the defence of human rights, the promotion of defence rights, the supremacy of law, and the struggle against racism and intolerance in any form ".

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It is the oldest and most prestigious award reserved to a lawyer in the world, commemorating the memory of the French lawyer, Ludovic Trarieux (1840-1904), who in the midst of the Dreyfus Affair, in France, in 1898, founded the " League for the Defence of Human Rights and the Citizen ", because, he said: " It was not only the single cause of a man which was to be defended, but behind this cause, law, justice, humanity " .

The first Prize was awarded on March 29th, 1985 to Nelson Mandela then in jail. It was officially presented to his daughter, Zenani Mandela Dlamini, on April 27th 1985, in front of forty presidents of Bars and Law Societies from Europe and Africa. It was the first award given to Mandela in France and the first around the world given by lawyers. On February 11th 1990, Nelson Mandela was released. Since then, it was decided that the Prize would be awarded again.

Since 2003, the Prize is awarded every year in partnership by the Human Rights Institute of The Bar of Bordeaux, the Human Rights Institute of the Bar of Paris, the Human Rights Institute of The Bar of Brussels, l'Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti dell'uomo (Roma) and the European Bar Human Rights Institute (IDHAE) whose members are the biggest European law societies fighting for human rights such as The Law Society of England and Wales, Rechtsanwaltskammer Berlin, Ordre français des Avocats du barreau de Bruxelles, Ordre des Avocats du barreau de Luxembourg or Polish National Council of the Bar (Warsaw). It is presented every year in a city that is home to one of the member Institutes.

According to the rules of the award, the prize winner must attend the award ceremony, that will take place

on Friday October 19th 2007 at 17 .30 p.m in Brussels (Belgium).

At this moment, as the Chairman, I respectfully beg the authorization that Mr René de Jesús Gómez Manzano could received from the Cuban government the **authorization** ("permisión de salida") to come in Europe and receive the Prize in next October.

The fact you give the authorization would be highly appreciate by the international community.

The permanent address of Sr René de Jesús Gómez Manzano is the following :
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Of course our organisation is paying the plane tickets and the stay of Mr René de Jesús Gómez Manzano who is kindly invited

Your faithfully.

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Chairman