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Report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award, 2016

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The report covers the year 2016 and was prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112.

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Report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award on the United Nations Population Award, 2016

I. Introduction

1. On 17 December 1981, the General Assembly adopted resolution 36/201, entitled “Establishment of the United Nations Population Award”. The Award is presented annually to an individual or individuals, to an institution or institutions, or to any combination thereof, for the most outstanding contribution to increasing awareness of population questions or to finding solutions to them.
2. The Committee for the United Nations Population Award selects the laureate for the Award. The Committee is composed of representatives of 10 States Members of the United Nations, elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of three years. The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund acts as Secretary of the Committee and submits to the General Assembly an annual report on the Award and its Trust Fund.
3. In its decision 41/445, the General Assembly amended article 2, paragraph 1, of the regulations governing the Award so that an individual and an institution could share the Award.
4. In its decision 1987/129, the Economic and Social Council amended the rules of procedure of the Committee accordingly.
5. The current elected members of the Committee are Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Benin, the Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Paraguay and Poland.
6. During its organizational meeting, on 7 April 2016, the Committee elected Marcelo Scappini Ricciardi (Paraguay) as Chair for 2016.

II. United Nations Population Award, 2016

7. The Committee received 17 nominations from qualified nominators for the 2016 Award. Of these, 10 were for the individual category and 7 for the institutional category. On 26 April 2016, in accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly, and after a thorough review of the nominations, the Committee selected Carmen Barroso of Brazil in the individual category and the Childbirth with Dignity Foundation of Poland in the institutional category.

A. Individual category

8. The Committee selected Ms. Barroso in recognition of her outstanding leadership in developing programmes, funding and policies relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights, for mobilizing the voices of people in the South on those issues and for her published reflections on integrating sexual and reproductive health and rights as a holistic and rights-based response to women’s empowerment and development.