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information for press

world federation of trade unions proposed trade union confederation
disk of turkey as candidate for international simon bolivar prize
1987 instituted by unesco.

this prize will be awarded for the third time on 24 july 1987.
the purpose of the prize which was instituted , on the proposal
of the government of venezuela is: to reward activity of outstanding
merit that, in accordance with the ideals of simon bolivar, has
contributed to the freedom, independence and dignity of peoples
and to the strengthening of solidarity among nations, fostered
their development or facilitated the establishment of a new
international economic, social and cultural order. such activity
may take the form of intellectual or artistic creation, a social
achievement or the mobilization of public opinion.

this distinction was awarded for the first time - in 1983 - to
king juan carlos of spain and to nelson mandela. in 1985 the prize
was awarded to the contadora group is playing in the search for a
negotiated solution to the conflicts in central america.

wftu having consultative and associate relations (category a)
in unesco proposed disk of turkey for this prize by a letter of
ibrahim zakaria g. secretary of wftu dated 27 november.

wftu secretariat



LE PRIX INTERNATIONAL SIMON BOLIVAR 1987



Candidature proposée par la Fédération syndicale mondiale.

Candidature: Confédération des syndicats progressistes de Turquie (DISK) - (Türkiye Devrimci İşçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu)

L'année prochaine marquera le 20ème anniversaire de la fondation de la DISK.

La DISK, deuxième grande formation syndicale en Turquie, s'est affirmée parmi les organisations les plus combattives pour les droits de l'Homme et les libertés démocratiques. Elle a contribué au développement de la solidarité et de la compréhension entre les travailleurs et les peuples de toute la région, notamment entre ceux de la Turquie et de la Grèce. Elle mène un combat assidu pour la paix et le désarmement et a su associer un large public de différentes catégories (intellectuels, artistes etc) à ces initiatives. Enfin, elle s'est employée à combattre les activités terroristes qui ont sévi en Turquie en fin des années 70.

La Confédération et ses syndicats affiliés, ont été suspendus depuis le jour même du coup d'Etat du 12 septembre 1980. Ses principaux dirigeants ont subi quatre années de détention sans qu'aucune condamnation judiciaire n'ait été prononcée contre eux. Un procès est en cours contre 1473 dirigeants syndicaux depuis le 24 décembre 1981. Les trois organisations internationales, à savoir la FSM, la CISL et la CMT, ont déposé des plaintes contre cette situation auprès de l'Organisation internationale du travail.

Il est à noter que la DISK est autonome sur le plan du syndicalisme international. Plusieurs de ses syndicats professionnels sont affiliés aux UIS de la FSM, d'autres aux SPI de la CISL, et elle-même, au niveau régional, à la Confédération européenne des syndicats (affiliée depuis deux ans).

La répression de la DISK continue à susciter une vive réaction dans le monde entier, qui ne cesse de s'élargir. Dernièrement 44 parlementaires des Etats-Unis ont adressé une lettre au premier ministre turc et ont demandé de mettre fin aux poursuites contre les dirigeants et les membres de la DISK.

Le président de la DISK est Mr. Abdullah BAŞTÜRK - ex-parlementaire du Parti républicain du peuple. Il peut être contacté à l'adresse suivante:

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Le secrétaire général est Mr. Fehmi İSİKLAR. Les autres membres du Bureau exécutif sont:

Mr. RIZA GÜVEN
Mr. MUKBİL ZİRTİLOĞLU
Mr. SÜLEYMAN ÇELEBİ
Mr. KEMAL DİAYSAL

(Ce dernier peut être contacté à l'adresse: 33, rue de la Grange-aux-Belles. 75010-Paris-France).

Nous tenons à votre disposition les publications de la DISK rédigées en langue turque.

ANNEX I

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SIMON BOLIVAR PRIZE



1. Purpose

The purpose of the International Simón Bolívar Prize (hereinafter called 'the Prize') is to reward activity of outstanding merit which, in accordance with the ideals of Simón Bolívar, has contributed to the freedom, independence and dignity of peoples and to the strengthening of a new international economic, social and cultural order. Such activity may take the form of intellectual or artistic creation, a social achievement or the mobilization of public opinion.

2. Periodicity

The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General of Unesco (hereinafter called 'the Director-General') at an official public meeting which shall be held every two years, on 24 July, or on a day very close to that date. The Prize was awarded for the first time on 24 July 1983, the date of the bicentenary of the birth of Simón Bolívar.

3. Amount

The Prize shall consist of a sum the amount of which shall be determined by the Director-General in agreement with the Government of Venezuela. This sum shall be obtained from the interest yielded by a Special Account (hereinafter called 'the Account') set up by the Director-General, in accordance with the financial regulations of Unesco, with funds contributed by the Government of Venezuela for that purpose. The investment of these funds shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures proposed by Unesco and approved by the Government of Venezuela.

4. Selection of prize-winners

The prize-winners shall be selected by an international jury, whose decision must be unanimous.

5. Jury

The Jury shall consist of seven members: five eminent persons representing the various regions of the world, appointed in a personal and honorary capacity by the Director-General for a period of four years; one eminent person appointed by the Government of Venezuela; one representative of the Director-General. The Jury shall adopt its Rules of Procedure unanimously. The Director-General shall convene the Jury and prepare the agenda of its meeting. The Director-General shall designate a member of the Secretariat of Unesco to act as Secretary to the Jury. The cost of meetings of the Jury shall be met from the Account.



6. Requirements

The Prize shall be awarded to one or more individuals or institutions for each of whom a candidature has been submitted by the government of a Member State or Associate Member of Unesco, by an intergovernmental organization, or by a non-governmental organization having consultative and associate relations (category A) or information and consultative relations (category B) with Unesco.

Should the Jury not reach a unanimous decision in favour of any of the candidatures submitted, it may take into consideration any other candidature submitted to it by at least two of its members.

7. Duration

The Prize shall be established for an unlimited duration. If the Government of Venezuela and Unesco should decide to discontinue awarding the Prize, the liquid assets in the Account shall be returned to the Venezuelan authorities concerned, after deduction of any expenses remaining unpaid at the time of the discontinuance of the Prize.

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