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Subject: **International José Martí Prize 2003**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to submit nominations for the **International José Martí Prize**, which will be awarded for the third time in 2003. The purpose of the Prize is to promote and reward an activity of outstanding merit that, in accordance with the ideals and spirit of José Martí and embodying a nation's aspiration to sovereignty and its struggle for liberty, contributes, in any region of the world, to the unity and the integration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and to the preservation of their identities, cultural traditions and historical values.

In accordance with the Rules, the Prize consists of a sum of US \$5,000. However, at the request of the Cuban Government, in 2003, to mark the 150th anniversary of José Martí's birth, the prizewinner will receive an exceptional sum of US \$15,000.

Nomination files must be submitted by **28 May 2003** to Ms Katerina Stenou, Executive Secretary for the International José Martí Prize (Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, Tel. 33.1 45 68 43 03, Fax 33.1 45 68 55 97, email: k.stenou@unesco.org), who is at your disposal for any further information you may require. The Rules governing the Prize are enclosed herewith.

I thank you for any nomination that you may be kind enough to submit.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Koichiro Matsuura
Director-General

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

ANNEX I

RULES GOVERNING THE INTERNATIONAL JOSÉ MARTÍ PRIZE

1. Purpose

The international prize named after José Martí (1853-1895), which is in the pure tradition of the International Simón Bolívar Prize, bears the name of a great apostle and a man of action recognized as the intellectual author of the liberation of Cuba, a political thinker who was also an eminent writer and the chief precursor of the literary movement called *modernismo*. The purpose of the Prize is to promote and reward an activity of outstanding merit that, in accordance with the ideals and spirit of José Martí and embodying a nation's aspiration to sovereignty and its struggle for liberty, contributes, in any region of the world, to the unity and the integration of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the preservation of their identities, cultural traditions and historical values.

2. Selection of the prizewinner

The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO on the recommendation of a jury.

3. Value and frequency of the Prize

The prizewinner shall receive the sum of US \$5,000. The Prize shall be awarded every second year, in the years of UNESCO's General Conference sessions. It shall be awarded for the first time in 1995, the year marking the centenary of the death of José Martí, and shall be financed by the Government of Cuba.

4. Requirements

The candidate may be a person, a group of persons or an organization.

5. Jury

The jury, which shall consider the nominations for the Prize and make recommendations, shall consist of seven members:

five eminent persons 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 Cuba;

one representative of the Director-General.

The work of the jury shall be carried out exclusively by correspondence.

6. Submission of nominations and presentation of the Prize

- (a) The nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, or by appropriate non-governmental organizations having consultative relations with UNESCO. Only one nomination may be submitted by each government or organization.
- (b) Nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae for each of the candidates, whether individual or collective, together with a detailed description of the work in recognition of which the nomination is made.
- (c) The Director-General shall inform the prizewinner; he shall award the Prize for the first time during the 28th session of the General Conference.

ANNEX II

INTERNATIONAL JOSE MARTI PRIZE 2003

Nomination proposed by _____

Name of candidate _____

First name _____

Nationality _____

Date and place of birth _____

Address _____

Detailed curriculum vitae (2 to 3 pages)

(Biographical details and publications)

Note: If the nomination is of a group or organization, please state the address of its headquarters and the names of its officials.