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1. At its 1984 session in Rome, the Executive Board encouraged the secretariat to rethink the process and procedures for awarding the Maurice Pate Award and to make better use of the ability of UNICEF to stimulate positive action for children through public honours and recognition. Board members noted that such honours could increase UNICEF capacity to use its world recognition to encourage and spotlight the work of others - whether institutions, organizations or individuals - in the service of children.
2. In response to that request, the Executive Director submitted a proposal to the Executive Board at its 1986 session to establish a new series of UNICEF awards, but it was withdrawn for lack of time and resubmitted to the Board at its 1987 session. At that session, action was again deferred in accordance with suggestions made during the Board's debate and subsequent consultations concerning the nature, criteria and selection process for the award. As a result, a revised proposal was made to the Board at its 1988 session (E/ICEF/1988/P/L.37), which included renaming the award the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award and changing the criteria and the process for nomination and selection. The Board approved the proposal with some amendments to reflect discussions during the debate (E/ICEF/1988/13, resolution 1988/9). In the light of discussions in February 1989 with the Bureau and with various delegations, the Executive Director submitted a proposal amending the nomination and selection procedures to the Board at its 1989 session. The proposal, as approved by the Board, is contained in document E/ICEF/1989/12, decision 1989/22. All other criteria approved at the previous Board session remained unchanged.
3. By broadening the criteria of recognition to include achievements on behalf of children, the provision of resources to further those achievements and the stimulation of emulation, the Executive Board can use the Award to encourage

significant efforts on behalf of children. While encouraging leadership for children by individuals, the monetary benefits of the Award can be used to further activity, whether training, experience exchange or direct programme activity.

Procedure approved by the Executive Board at its 1988 session

Objectives and criteria

4. The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award is meant to call the world's attention to progress being made for children and to methods employed, thus inspiring replication and broader support. The Award shall convey recognition of extraordinary and exemplary leadership in, and contribution to, the advancement of the survival, protection and development of children, whether on a regional, national or global scale.

Recipients

5. As a reflection of the special character of UNICEF as a partnership between Governments and peoples, the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award may be conferred upon an institution, agency or individual with or without governmental affiliation. The Award shall not be conferred upon any United Nations organization or official or upon any head of State or Government, and caution shall be exercised in the selection to ensure that the selection of a recipient does not figure inappropriately within national political processes.

Nominations

6. Each year, the Executive Director shall invite nominations for the Award from UNICEF representatives, regional directors and other secretariat offices, National Committees for UNICEF and such other authorities and individuals as appropriate.

Selection process

7. The Executive Director shall evaluate the nominations for the Award and prepare a recommendation for review by the Bureau of the Executive Board at its February meeting. With the Bureau's endorsement, the Executive Director shall submit his recommendation, along with a list of all other formally submitted nominations, for approval by mail poll by the members of the Executive Board. The mail poll process shall be completed with sufficient time to allow the recipient to be invited to attend the Executive Board session.

Form of the Award

8. The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award shall be symbolic of the protection and nurturing of children and shall bear a citation honouring the service to children for which the recipient was selected. It shall also include a stipend of \$25,000 which is given to further the activities or objectives for the benefit of children for which the recipient is being honoured, and should not accrue to the personal benefit of any individual.

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Presentation

9. The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award shall be presented in an appropriate ceremony on the occasion of the annual session of the Executive Board. The Executive Director is authorized to provide for the recipient or an appropriate representative to attend the presentation ceremony.

Procedure approved by the Executive Board at its 1989 session

Nominations

10. Each year, the Executive Director shall invite nominations for the Award from UNICEF representatives, regional directors and other secretariat offices, National Committees for UNICEF and such other authorities and individuals as appropriate in order to ensure a broad range of nominations. Solicitation of nominations will stipulate a deadline of 31 July of the year preceding the presentation of the Award.

Selection process

11. The Executive Director shall evaluate the nominations for the Award and prepare a recommendation for review by the Bureau of the Executive Board at its September meeting. This review will be based upon the biographical data of all formally submitted nominations. With the Bureau's endorsement, the Executive Director shall submit a single recommendation for approval by mail poll by the members of the Executive Board. The mail poll process shall be completed with sufficient time to allow the recipient to be invited to attend the Executive Board session.

Proposal of officers of the Board

12. At their September 1989 meeting, the officers of the Board expressed the view that no Government or government-related official should be nominated, that nominations should be sought from Board member Governments and that the Bureau should review and evaluate all nominations. In addition, they requested that equitable geographical rotation be ensured in the selection process. These views were subsequently expressed in whole or in part by a number of Board members in explanation of their votes during the mail poll held in October 1989. After consultations between the Chairman of the Board and the secretariat, and in view of the overcrowded agenda for the 1990 regular session, it was decided to defer consideration of the recommendations to the 1991 regular session and to implement, in practice and as practicable, these recommendations for the 1991 nominations.

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Recommendation

13. At their September 1990 meeting, the new officers of the Board examined and gave their views on the draft revised criteria for Award recipients and decided that the amended document should be submitted for Board approval at the newly established organizational session in February 1991. The Executive Director therefore recommends that the procedure related to objectives, recipients, nominations and selection for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award be amended to reflect these views as follows:

Objectives and criteria

(a) The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award is meant to call the world's attention to progress being made for children and to methods employed, thus inspiring replication and broader support. The Award shall convey recognition of extraordinary and exemplary leadership in, and contribution to, the advancement of the survival, protection and development of children, whether on a regional, national or global scale. It should also serve to encourage voluntary and grass-roots activities. The work of the recipient should be innovative and inspirational, reflecting leadership in its field. It should also be on a country or regional scale with the potential of emulation so as to have a multiplier effect;

Recipients

(b) The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award may be conferred upon an institution, agency or individual, but not upon a head of State or Government, nor upon a Government. The Award shall not be conferred upon any United Nations organization or official. Caution shall be exercised in the selection to ensure that the selection of a recipient does not inappropriately figure within national political processes. Due regard shall be given to the principle of equitable geographical balance;

Nominations

(c) Each year, the Executive Director shall invite nominations for the Award from the Governments of Board member countries, UNICEF representatives, regional directors and other secretariat offices and National Committees for UNICEF in order to ensure a broad range of nominations. Solicitation of nominations will stipulate a deadline of 31 July of the year preceding the presentation of the Award;

Selection process

(d) The biographical data of all formally submitted nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by the officers of the Board, the Executive Director and the Director of the Programme Division. On the basis of this comprehensive review and evaluation, the Executive Director shall submit a single recommendation for approval by the Executive Board at its February organizational session.

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