



European Court of Human Rights receives prestigious award in the Netherlands

The Treaties of Nijmegen Medal 2016 has been awarded to the European Court of Human Rights. The prize is a joint initiative of the Municipality of Nijmegen, Radboud University Nijmegen and Semiconductors N.V., and is sponsored by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The prize is awarded every two years to a key international figure or organisation in recognition of their contribution to the development of Europe.

Noting the crucial role played by the European Court in contributing to safeguarding human rights, the organisers of the Treaties of Nijmegen Medal expressed their appreciation for the exceptional, pioneering and important work of the Court over the last 55 years for peace on the European continent. By awarding the prize to the Court, they hope to underline the importance of the Court's work as well as raise awareness of the value of European human rights.

The President of the Court, Guido Raimondi, is attending today the award ceremony to receive the Treaties of Nijmegen Medal in St. Stevenskerk, the Netherlands.

Commenting yesterday in Strasbourg, Mr Raimondi, said: "We are proud to accept this prestigious prize and are glad to see that the Court's work, which often takes place in the background, is recognised and appreciated."

The Nijmegen peace treaties took place between 1678 and 1679; they were one of the first examples of pan-European cooperation, ending a number of wars on the European continent. Inspired by these treaties, the organisers of the Treaties of Nijmegen Medal wish to inspire citizens to reflect on the future of Europe.

Among the recipients of the award in the past years have been the former President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, the writer and scientist, Umberto Eco, and the EU Commissioner, Neelie Kroes.

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The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.