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United Nations Population Award 2021

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the General Assembly the report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The report covers the year 2021 and was prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112.

* [A/76/150](#).



Report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award on the United Nations Population Award 2021

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 laureates 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 the trust fund of the Award.
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 (until 31 December 2021) are Côte d’Ivoire, Fiji, the Gambia, Iceland, Indonesia, Lebanon, Liberia, Panama, Romania and Trinidad and Tobago.
6. During its organizational meeting, held on 11 February 2021, the Committee elected Ion Jinga (Romania) as Chair for 2021.

II. United Nations Population Award 2021

7. The Committee received 19 nominations from qualified nominators for the 2021 Award. Of those, 11 were for the individual category and 8 for the institutional category. On 23 February 2021, the General Assembly, in its decision 75/557, decided to extend the deadline for the submission of candidates for the 2021 Award, on an exceptional basis. In that regard, the second regular session of the Committee was held on 20 May 2021. In accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly and after a thorough review of the nominations, the Committee selected Hassane Haousseize Zouera of the Niger in the individual category and, in the institutional category, the General Directorate of Population of Oaxaca of Mexico.

A. Individual category

8. The Committee selected Hassane Haousseize Zouera of the Niger in recognition of her commitment to eliminate gender-based violence in her capacity as commissioner and head of the Minors and Women Protection Division of the National Police of the Niger.
9. She was recognized for her strong actions, including the training of police officers to effectively implement administrative procedures such as victim interviews, reporting, data collection and analysis, thus giving the police force of the Niger a

strong reputation for the prevention of gender-based violence and support for survivors. These initiatives have changed the way the Niger handles policing issues. Commissioner Zouera also focuses on community support, to help those most at risk of experiencing violence.

B. Institutional category

10. The Committee selected the General Directorate of Population of Oaxaca of Mexico in recognition of its interventions which build awareness of population issues and contributions to public policy decisions.

11. Notably, the Directorate has furthered policymaking related to gender equality by producing a gender atlas of Oaxaca, which documents the quality of life of women with the goal of informing policy development so that women may fully exercise their human rights, as well as their physical, economic and political autonomy. The Directorate also addresses adolescent pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention through coordination with State and non-governmental organization stakeholders.

III. Financial matters

12. As at 26 July 2021, the balance of the trust fund of the Award was \$1,762,957.41. Interest income in 2021 will be some \$73,841.79, with the final amount to be known and applied towards the end of February 2022. Expenditure in 2021, including prizes awarded to the two laureates, totalled \$53,560.36.
