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Letter dated 11 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Committee
on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

Further to my letter dated 9 September 1988, I write in connection with the procedures under paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, section I, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs which wish to meet submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received a request from the Selection Panel for Human Rights Prizes to meet in New York during the forty-third session of the General Assembly. The Selection Panel has requested to meet on 15 November 1988, with possible subsequent meetings on 16 and 17 November, in order to consider nominations for prizewinners.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered this request and the reasons for it, does not object to it on the strict understanding that any meetings held by the Selection Panel would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available, so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if the General Assembly could explicitly authorize the proposed meetings of the Selection Panel in accordance with the request.

(Signed) Bernard A. N. MUDHO
Chairman of the Committee
on Conferences