



United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights
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Regarding the Nomination of Aitzaz Ahsan for United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

In my capacity as President of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA), I would like to express my support for the nomination of Aitzaz Ahsan for the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights 2008. Mr. Ahsan is a formidable defender of human and legal rights and has proven himself as an outstanding example of the capacity of lawyers to strengthen democracy and the rule of law worldwide.

As an organization committed to defending fair trial rights and the independence of the judiciary, the ICDAA holds great respect for the rule of law and for those individuals who strive to protect it. Mr. Ahsan has demonstrated remarkable social courage in his fight for fairness and justice in Pakistan.

I am proud to endorse the nomination of Aitzaz Ahsan for this award, and reiterate my continued support for his work and for the Lawyers' Movement in Pakistan

Sincerely,

Ms. Elise Groulx
President of ICDAA-International
President and Chair of ICDAA-USA
Honorary and founding President of the International Criminal Bar (ICB)

International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA)

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