

# THE OBSERVATORY

for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

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*By fax*

Paris - Geneva, September 20, 2006

**Re: Request for delivering a passport to Mr. Parvez Imroz**

Dear Sirs,

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), in the framework of their joint programme, the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, would like to draw your attention to the situation of Mr. **Parvez Imroz**, an Indian human rights lawyer and founder of the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP).

On June 2, 2006, Mr. Parvez Imroz was awarded the international human rights prize "Ludovic-Trarieux" by the Human Rights Institutes of the Bars of Bordeaux, Brussels, Paris and the European Bar Human Rights Institute. This prize is awarded every year to a lawyer who works in favour of the defence of human rights, the supremacy of law, the struggle against racism and intolerance in any form.

In order to receive his prize, Mr. Imroz has been invited to Paris on October 13, 2006. In this regard, since July 2006, he has made several requests to the Indian authorities to obtain a passport. However, on each occasion, Mr. Imroz's requests were rejected, without valid reasons.

The Observatory therefore calls upon you to ensure that Mr. Imroz receives a passport urgently, so that he can travel to France to receive his award.

We thank you for your attention into this matter, and hope you will give a positive response to this request.

We remain,



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