# <u>Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace</u> <u>Specimen Nomination Form – For Information Only</u>

Attached is a specimen form for a nominee (Lord Avebury) who was awarded the prize in 2009.

Other possible <u>types</u> of nominees (about whom detailed information and evidence would need to be provided, as illustrated in the specimen form) could include:

- A nominee who has been able to negotiate with the Government of X to release prisoners
  of conscious. This not only resulted in the releasing of unjustly detained individuals, but
  also demonstrated that the Government of X if pressured, can serve justice and peace for
  their citizenry thus increasing political peace
- The organisation that a nominee represented for the last 5 years has managed to influence the Government of X to change its record on human rights. The organisation, under the nominee managed to change how the Government of X deals with Human Rights, and now Government officials have to abide by the law – so increasing national peace
- A nominee has spent nine years in X heading an operation to clear land mines. By removing landmines and other dangerous munitions from civilian areas, the nominee has reduced the number of fatalities and injuries from this conflict prone area – increasing social peace
- A nominee has spent the majority of her academic and public career demonstrating the fruitlessness of the Y war. The nominee has highlighted, through her work a clear rational basis for her arguments against irresponsible wars by her own and other Governments – increasing international peace
- A nominee has, despite the threat of persecution managed to promote education in Z for women and girls. The nominee has shown that by hard work and fearless resolve the education of women leads to a fairer and peaceful society – increasing social and economic peace.
- A nominee has led a review of alleged war crimes by X on the people of Y and despite enormous pressures remained true to the principles accorded to the UN led review. The nominee has maintained an unbiased stance despite enormous pressures and delivered a verdict that is fair to both sides, ensuring justice is seen to be done – increasing international peace
- A nominee, whose work has been largely unrecognised, has managed to promote debate and dialogue between hostile communities. The nominee, by encouraging dialogue between these communities has averted any further conflagration within these communities – increasing community peace

This list is for guidance only and is not exhaustive

# **SPECIMEN NOMINATION FORM**

(Based on Lord Eric Avebury who won the prize in 2009)

<u>NOTE:</u> ALL nominations <u>must</u> be made on this form – nominations made on other forms will not be accepted. Electronic copies of this form are available from <u>PeacePrize@Ahmadiyya.org.uk</u> or can be downloaded from <u>www.alislam.org/peaceprize</u> Forms may be submitted electronically but <u>must</u> be backed up with a hard copy signed by the person making the nomination.

# **SECTION A**

# Nominee Details - Please complete <u>ALL</u> sections

Title:	Lord
Name:	Eric Avebury
Position:	Liberal Democrat Peer
Address:	House of Lords
	LONDON
	SW1A OPW
Country:	England
Telephone Number:	+ 44 020 7123 4567
Email (if available):	Specimen_email@email_provider.com

# Details of person making the nomination

Name:	Mr X
Address:	XXX
Country:	X
Telephone Number:	X
Email (if available):	X@X.COM

# In what capacity do you know the nominee?

I have read and heard about the work done by Lord Avebury.

# **SECTION B**

#### Please read the attached criteria before completing this section

Provide full details as to how the nominee meets the criteria for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize. The decision will be based on the information and evidence provided in this form. Copies of supporting documentation must be attached eg achievements of other awards, print outs from authoritative websites of work done (or reference to thereof) etc

This form MUST be completed in English.

# How has the individual's/organization's work had a direct impact or led to change and how has this advanced the cause of peace?

- Lord Avebury has made significant contributions to the democratic process of Britain –
  as the first politician to advocate the lowering of the voting age to 18 and his current
  campaign for proportional representation. Such work has served to emancipate
  millions of British young people and further involve them in the ways of a peaceful
  democratic political process.
- Lord Avebury has had a great impact in the field of Human rights. His work includes:
  - 21 Years as chair of the Parliamentary Human Rights group (1976 1997). His leadership was vital at a time when the committee was faced with challenges ranging from Northern Ireland and the Sudan to Sierra Leone and the Falklands Islands. Particular Achievements include securing the right of public trial for IRA suspects. A military intervention to prevent genocide in Sierra Leone and Bosnia and an inquiry into both Bloody Sunday and the sinking of the Belgrano. In helping to bring about such events Avebury held his government to account ensuring that such violent events would not be repeated and brought about significant peace keeping operations which have ensured long term stability in countries such as Sierra Leone and Bosnia.
  - Lord Avebury is President of the Peru support group an organization devoted to the extension of democratic and civil liberties in the republic of Peru. Such activities have helped to secure the fundamental rights vital to the functioning of a peaceful society.
  - As member of the Liberal Democrat Foreign Affairs Team, he has been an important figure in negotiations concerning the future of Tibet. Avebury has long promoted the interests of a free Tibetan nation state.
- Lord Avebury is also recognized as an influential pacifist: He was Co Chair of the Chittagoong Hill Tracts Commission – which promoted implementation of the Peace Accords of 1997 with the Bangladesh Government. By ensuring the implementation of such accords Avebury helped smooth the way for a lasting accord.
- Lord Avebury has also made contributions in the field of race relations. He was Liberal Spokesman on Immigration and Race Relations. In this role he championed inclusive immigration laws for the contributions that immigrants made to the diversity of British Society. This work in smoothing racial tension aided a continually peaceful British Society.
- Lord Avebury has been an important figure debates concerning religious freedom. In

2009 he was voted secularist of the year, in recognition of the work he had done to promote religious freedom and ensure he continued separation of Church and State. Such constitutional principles and their continuing strength are vital to sustaining a peaceful nation state.

- Lord Avebury was vital to ensuring that the remaining Parliamentary Statute making Blasphemy illegal was revoked. Thus extending freedom of expression in the UK. Such freedoms are the fundamentals of a peaceful and civilised nation.
- Lord Avebury is also a high profile exponent of Buddhism. He is currently an active Patron of Angulimala, the Buddhist Prison Chaplaincy. He visits prisons, and raised prison issues in the House. By offering spiritual guidance to offenders in an attempt to ensure a lower rate if reoffence, and thus sustaining law and order within society.

#### **Evidence** (HARD COPIES OF EVIDENCE MUST BE ATTACHED)

Evidence must be objective and in the public domain.

http://ericavebury.blogspot.com/2009/03/letter-in-south-china-morning-post.html [LAST ACCESSED 5 APRIL 2009]

http://www.secularism.org.uk/evan-harris-mp-and-lord-avebury-.html [LAST ACCESSED 7 APRIL 2009]

http://www.theyworkforyou.com/peer/lord\_avebury [LAST ACCESSED 5 APRIL 2009]

http://www.libdems.org.uk/peers\_detail.aspx?name=Lord\_Avebury&pPK=eed6d3fd-0b33-455e-a798-62986c89e72b [LAST\_ACCESSED 7 APRIL 2009]

I attach printed copies of relevant pages.

# **SECTION C**

# **Declaration of Person Making Nomination**

I hereby declare that the details provided in this form by me are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge at the time of completion. I undertake to provide the Central Committee (via the National Amir/National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of my country) any subsequent relevant information that could adversely affect this nomination.

Signed: .....X......

Date:DAY/MONTH/YEAR
SECTION D
Completed forms must be sent to the National Amir/National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of your country.
Office use only
Comments (if any) by National Amir
Signature of National Amir:X
Date: DAY/MONTH/YEAR
Official Stamp of National Amir:

# National Amir must forward all completed forms to:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize Committee Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK 16 Gressenhall Road London SW18 5QL UK