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On the occasion of the Institution's 40th anniversary, corresponding to the 10th anniversary of the passing of Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary General of the United Nations, the **CMF Crans Montana Forum**, a saddened witness to the extremely painful period the world is going through, is creating an exceptional distinction, the **PRIX BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI DE LA PAIX**, named after one of its most prestigious **Founding Fathers**, intended to distinguish certain exceptional personalities whose actions contribute or have contributed to building, restoring or maintaining Peace in the world through the promotion of the essential Values of humanity.

Indeed, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali has supported and encouraged the CMF Crans Montana Forum, from the very beginning and for many years. He was also among the first recipients of the **PRIX DE LA FONDATION**, created by **Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamuraz**, President of the Swiss Confederation and presented to him later, jointly by **Mr. Flavio Cotti**, President of the Swiss Confederation, and **Mr. Jean-Paul Carteron**, Founding Chairman of the CMF Crans Montana Forum.



His words, before President Flavio Cotti, at the official ceremony held in Switzerland, have remained etched in the history of our Institution and are the DNA of the **PRIX BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI DE LA PAIX**.

“I accept this Prize because it is unique and represents Peace.

I see that you choose the recipients, from all areas of society, based on the value of their actions and their proven impact. I appreciate that this Forum, in the most neutral way possible, works solely to strengthen the bonds that are the foundation of Peace, without ever entering into political controversies that are merely fleeting.

You are careful not to single out activists in the midst of their struggle, whatever their potential merits, as this would lead you to lose your independence.

That is not the role of your esteemed institution.

Any taking sides would be difficult to support. I see that this gathering includes only those whose human worth has already been demonstrated with nobility, strength, and determination in the building of Peace. This is how you contribute and will continue to build world peace.

This is the vision that has always guided my actions.” This PRIX DE LA FONDATION is a powerful symbol of that”



Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali during the Ceremony of the PRIX DE LA FONDATION with his friend, the Founding Chairman of the CMF Forum, Mr. Jean-Paul Carteron

The **PRIX BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI DE LA PAIX** is now the highest recognition awarded by the **Fondation du Forum Universale** and the **CMF Forum** under the honorary chair of **HRH Prince Jean of Luxembourg**.

This Prize is intended to honor men and women who work not only to elevate their Nation but also to bring people closer together, respecting human dignity, freedom, democracy, sustainable development, and responsible innovation. These are men and women whose work is part of a broad and universal perspective, fully reflecting the founding values of the Forum.

It will be awarded rarely, only when history justifies it. It must symbolize the enlightened vision, the structuring commitment, and the responsible leadership that the world calls for and that the Crans Montana Forum has been promoting for more than four decades.





The sixth Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the first Secretary-General of the Francophonie, **Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali** decisively shaped international relations in the post-cold War era. Faced with managing a proliferation of conflicts and the necessary redefinition of global balances, he offered the UN a new and ambitious vision.

His "**Agenda for Peace**," presented notably at the second annual session of the Forum in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, remains a foundational text, proposing a coherent framework ranging from preventive diplomacy to the maintenance, restoration, and consolidation of peace. He always believed that preventing crises should be the primary mission of the international community, beginning with the UN and regional organizations. On that day, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali became the **Man of Peace**.

Mr. Boutros-Ghali has always affirmed the inseparable link between security, development, and democracy. Social justice, political inclusion, and economic growth are integral to collective security. He has elevated human rights to the status of a crucial pillar of international stability.

A visionary, he advocated for a more autonomous and proactive UN, capable of intervening upstream of crises and assuming genuine collective responsibility when states descended into violence.

He opened new avenues for a more humane, more united, and better-adapted multilateralism, better suited to the challenges of the contemporary world. Through his thought and action, he remains one of the great architects of a holistic and cooperative approach to world peace. His contribution to the creation of the CMF Forum Institution was decisive in terms of credibility and ethics.

Thus, with the world today torn apart by multiple conflicts, both internal and external, the CMF Crans Montana Forum associates the name of one of its most prestigious Founding fathers to the **PRIX BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI DE LA PAIX**, which is of the greatest value because of its independence and the immense symbolic and emotional weight carried by the 40 years of activity of the Institution.



In memoriam