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Russian Federation: Media award competition extended

The Union of Russian Journalists in cooperation with Amnesty International is extending by two months their competition for best print, broadcasting and multimedia material in Russian and English to Russia promoting "Human Rights and the strengthening of civil society in the Russian Federation". Authors, magazines, newspapers, radio, TV and multimedia stations, NGOs and Amnesty International will submit nominations of articles, video and audio programmes and will send them to the Union of Russian Journalists, 121019 Moscow, 4 Zubovsky Blvd, and to Amnesty International 119019, Moscow G-19, POB 212

The competition is to be in the following categories:

- Administration of justice
- Human rights violations against children
- Violence against women
- Xenophobia and racism
- The role of local and international NGOs in building civil society

There will be one \$500 prize for journalists in each category and special prizes for runners-up and the media they represent.

A panel of experts of the Union of Russian Journalists and Amnesty International will pick the best publications.

The competition is to run from 1st March 2003 until 30th November 2003.

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