

**Order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 3 February 2016, no. Minbuza-2016.57977, amending the Order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 4 November 2015, no. MinBuZa-2015.613008, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016 grant ceiling amendment)**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Having regard to article 6 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree;

Having regard to articles 2.1 and 5.1 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006;

Orders:

Article I

In article 2, paragraph 1 of the Order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 4 November 2015, no. MinBuza-2015.613008, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016)<sup>1</sup> '€1.5 million' is replaced by: €4.5 million.

Article II

This Order enters into force on the day after the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it appears.

This Order will be published in the Government Gazette.

W.J.P. Geerts  
Director-General for Political Affairs  
For the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> Government Gazette 2015, no. 39760.

## **Explanatory notes**

On 4 November 2015 the Minister of Foreign Affairs decided to make €1.5 million available in the period 2015-2016 for grants for 'small' activities aimed at promoting respect for human rights.<sup>2</sup> 'Small' means grant applications for less than €500,000. Given the large number of high-quality proposals received so far, the Minister has decided to provide extra funding for the Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016. This Order will raise the ceiling by €3 million to €4.5 million. This amount is partly intended for proposals which have already been submitted and which are eligible for a grant under the administrative rules for the Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016. It is expected that a considerable part of the extra funding will be used for these proposals. Once the available resources for the Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016 have been exhausted, this will be announced at [www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/subsidies-voor-ontwikkelingssamenwerking-en-europa/subsidies-maatschappelijke-organisaties/mensenrechtenfonds](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/subsidies-voor-ontwikkelingssamenwerking-en-europa/subsidies-maatschappelijke-organisaties/mensenrechtenfonds).

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<sup>2</sup> Order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 4 November 2015, no. MinBuza-2015.613008, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Human Rights Small Activities Fund 2015-2016), Government Gazette 2015, no. 39760.