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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) today decided to award the 2011 Human Rights Prize to the Russian NGO Committee against Torture (Komitet Protiv Pytok), in recognition of its key role in assisting victims of serious human rights abuses. This is the second time the 10,000-euro biennial Prize, which honours “outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights in Europe”, has been awarded.

A panel including leading figures from the world of human rights recommended the NGO from among ten individuals and organisations nominated for the prize, praising its “effective independent investigations” alongside official state investigations, especially in the Chechen Republic. “By ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice, the Committee has contributed to the reinforcement of the Rule of Law and has made an important contribution to the fight against impunity,” the panel said. (...)

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