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Chairman's Message

When the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Act was first debated in Congress twenty years ago, I was one of its enthusiastic supporters. But there were many thoughtful colleagues who were wary, wondering how this new entity, for which there were few existing models, would actually perform. As former Senator Nancy Kassebaum told an audience of democracy advocates in Japan last November, she had been concerned that NED would turn into just another Washington "talking shop."

How times have changed! Perhaps there is no more impressive sign of our success since that time than the fact that a number of democracies, both established and new, have created their own democracy promotion foundations with our encouragement, support, and, in many cases, advice. Today, in addition to the German political party foundations, whose pioneering international activities were on the minds of many who helped fashion the Endowment, there are government-supported, independent democracy promotion foundations in many other European countries as well as in Canada and Australia.

The latest to join this group is Poland, which was still very much a closed society when NED came into existence and began supporting Poland's nascent independent trade-union and dissident movement. Two years ago, Poland established the Polish-American Freedom Foundation, whose mission is to advance democracy, civil society, economic development, and equal opportunity in Poland and other Central and Eastern European countries. Funded through the pro-

ceeds of the Polish-American Enterprise Fund (the highly successful initiative to promote entrepreneurial development in Poland in the early stages of the country's transition to democracy), the Foundation's work, according to its mission statement, is modeled on a similar principle, namely that "the people, given an opportunity, some know-how assistance and initial capital, can succeed."

The spread of democracy to all corners of the world since NED's establishment in 1983 has reinforced the notion that democracy is a universal aspiration. As President George W. Bush noted in his address to the graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point last June, "The twentieth century

ended with a single surviving model of human progress, based on non-negotiable demands of human dignity, the rule of law, limits on the power of the state, respect for women and private property and free speech and equal justice and religious tolerance." He aptly added that "when it comes to the common rights and needs of men and women, there is no clash of civilizations."

The idea that democracy can flourish irrespective of a country's cultural traditions is one that informs so much of our work. So I am particularly pleased to report on two non-Western initiatives to create democracy promotion entities for which we have been invited to play a supporting role. At the Second Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy held in 2000, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian announced by video his intention to push for the establishment of a democracy foundation. The preliminary work having been completed, the Parliament has approved a budget for the new foundation, and we are told that it will commence operations sometime this year. And in Japan, a league

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representing the entire range of parties in the Diet, Japan's parliament, has been organized for the express purpose of establishing such a foundation. Along with the league and two Japanese organizations representing civil society, NED co-sponsored a conference in November of 2002 in the Diet, bringing together an impressive array of representatives of democracy foundations from Germany, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Australia and the U.S. to share their experiences. One of the co-sponsoring organizations was the Yukio Ozaki Memorial Foundation, named for the distinguished twentieth-century Japanese parliamentarian widely regarded as the father of Japanese democracy.

At the conference, former Senator Kassebaum, now the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, related how she quickly overcame her reservations about congressional support for the Endowment once she learned of its early achievements. We are highly encouraged by the broad political support for this initiative, whose importance was articulated by Tsutomu Hata, former Prime Minister of Japan, when he noted that "among the urgent tasks of the international community today is to promote the fundamental structure of democracy around the world."

Today, NED and its affiliated Institutes — the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, the Center for International Private Enterprise, the International Republican Institute, and the National



Democratic Institute for International Affairs — are doing just that, working in over eighty countries in every region of the world. This annual report highlights the diversity of NED's programs in countries that range from the dictatorial, "semi-authoritarian," and war-torn to those where transitions to democracy are underway. NED's grants program has been bolstered by the work of the International Forum for Democratic Studies, NED's in-house think tank that publishes the highly acclaimed *Journal of Democracy*, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, and the World Movement for Democracy, a global network of democrats staffed by NED.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vin Weber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vin Weber
Chairman

President's Message

Following the shattering events of September 11, the National Endowment for Democracy's (NED) periodic task of updating its formal Strategy Document was in many ways more challenging than ever before. Any new strategy would need to provide focus and direction for NED in the difficult period that lay ahead. And it would have to have a dual purpose: responding to the new dangers posed by terrorism and Islamic fanaticism, and integrating this response into NED's global democratic mission.

By January 2002, the Board had formally adopted a new strategy that showed just how closely interrelated these two purposes actually were. Indeed, it was agreed that NED not only *could* respond to the urgent imperatives of the of the post-9/11 world while maintaining its global program, but that it could do so *only* through a renewed and deepened commitment to its fundamental goals.

NED's new Strategy thus lays out a comprehensive global approach to democracy promotion, one that takes account of the diverse challenges faced by pro-democracy organizations and activists in the more than eighty-five countries where NED funds programs. These challenges vary, of course, depending on the strength of democratic institutions and values in a particular country, the attitude of the government toward democratization, and other factors. While recognizing this diversity, the Strategy nonetheless groups the conditions prevailing in the various countries into four broad conceptual categories, each associated with



a different level of political development and pointing toward a particular kind of programmatic activity:

- In countries ruled by **dictatorships**, as in Burma, China, Cuba, and North Korea, the objective is to **liberalize the system** by defending human rights, increasing access to independent information and, where possible, encouraging incipient forms of democratic participation and accountability.
- In **semi-authoritarian countries**, such as Ukraine, Egypt, Venezuela, and Uganda, the objective is to **support democratization** by helping a broad range of independent groups that are pressing for free and fair elections, fighting corruption, and working to expand the legal and political space for civil society and political party development.
- In **new democracies**, such as Thailand, Mexico, Bulgaria, Ghana, and Bangladesh, the objective is to **assist democratic consolidation** by making the institutions of governance more effective and accountable, increasing

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broad-based participation in the political process, deepening democratic values, and strengthening the capacity and transparency of political parties.

- In **war-torn societies**, such as Sudan, Yugoslavia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Afghanistan, the objective is to **promote a process of healing** by supporting groups in civil society that defend human rights, educate about democracy, and foster interethnic dialogue and a culture of tolerance.

These four categories may overlap in some instances. It is hard to know, for example, where to draw the line between dictatorships that allow some space for independent activity, and semi-authoritarian countries ruled by a harsh autocrat. Nonetheless, the categories do serve as a tool that the NED Board and staff can use to think through the kinds of issues and programs involved in advancing democracy in so many different countries and political situations.

Having established this global framework, the Strategy moves on to the new priority of **aiding democracy in the Muslim world**. This challenge could not be addressed apart from the worldwide strategy since countries where Muslims constitute a majority of the population exist in almost every region where NED funds programs. Moreover, they also fall into all four of the categories of political development described above. The Muslim world contains dictatorships such as Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Turkmenistan; semi-authoritarian countries like Pakistan, Egypt, and Tunisia; emerging democracies like Mali, Senegal, Indonesia, and Bangladesh; and war-torn societies such as Algeria, Sudan, Somalia, and Afghanistan.

Why, then, given this immense diversity, is a focus on the Muslim world warranted at all? NED's Strategy offers three reasons: First, there is a significant democracy gap between the Muslim countries

as a whole and the rest of the world, with the lag in democratic development being most pronounced in the Arab world. Second, the Muslim world is besieged from within by radical Islamic movements that preach intolerance and hatred. And third, since such movements often resort to violence to achieve their ends, the political and institutional dysfunction found in much of the Muslim world provide fertile soil for the growth of terrorism.

Being that the countries of the Muslim world are distributed among all of the four categories of political development, clearly Muslim democrats face many of the same challenges that confront democrats in non-Muslim countries. These include liberalizing the political system, modernizing the state and the economy, controlling corruption, and establishing a genuine rule of law. But the Strategy also identifies challenges that are unique to the Muslim world and which require special attention: ending the political abuse of religion and reconciling Islam with modern concepts of pluralism, citizenship, and individual rights. Toward this end, NED's Strategy calls for an increased emphasis on programs that involve and support networks of liberal Muslim thinkers and activists; promote civic education and a public discourse on Islam and democratic politics; and enhance the participation of women in the political and cultural life of Muslim societies.

In adopting this new Strategy, the NED Board has laid out a far-reaching and ambitious agenda, one that addresses all of the major challenges of democratization that confront the international community at the beginning of the twenty-first century. The Board readily conceded that the goals established for NED far outstrip the available resources, yet it did not consider this an insuperable problem. It understood that the critical factor is not resources, as important as they are. Rather, it is the human potential that exists in every country in the form of people who are prepared to work together and sacrifice to achieve democracy,

meaning a system that recognizes the dignity of every human being. No amount of money can create this potential, but even limited resources, if skillfully deployed and properly supplemented by effective forms of moral, intellectual, and political solidarity, can help it grow into an indomitable force.

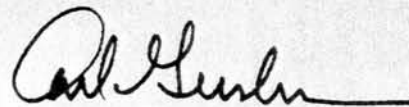
NED is uniquely conceived and structured to provide this kind of assistance:

- NED is, first of all, **an independent organization** that receives a congressional appropriation with which it makes grants to non-governmental organizations working to promote democracy. Its independence from the U.S. government allows it the flexibility to engage directly with indigenous democratic forces, even in countries where the governments do not welcome assistance designed to promote democracy, human rights, and greater political participation and accountability. Its public funding means that in addition to being a source of material help to democratic activists, it is also an expression of America's abiding commitment to human freedom.
- Second, NED has an unusual **multi-sectoral structure** that allows it to integrate different areas of democracy assistance, including political party development, civic action, worker rights, and market reform; to work in all of the different political environments covered by the four categories of political development described in the Strategy; and to access both grassroots activists and institutional, political, and intellectual elites.
- Third, the **advance of democracy is NED's sole mission**, the faithful adherence to which has enabled NED to earn the trust and confidence of activists all over the world, especially those working in the most difficult and dangerous situations. Moreover, because democracy is a universal value, NED has been able to develop new forms of global democratic collaboration based on shared beliefs and a common vision. Through the *Journal of Democracy* and the International Forum for Democratic Studies, for example, NED has

created a unique and vital link between democratic intellectuals and practitioners. Through the expanding network of democracy foundations, NED is encouraging greater international cooperation in the promotion of democracy. And through the World Movement for Democracy, NED has established an imaginative new mechanism that can facilitate networking, sharing, and solidarity among democrats throughout the world.

Since NED was created almost two decades ago, the world has undergone momentous changes, and the field of democracy promotion has changed accordingly. Today many private foundations, official development agencies, foreign ministries, and multi-lateral organizations provide democracy assistance of one kind or another. All of this activity is based upon the understanding, which is now part of the conventional wisdom, that progress in achieving economic development and world peace is contingent upon the strengthening of democracy where it is weak, threatened, or nonexistent.

In this new world, NED has carved out a special niche. It is a catalyst that can generate new ideas among global networks; an experienced grant-maker that can provide assistance to those who face the most formidable challenges; and a network hub that can stimulate both cross-border cooperation within regions and new kinds of global interaction and support. NED's mission is not to impose democracy or to dictate how it will come about. Rather, it is to give people some of the critical tools they will need—not just resources and skills, but also encouragement and hope—to shape their own destiny. This has always been the spirit with which NED has tried to help those who are fighting for democracy. It is part of NED's identity, and it remains its most distinctive feature. And it is with that spirit that NED looks confidently to the future.



Carl Gershman
President

NED News and Events



First Lady Laura Bush, center, with, from left, Muborak Tashpoulatova (Uzbekistan), NED Chairman Vin Weber, Mehrangiz Kar (Iran), Mariam Hussein Mohamed (Somalia), NED President Carl Gershman, and Nadjet Bouda (Algeria).

2002 Democracy Award

Four inspiring women activists from predominantly Muslim countries received the National Endowment for Democracy's 2002 Democracy Award at a Capitol Hill ceremony on July 9, 2002. First Lady Laura Bush presented the awards and was joined by several speakers, including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN), Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky, and NED Chairman Vin Weber.

"We recognize these four women for their courage and tenacity," said Mrs. Bush. "We look to their countries—Iran, Uzbekistan, Somalia, and Algeria—and we call on them to keep the promise of freedom that people yearn for so desperately." Highlighting the relevance of the

awardees' work to the global war against terrorism, the First Lady continued, "Respect for democracy, human rights, free media, and the rule of law—these rights must be guaranteed throughout the Muslim world and all parts of the world. Together, the United States and the allies of democracy, like these women, are proving that the forces of terror can't stop the momentum of freedom."

The awardees, Mehrangiz Kar of Iran, Muborak Tashpoulatova of Uzbekistan, Mariam Hussein Mohamed of Somalia, and Nadjet Bouda of Algeria share common goals: to empower citizens to know and protect their rights and demand accountability from their governments. In heartfelt and often moving

remarks, the awardees spoke of democracy's power to transform societies and improve lives, whether in theocratic and repressive Iran, post-communist, authoritarian Uzbekistan, or war-torn Somalia and Algeria.

Nadjet Bouda

Nadjet Bouda works as a human rights activist in Algeria, a country wracked by civil war and governed by a secular regime that uses broadly repressive measures to combat popular Islamist threats to its rule. Bouda was only sixteen when she joined Rally for Youth Action, an Algerian NGO that conducts civic education and human rights awareness programs. By the age of twenty, she was the organization's president and spokeswoman. Bouda now works with SOS Disparus, advocating on behalf of the hundreds of Algerians who have "disappeared" during Algeria's continuing civil war.

Mariam Hussein Mohamed

Mariam Hussein Mohamed lives and works in the most devastated area of Mogadishu, Somalia, in the midst of a dangerous armed conflict and within a sharply divided society. Somalia has no real government—only anarchy created by ruthless, competing warlords. Mohamed founded and directs Somalia's leading human rights group, the Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization, which impartially monitors human rights conditions, documents human rights violations, and conducts human rights campaigns and training activities in Somalia. Mohamed is also co-founder of the Peace and Human Rights Network, an umbrella group of twenty-four leading Somali civil society organizations.

Dr. Mehrangiz Kar

Dr. Mehrangiz Kar, a prominent human rights lawyer, writer, and advocate for women's rights, has worked since Iran's 1979 revolution to promote democracy, rule of law, and human rights within the restrictions of Islamic law. In 2000, Kar was sentenced to four years in prison for not wearing a proper Islamic head covering and for participating in an international conference in Berlin during which she spoke out about human rights violations in Iran. She was released on bail in 2001 to seek cancer treatment in the United States. Meanwhile, her husband, journalist Siamak Pouzand, was released from an Iranian prison in the fall of 2002 under international pressure for medical treatment, but he continues to face harassment and the constant threat of re-imprisonment by security forces.

Muborak Tashpulatova

Muborak Tashpulatova works in the post-communist nation of Uzbekistan, which is governed by an authoritarian regime. Tashpulatova directs the Tashkent Public Education Center (TPEC), a group founded by Uzbek educators to conduct civic education activities, such as producing textbooks and teaching manuals, conducting trainings for more than 1,000 educators, and organizing "town hall" style civic forums for parents, youth, and government officials. TPEC's ninth-grade text book on Uzbekistan's constitution has been adopted for use in all Uzbek high schools.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program Formally Launched

The National Endowment for Democracy formally launched its Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program on March 14, 2002, at a Capitol Hill luncheon cosponsored with the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). Established in the fall of 2001 in honor of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the late Congressman Dante Fascell (D-FL), two leading figures in the founding of NED, the fellowships enable democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to enhance their ability to promote democracy.

Former Indiana congressman Lee Hamilton, who now serves as Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center and as a NED Board member, presided at the inaugural ceremony. Several members of Congress in attendance praised Reagan and Fascell for their commitment to promoting democracy around the world, which led to the establishment of NED in 1983. Speakers included Representatives Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and John J. LaFalce (D-NY), who were co-chairs of the event, NED Board member Christopher Cox (R-CA), and Connie Morella (R-MD), who is the Secretary of NIAF's Board of Directors.



President Ronald Reagan and the late Congressman Dante Fascell (D-FL) were the two principal founders of NED.

"The advancement of democracy will always stand as an important part of my husband's eight years at the White House," wrote former First Lady Nancy Reagan in a message read at the event by Representative Cox. A letter written by Fascell's wife, Jeanne-Marie Fascell, was read at the ceremony by the couple's daughter, Sandra Fascell Diamond. Mrs. Fascell noted that Reagan and Fascell "shared a deep and profound dedication to the founding principles of our republic, to the importance of working to strengthen democracy everywhere."

Democracy Service Medals Awarded

The NED Board created its Democracy Service Medal in 1999 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated through personal commitment their dedication to the advancement of freedom, human rights, and democracy. The medal has been presented to a select group of individuals who have made singular contributions internationally to the cause of democracy and human rights: Lech Walesa, Lane Kirkland, Martin Bútora and Alexandr Vondra in 1999, John B. Hurford in 2000, and John Brademas, Richard Lugar, Fred Iklé, and Stephen Solarz in 2001. This year, three courageous and inspiring individuals received the medal.

Paula Dobriansky

Paula Dobriansky, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, was awarded the Democracy Service Medal on January 17, 2002, at a cer-

emony held at the Chancery of the Slovak Republic. The ceremony was hosted by 1999 Democracy Service medal-winner Slovak Ambassador Martin Bútora. Dobriansky received the medal in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the cause of democracy and for her nearly nine years of service on the NED Board of Directors. NED President Carl Gershman described Dobriansky as a “diplomat, democrat, scholar, and colleague...who has consistently brought her many and considerable gifts to bear in working to promote the principles of democracy and human rights around the world.”

The ceremony also included remarks by U.S. Representative Christopher Cox (R-CA), who is a member of the bipartisan NED Board, and NED Vice Chairman Thomas R. Donahue. The medal was presented by NED Chairman Vin Weber.



Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky was awarded the NED Democracy Service medal at a dinner hosted by the Slovak Embassy on January 17, 2002. Pictured left to right are NED President Carl Gershman, Slovak Ambassador Martin Bútora, Paula Dobriansky, and NED Chairman Vin Weber.



(Left to right) Jan Nowak, NED President Carl Gershman, Eugenia Kemble, and Nadia Diuk

Jan Nowak

On July 11, 2002, NED presented Polish-American patriot Jan Nowak with the Democracy Service Medal. Eighty-nine-year-old Nowak has served both Poland and the United States as a messenger of freedom for more than half a century. He started his career with the Polish underground movement, first as a courier of messages between Warsaw and the government in exile in London during WWII, and later as a radio broadcaster. Nowak was recruited by the United States in the early 1950s to launch the Polish service of Radio Free Europe (RFE). He ably served RFE for twenty-five years before retiring in 1976 to the United States, where he worked to support the Polish people during the Cold War. In the early 1980s, Nowak helped to mobilize support for NED because he viewed the Endowment—with its assistance to the Solidarity trade union, Polish political prisoners, and democratic intellectuals—as a critical player in the struggle to bring democracy to



Jan Nowak directed Radio Free Europe's Polish service for 25 years.

the former Soviet Bloc. Since Poland's successful democratic transition, Nowak has tirelessly pressed for measures to enhance the country's democratic institutions and political security.

"I came here late in my life. I was sixty-three. I did not have great resources. I did not have many contacts. But within one year, thanks to the kind of support that I got, I could get access to people in positions who could help me. And I do not think that could happen in any part of the world but the United States."

—Jan Nowak

"This medal is very heavy—not just physically heavy, but heavy also for the meaning it represents. It represents all the work and struggles we have been through for the cause of democratization."

—Chen Wu, Sue-jen, First Lady of Taiwan

Chen Wu, Sue-jen

Taiwan's First Lady, Chen-Wu, Sue-jen, received the Democracy Service Medal during a ceremony on September 25, 2002. The medal was presented by U.S. Representative Christopher Cox (R-CA), who serves on the bipartisan NED Board, in recognition of Chen's great personal contribution to the establishment of full democracy in Taiwan.

Chen, who was paralyzed from the waist down in 1985, the result of a suspicious accident during a post-campaign tour with her husband, and who subsequently ran for and served in the legislature when her husband was imprisoned for opposing the Nationalist government, has never let adversity get in the way of her work for a democratic Taiwan.

"I am very pleased to be here at this sacred site of Capitol Hill, which symbolizes American democracy, to pledge our efforts to promote democratization globally," said Chen. "Next year Taiwan will also establish a Taiwan Endowment for Democracy. We hope that this endowment will become a partner of the American National Endowment for Democracy in promoting democracy around the world."

The ceremony reception, which was held in the Russell Senate Building, was cosponsored by the

bipartisan Congressional leadership and the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, and included the participation of a wide range of U.S. Senators and Representatives, including Representatives Tom Delay (R-TX), Ben Gilman (R-NY), Gary Ackerman (D-NY), and Robert Wexler (D-FL); and Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Joseph Biden (D-DE), and Daniel Akaka (D-HI).



In her acceptance remarks, Mrs. Chen pledged Taiwan's participation in promoting democratization across the globe by establishing a Taiwan Endowment for Democracy.

World Movement for Democracy

Initiated by NED at a 1999 global assembly in New Delhi, India, the World Movement for Democracy has since emerged as a thriving worldwide network of democrats cooperating to promote democracy. It is led by a distinguished international Steering Committee, and NED currently serves as its secretariat.

In this capacity, NED communicates with World Movement participants, maintains and updates the Web site (www.wmd.org), organizes the biennial global assemblies, and assists in the development of regional and functional networks. NED also issues a monthly electron-

ic newsletter called *DemocracyNews*, as well as periodic alerts regarding persecution of World Movement participants around the world, and maintains an online, searchable database of participating organizations engaged in some twenty different areas of democracy work.

Regional Networks. During 2002, the World Movement secretariat staff at NED worked with participants to develop both regional and functional networks. One particularly exciting network that is taking shape is the **Africa Democracy Forum (ADF)**, which emerged as a result of discussions at the Second Assembly in São Paulo, Brazil, in 2000, and now draws together democracy activists, practitioners, and scholars from across the African continent. Its steering committee is composed of individuals from NGOs in Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. The committee met in Johannesburg in September 2002, and agreed that the ADF would monitor democracy in Africa, protect democrats, support the development of information technology, share advocacy skills, train network members, establish and maintain dialogue with state leaders, empower people at the grassroots level, and encourage civil society to use the ADF to seek support, especially in repressive regimes and in countries of conflict. The members of the ADF are leading the effort to build unity among World Movement participants throughout the region.

Networking in other regions also continues apace as the result of the World Movement's work. To help



The Africa Democracy Forum, a regional network that has emerged within the World Movement for Democracy, is working to consolidate democracy in Africa. The organization provides democrats in Africa opportunities to speak with one voice as well as a platform for mutual support and resource-sharing.

facilitate such networking, the World Movement staff at NED has established resource-rich sections on the World Movement Web site for Africa, the Americas, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Middle East and North Africa. Each section contains information about local democracy promotion groups and networks, new publications and research focused on the region, potential funding sources for democracy groups, and internship and training opportunities.

Functional Networks.

In addition to helping facilitate regional networking, the World Movement brings together activists and practitioners in various areas of democracy work. The following are highlights of some of these emerging networks:

• International Movement of Parliamentarians for Democracy.

This initiative is bringing together democratic legislators from around the globe who believe that a network of parliamentarians can play a critical role in the worldwide support, promotion, and defense of democracy. Members of the network advocate for democratic reform and challenge undemocratic practices, including acts against democratically elected parliamentarians. Still in its organizing stage, the network will conduct a number of activities, including coordinated information campaigns, letter-writing, public speeches, official hearings, newspaper editorials, and other avenues available to legislators in their official and unofficial capacities.

• **Network of Young Democracy Activists.** This network enables young democrats to share with peers their experiences in bringing about democratic transition, or strengthening democracy, in their respective countries. The network includes young activists from such countries as Algeria, Brazil, Cuba (in exile), Liberia, Malaysia, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and South Africa. The most promising aspect of the network is that young activists who have significantly contributed to transitions to democracy within their own countries are given the opportunity to share their experiences with young people from other countries who wish to undertake similar efforts. For example, two members of Otpor, the widely noted

youth activist group in Serbia that played a key role in the removal of Slobodan Milosevic from power, are actively engaged in the network. Their experience in Serbia serves as a highly instructive and inspirational example for young democracy activists in other countries.

• **Democracy Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Group.** This group brings together individuals interested in sharing expertise and ideas about the technological aspects of democracy promotion work. It was formed as an outcome of a workshop at the Second Assembly that focused on using the Internet and other media to promote democracy. With assistance from NED's Democracy

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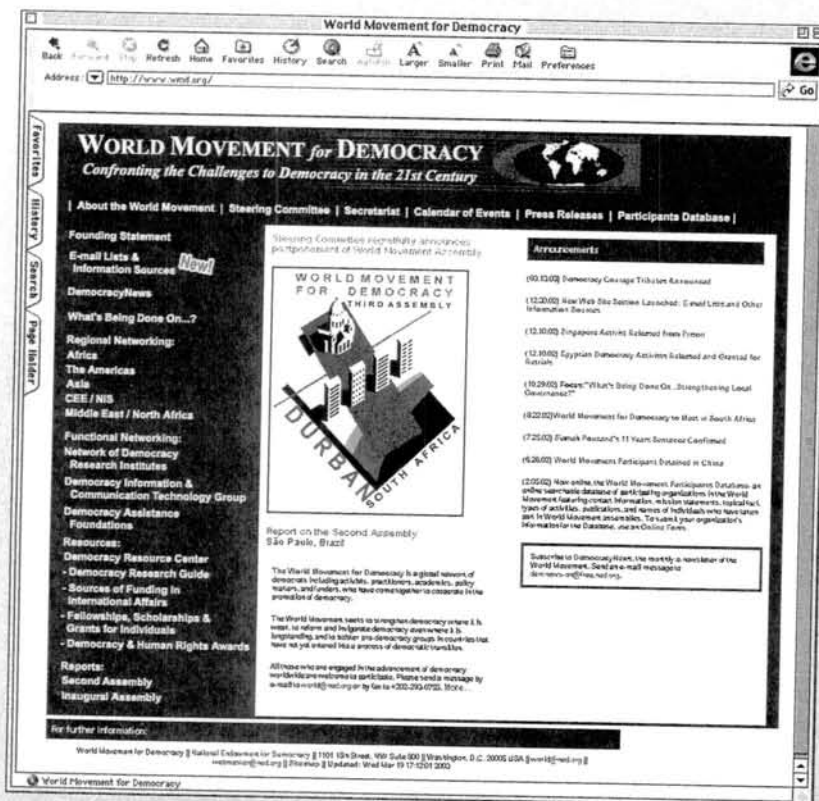
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Resource Center (DRC), the ICT Group uses an e-mail discussion list and its Web site to exchange information on new developments in Internet and e-mail security, using technology in NGO work, Web-site construction, e-mail discussion lists, and other practical topics.

• **Network of Democracy Research Institutes.** This network is an association of organizations that conduct research on democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative government and international affairs. Included in the network are independent institutions, university-based study centers, and research programs affiliated with political parties, labor unions, and democracy and human rights movements, and other organizations. The network was established to facilitate contacts among democracy scholars and activists and to promote a greater awareness of the diversity and vitality of

democracy studies today. Through its Web site, a newsletter, and other means, the network provides information about the work of its member institutes, including their research, conferences, publications, and other activities.

The World Movement Web Site. In addition to sections on networking in various global regions and in different areas of democracy work, the following sections were added to the World Movement Web site during the last year:

• **Participants Database.** The World Movement now maintains an online, searchable database of its participants. This tool, essential for the networking activity of the World Movement, includes contact information for participating organizations and links to their Web sites, information on the areas of democracy work in which the organiza-

tions are engaged, types of activities they conduct, their publications, and other pertinent information. Organizations can submit a database-information form to the World Movement staff directly over the Internet or by fax. There are currently almost 200 organizations included in the database.

• **“What’s Being Done on...?”**

The World Movement Web site now includes a section called “What’s Being Done on...?” in which particular themes or areas of democracy work are highlighted along with information about relevant activities being conducted by organizations throughout the world, and links to relevant resources. A new theme is announced every two months via the World Movement’s electronic newsletter, *DemocracyNews*, and the information from the previous two months is placed in an online archive. Topics covered during 2002 included Strengthening Local Governance, Potential Breakthrough Elections, Cross-Border Democracy Assistance, Using the Internet and Other Media to Promote Democracy, and Women’s Participation in Politics.

• **E-Mail Lists and Other Information Sources.** This section of the Web site provides a list of electronic newsletters, list-servs, alerts about human rights abuses or activists in danger, and other sources of information (organized by region) to which participants in the World Movement for Democracy may wish to subscribe.

Africa



2002 NED Regional Highlights

Although barely noticed by the outside world, events and transformations in Africa during 2002 were momentous, filled with hope but also foreboding. The year began with democratic elections in Sierra Leone, marking the end to that nation's vicious civil war. The year closed with democratic elections in Kenya, ending the reign of Daniel arap Moi, one of Africa's longest-lasting dictators. Against all predictions, meaningful progress was made in resolving the conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and Sudan. Even in Burundi and Somalia, negotiators forged ahead.

African leaders presented a number of initiatives, such as the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). America announced a Millennium Challenge Account that raised hopes among Africans that struggle and sacrifice could bring big dividends. The actual potential of these initiatives, however, is still hard to discern at this early stage.

On the negative side, political instability and crisis continue to plague Africa. Elections in Zimbabwe, the Republic of Congo, and Zambia were filled with violence and fraud. Liberia, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, and the Central African Republic were wracked by armed insurgencies. As Nigeria prepared for its first civilian elections, violence and corruption still threatened. The scourge of HIV/AIDS condemned tens of millions

of Africans to death, a toll compounded by the famine in Southern Africa and the Horn, which threatens the lives of some fifty million people.

In this context, NED's program proved both prescient and effective. Nearly one-fifth of its total funding to Africa was directed at the **Congo**, where NED grantees in civil society assumed a major role in pressing the belligerents to negotiate an end to war. These grantees are laying the foundations for a democratic transition. In **Sudan**, NED's grantees have been leaders of the peace movement, creating a domestic political environment for negotiations while inculcating a greater awareness of human rights and democracy. NED grantees also form the core of the human rights movements in **Sierra Leone** and **Liberia** consolidating demo-

cratic gains in the former and resisting their erosion in the latter. NED's grantees in **Nigeria** continued to press for political reform in the free but volatile prelude to elections.

NED support for programs in Africa carried out by its four affiliated institutes was significant. In **Kenya**, for example, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) played a critical role in bring-

ing political parties together into coalitions that transformed the electoral equation. With NED funding, the International Republican Institute (IRI) provided electoral assistance to bolster nascent democratic trends in **Somaliland** and began efforts to reconcile the political parties in **Côte d'Ivoire**. The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) used NED support to provide vital assistance to the trade

unions during the elections in **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**, and both NDI and IRI helped democrats in Zimbabwe's sadly unsuccessful process. NED funding also helped the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) press forward with innovative Internet programs connecting business associations around the continent, and brought greater attention to the issue of corporate governance and accountability.

Grantee in the Spotlight: Kwoto Cultural Center

For twenty long years **Sudan** has been besieged by internal warring over religion, political power, resources, and geopolitical interests. Two million people have died in the conflict. Four million have either fled the country or abandoned its war-torn southern region to settle in encampments to the north. Muslims and Arabs in the north are fighting not only against the Christians and traditionalists of the south but also against each other. Southerners are killing one another as well. Alliances have been formed and broken across the religious, ethnic, partisan, and regional divides, creating an environment of death, displacement, distrust, and despair. In this environment, hope and a sense of belonging are rare commodities, whose importance in creating fertile ground for democracy is often underestimated.

"The displacement situation, which most of the Southern Sudanese, Nuba Mountains, and the Southern Blue Nile peoples who fled the civil war are enduring in Khartoum's outskirts in displaced person camps, poses serious human and social problems," says Derik Uya Alfred, managing director of Kwoto Cultural Center in Sudan. The center, founded in 1994 and a NED grantee since 2000, is a popular cultural arts group that brings together youth from twenty southern Sudanese language groups through dance, music, poetry, and drama. Kwoto reaches hundreds of thousands of Sudanese in the north and south, in displaced persons camps, universities, prisons, and even the national theater, with a subtle but powerful message of pride and dignity in diversity and with an appeal for peace, democracy, and human rights.

Alfred has found that the arts are a potent, versatile vehicle for provoking communication and understanding among Kwoto's diverse audiences. While the center tackles an impressive variety of tough issues, like nonviolent conflict resolution and respect for human rights, an intended side-effect of its work is the democratic empowerment of displaced southerners hungry for a sense of community and hope. Alfred points out that Kwoto's performances also provide a much-needed form of entertainment to these communities, which are typically burdened with monotony, poverty, despair, and sundry other social ills. "Music and performance are very straight and direct means of communication," he explains. "They go deep into people's hearts and minds, and they are relevant to all the categories—to the illiterate and the elite."

This year, the Kwoto Cultural Center received a \$40,000 grant from NED. A portion of the grant was used to hold forty theater perform-



ances on critical themes such as war, displacement, immigration, peace and justice, human rights, HIV/AIDS, children in war-torn areas, diversity in cooperation, and conflict resolution. During the tour, which included thirteen performances in displaced-person camps, Kwoto provided training to children in drama, singing, dancing, and puppetry. Kwoto's inspirational work has already led many youth from southern Sudan and other marginalized areas of the country to emerge with similar performance groups of their own. "That indicates that the message behind Kwoto's program—for instance, unity, cultural diversity, acceptance, and appreciation of each other's cultures—has reached them clearly," says Alfred.

NED funding this year also helped Kwoto to extend the reach of its performances and training through electronic media, including television, video, radio, and audio recordings. Alfred says Kwoto members are being empowered with basic training in filming, script-writing, directing, and editing, with ambitions to produce a series of television programs tackling themes such as HIV/AIDS, poverty, and patterns of local cultures.

"The performances and work of Kwoto echo the core issues people are looking for: cultural diversity, peace, tolerance, and mutual understanding based on respect and human dignity," says Alfred. "Kwoto will always keep uttering words of thanks and gratitude to NED for the grants, support, and profound understanding of southern Sudan's desires for cultural revival that Kwoto is trying to tackle."

Description of 2002 Grants: Africa

Angola

National Counseling Center \$20,000

To strengthen citizen participation in civic and electoral activities and bring about constructive dialogue among political institutions, the authorities, and citizens. The Center will coordinate 100 community meetings and will train electoral-education trainers in civic education, human rights, and elections; women's organizations, churches, and traditional leaders to increase women's participation in politics; and political party leaders in basic skills for participating in the Angolan democratic process. The Center will also produce thirty radio programs on five radio stations.

Organização de Ajuda ao Desenvolvimento Comunitario (Community Development Assistance Organization) \$20,000

To conduct training sessions to increase public awareness of human rights and Angolan democratic structures; to continue providing established prisoners' groups with materials to facilitate their re-entry into Angolan society; and to establish a counseling center in Luanda, to be staffed by one lawyer and two paralegals. The center will aid citizens of targeted municipalities in resolving grassroots-level conflicts.

Chad

Radio FM Liberté \$25,000

To purchase technical equipment for its N'djamena studio. Radio Liberté will use the new equipment to develop a flagship public-information program devoted to democracy, human rights, and development issues.

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ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION



Congolese men, women, and youth participate in a small-group discussion during a workshop on peace and children's rights, hosted in September by *Solidarité des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-Etre Familial*.

Côte D'Ivoire

International Republican Institute \$100,000

To provide training and technical assistance to developing political parties through a series of workshops, some of which will include NGOs and other civil society leaders, in the interest of advancing the reconciliation process. IRI will also coordinate good-governance and coalition-building workshops for parliamentarians, and communications workshops for members of political parties, NGOs, community leaders, and individuals working in media and communications.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Action Pour le Développement et la Paix Entre les Ethnies (Action for Development and Peace between Ethnicities) \$30,000

To organize a series of workshops on the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, conflict in the region of South Kivu. Participants will include government officials, teachers, students, women leaders, militia leaders, and traditional and religious leaders. The organization will also conduct a human rights training workshop and human rights investigations.

Association Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme en Republique Democratique du Congo (African Association for the Defense of Human Rights in the DRC) \$30,580

To investigate and research human rights conditions in Congo. Based on data the Association gathered during 2001, it will publish 1,000 copies of its annual human rights report, which will also be posted online. Also, 1,000 copies each of three editions of a quarterly bulletin on the current state of human rights in Congo will be produced and distributed to the Association's network of human rights monitors.

Bureau d'Etudes, de Recherche et de Consulting International (Office of Study, Research, and International Consultations) \$50,000

To conduct a series of polls aimed at gauging the opinions of Congolese on a variety of political issues surrounding the Inter-Congolese Dialogue. The organization will also produce bimonthly radio and television programs that will inform residents about the technical issues and practical implications of polling, and will relate the findings and implications of the polling it conducts.

Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Droit Humanitaire (Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law)

\$35,000

To hold capacity-building workshops for human rights activists in several Congolese cities in Katanga province; to conduct human rights education sessions with religious groups, schools, and police officers; to make weekly visits to prisons and detention centers to monitor cases of political prisoners; and to produce its quarterly newsletter and distribute it to human rights activists, teachers, government officials, and diplomats.

Centre Chretien pour le Developpement des Paysans en Milieu Rural (Christian Center for the Development of Rural Farmers)

\$25,000

To conduct a program of human rights education, advocacy, and training, including theater performances, sports activities, concerts, and a radio program. The Center will also organize two conferences on peace and ethnic cohabitation, and will produce and distribute a civic education manual for secondary schools in the South Kivu province. It will also publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter.

Collectif des Organisations des Jeunes Solidaires du Congo-Kinshasa (Collective of Youth Solidarity Organizations in Congo-Kinshasa)

\$19,980

To hold training seminars for young leaders from democracy and human rights organizations in Equateur, Bandundu, and Bas-Congo. Topics will include democratic procedures, and promotion and protection of human rights.

Congo en Images (Congo in Pictures)

\$35,000

To support development of an integrated civic education program, which will include publication of the resolutions of the Inter-Congolese Dialogue; six civic education training sessions; six popular, public debates; a traveling multimedia exposition; and publication of a bimonthly newsletter. The organization will also publish and distribute quarterly reports on democracy, good governance, and progress towards peace.

Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme (Women and Children for Human Rights)

\$35,000

To organize a series of conflict-resolution seminars and conferences with local churches, media, universities, and schools in the West Kasai province. The organization will also produce ten thirty-minute radio programs on peace and the resolution of interethnic conflict; organize four one-day conference-debates on democracy and human rights with other local NGOs; and provide legal aid.

Fondation pour le Renforcement des Capacities des Populations (Foundation for the Reinforcement of the Capacity of the Population)

\$20,000

To conduct a three-day training workshop for forty-five human rights activists from across the Maniema province of Congo, a capacity-building and training workshop for judicial officials, and two roundtable discussions focusing on the rights of women and children. Funding will also be used to cover infrastructure expenses.

Groupe d'Appui-Conseils aux Realisations pour le Developpement Endogene (Counseling Support Group for the Realization of Indigenous Development)

\$12,000

To organize three training sessions for teenagers of North Kivu to discuss how to protect and promote human rights in periods of conflict, and to be used towards administrative support.

Groupe Justice et Liberation (Justice and Liberation Group)

\$60,000

To support a broad-ranging program aimed at increasing civic participation in peace building, human rights advocacy, and civic education in Oriental Province. Activities will include human rights training sessions, a workshop on transitional justice, fora on social and economic rights, participation in two high-profile human rights meetings, and publication of information on peace and human rights issues.

Groupe Lotus

\$60,000

To monitor the human rights situation throughout Oriental Province and to produce press releases, special reports, and a newsletter. Lotus will organize twenty-four training sessions throughout the province on issues related to conflict resolution, and will initiate a program of quarterly peace-education and conflict-prevention sessions with the sixteen major ethnic associations in the region.

Haki Kwetu (Our Rights)

\$35,000

To continue promoting interethnic dialogue and providing human rights training in South Kivu. Haki Kwetu will document local concerns and strategies for combating interethnic violence, provide tailored training workshops to impart strategies for ethnic cohabitation and conflict resolution, and document and report on the general findings and recommendations at the end of each workshop.

Heritiers de la Justice (Heirs of Justice)

\$10,627

To provide training to human rights activists in South Kivu. Workshops will be provided to local chapters of *Heritiers de la Justice* and will focus on the theoretical and legal tenets of human rights. Workshops will also be held for representatives of local NGOs in towns throughout the regions and will focus on the broad principles of human rights and strategies for monitoring, reporting, and advocacy work.

International Human Rights Law Group

\$14,420

To convene a national conference of the *Association Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme en Republique Democratique* in Kinshasa, addressing strategic human rights and leadership issues.



As part of its program of human rights education and training, *Solidarité pour la Promotion Sociale et la Paix* released the CD *Droits de la Personne (Human Rights)*, featuring songs about human rights issues. The words *Haki za Binadamu* are the Swahili translation of the CD title.

Les Amis de Nelson Mandela (Friends of Nelson Mandela)

\$60,000

To support its human rights advocacy and education program in Oriental Province by conducting two major outreach initiatives: one consisting of sessions to review its program strengths and weaknesses and to plan for the next year, and another consisting of training sessions for its members on human rights investigative techniques and ways to develop effective communication strategies for human rights groups.

Ligue des Electeurs (League of Voters)

\$45,000

To continue its civic education campaign focused on the Inter-Congolese Dialogue by conducting research into the sociopolitical environment in Congo and on the consolidation of peace efforts, as well as by conducting additional training sessions on democracy for previously trained individuals. Funding will also be used to cover infrastructure and administrative costs.

Promotion de la Femme Rurale (Promotion of Rural Women)

\$32,050

To organize a series of six training sessions and five civic education campaigns for 250 participants on elections and human rights issues in the West Kasai province. The organization will also publish two booklets on the right to life and the rights of women and children, and will produce twenty-four radio programs on the purpose of elections.

Radio Maendeleo (Radio Progress)

\$35,000

To repair its FM transmitter tower, and to purchase editing equipment, microphones, and a four-wheel-drive vehicle for reporters to travel outside the city, thus expanding the station's coverage area and enhancing its professional and technical capacity. Reporters will provide updates and reports on conflict in South Kivu, including reactions among rural populations.

Solidarité des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-Etre Familial (Solidarity of Women of Fizi for the Wellbeing of the Family)

\$25,000

To conduct a program to strengthen the capacity of Congolese women in South Kivu to become human rights advocates. The organization will train twenty-four volunteers in human rights monitoring and advocacy skills, with participants drawn from communities where violence against women is especially prevalent. The training will be followed by six one-day training sessions in local villages on human rights protections and principles.

Synergie pour la Paix (Synergy for Peace)

\$35,760

To produce a weekly radio and television program on peace and reconciliation issues for broadcast to the greater Kisangani area; to continue its program of civic education for women through monthly meetings and three training sessions; and to support its advocacy program, consisting of roundtable discussions, press conferences, advocacy visits, and letter-writing campaigns.

Solidarité pour la Promotion Sociale et la Paix (Solidarity for Social Promotion and Peace)

\$35,000

To continue its human rights monitoring program in North Kivu. The program will include research visits throughout the region, lobbying activities, human rights education and training, and the publication of a pamphlet on democratic principles.

Voix des Sans Voix (Voice of the Voiceless)

\$60,000

To support its program of human rights education and advocacy. The organization will conduct a fifteen-day mission to Bandundu and Kasai Oriental provinces to support the human rights and democracy movements there, and to exchange information and methodologies with them.

Voix du Handicapé pour les Droits de l'Homme (Voice of the Handicapped for Human Rights)

\$38,000

To organize three four-day workshops in West Kasai on democratic rights and responsibilities, strategies for political advocacy, and electoral rules, and to supplement these by continuing its publication of a quarterly newsletter and its television and radio campaign for dialogue and political inclusiveness.

Equatorial Guinea

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$60,001

To send a small team of political experts to meet with political party leaders and citizens of Equatorial Guinea in order to better understand the country's current political situation and engender a high-level dialogue between the country's democrats and potential partners in Washington.

Ethiopia

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$84,640

To support the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce in launching the "Voice of the Addis Chamber," a radio program oriented towards businesses. The program will increase public access to alternative sources of information on economic issues; bolster public debate on these issues; encourage participation of the business community in democratic political and policy processes; and build broad-based public knowledge of how markets function and the role that business associations play in a democracy.

Ethiopian Human Rights Council

\$28,000

To cover the core expenses of its national headquarters, which will be leveraged to secure additional funding from other sources to expand its network of provincial offices and its civic education program to more towns; amplify its human rights monitoring activities; institute a research program on human rights; and publish the research findings and present them at three public fora and a national conference.



Participants of a provincial training workshop in Kakamega town, one of a series of multiparty forums conducted by the National Democratic Institute during April, May, and June for branch and sub-branch officials in Kenya. In total, approximately 450 officials attended the trainings, which focused on roles and responsibilities in multiparty democracies.

Kenya

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$82,254

To support the "Research and Advocacy for Economic Law Reform" program of the Institute of Economic Affairs. The program will bring together the private sector, researchers, regulators, and policymakers to identify, in target business sectors, the weaknesses in existing legislation and regulatory frameworks and to suggest ways to ensure competition and fair practices.

International Republican Institute

\$50,001

To assemble young leaders and youth groups to develop a network aimed at increasing civic and political awareness among youth. IRI will also sponsor outreach workshops to increase the organizational capacity and efficacy of existing youth organizations, and through a subgrant to the Citizens Against Violence organization in Kenya, will work to discourage Kenyan youth from becoming involved in political violence.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$350,000

To carry out the third and final phase of an eighteen-month assistance program for Kenyan political parties. Multiparty workshops and individual party consultations will focus on coalition-building and party preparations for the elections and on methods parties can use to deter violence throughout the electoral process.

Liberia

Association of Liberian Professional Organizations

\$25,000

To enable it to continue to function as the secretariat for the Mano River Union Civil Society Movement, a coalition of civil society representatives from Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. Endowment support will be used towards publication of a monthly newsletter in French and English and to cover infrastructure, networking, and travel costs.

Center for Law and Human Rights Education (CLHRE)

\$44,000

To offer pro bono legal assistance in its legal-aid clinic for victims of human rights abuse; to continue its human rights education activities through the radio; and to expand its outreach program to the half-dozen counties where it currently has activities. CLHRE will also continue its legislative advocacy program aimed at enacting new laws protecting human rights.

Liberia Institute of Journalism

\$22,000

To organize ten one-week training workshops for media practitioners from northeastern and southeastern Liberia, emphasizing human rights and political reporting. The Institute will train twenty-five individuals each month, develop a training curriculum, and conduct a two-day training-of-trainers workshop prior to the practitioner workshops.

Liberia National Law Enforcement Association**\$20,000**

To establish a Center for Criminal Justice Research and Education, which will conduct a study on law-enforcement agencies in Liberia, the Liberian judiciary, and Liberian correctional institutions. The Center will also conduct two opinion surveys on public perceptions of the country's criminal-justice institutions; conduct workshops on the administration of justice in Liberia and on human rights for law enforcement officers; produce a radio program entitled "The Criminal Justice Forum"; and host a bimonthly public lecture.

Press Union of Liberia**\$35,000**

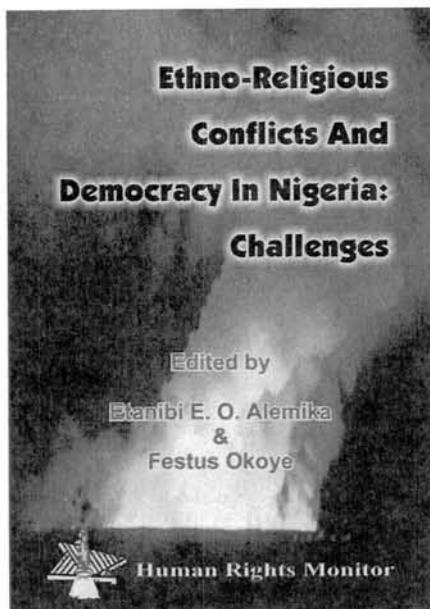
To cover its core infrastructure costs, which will enable the Press Union to engage in a wide range of activities. Endowment funds will also be used to support the legal defense of journalists, including payment of bail and court document fees, assistance to families of imprisoned journalists, and provision of food and medicine to prisoners.

Rural Human Rights Activists Program (RHRAP)**\$25,000**

To support its human rights education, advocacy, and monitoring program in rural Liberia. RHRAP will organize a series of workshops, roundtable discussions, lectures, and public-outreach activities aimed at educating the public on human rights fundamentals and principles, strategies for conflict resolution, and techniques for ethnic coexistence.

Niger**Africare****\$66,000**

To facilitate the training of seven NGOs, in administration, lobbying, and decentralization. Training will be conducted by three previously trained NGOs, and upon completion, the newly trained NGOs will receive small subgrants and develop, manage, and implement grassroots-level projects.



As Nigeria readied for its first civilian elections, Human Rights Monitor focused on promoting civic education and electoral law in the volatile nation by reaching out to the public with hearings, town hall meetings, press conferences, workshops, and publications such as these. *Equal Justice* is Human Rights Monitor's quarterly magazine.

Radio Anfani**\$35,000**

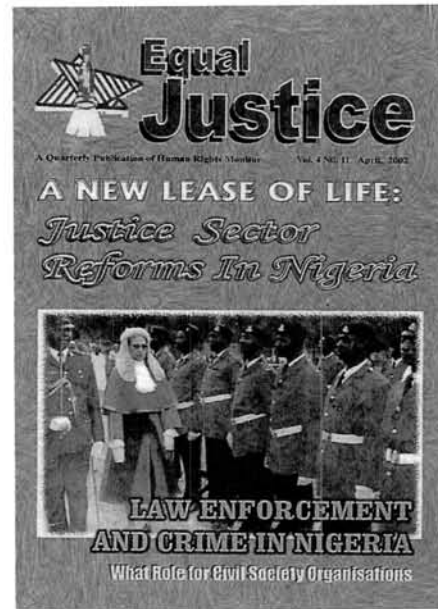
To continue its thrice-weekly program "Radio and Democracy," a half-hour presentation of critical political issues followed by a two-hour call-in discussion. Radio Anfani will also rebroadcast news produced by Voice of America, the BBC, and Deutsche-Welle, and will use Endowment assistance to increase its transmission power.

Nigeria**Center for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization****\$25,000**

To continue publishing *The Constitution: A Journal of Constitutional Development*, a 100- to 150-page journal with a standard print run of 1,000. The journal will continue to focus on issues of democracy, constitutionalism, and demilitarization, and will be distributed to government officials, the military, academics, and the media.

Center for International Private Enterprise**\$111,929**

To support the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce in implementing an accreditation program that defines a set of international standards for chamber and business associations to measure and encourage the associations' success in public-policy advocacy and meeting member needs.

**Centre for Constitutional Governance**

To organize a series of two-week training sessions in Ekiti and Osun states for designated local-governance educators on the principles and conduct of democracy. Following the training, the Centre will support the educators' efforts to organize follow-up training sessions in twenty local government areas in each state. These sessions will focus on local governance issues and on how constituents can effectively monitor and affect policy at the local level.

Civil Liberties Organization**\$60,000**

To support offices in each of Nigeria's six geopolitical zones. The organization's democracy monitors will survey the national and state governments, and work with state "democracy committees" to train activists in democracy-monitoring and civic and voter education. The committees will then conduct civic education through town hall meetings, publications, leaflets, radio, and television to mobilize citizens to participate in Nigeria's 2002 elections.

Committee for the Protection of People's Dignity**\$24,000**

To launch a youth-democracy camp program in the northern, eastern, and western zones of Nigeria, with fifty participants in each region. Participants will be educated about critical democracy and human rights issues.



Women's Advocate magazine is a quarterly publication of the League of Democratic Women, which promotes and protects women's and children's rights in northern Nigeria.

Constitutional Rights Project
\$50,000

To continue its program of legislative advocacy by monitoring and reporting on the activities of the legislature, maintaining close liaisons with members and officials of the National Assembly, and issuing a monthly newsletter reporting on the proceedings of the Assembly. The organization will also continue to publish its weekly newspaper column focusing on issues related to upcoming elections, debates over electoral and constitutional issues, and proposed legislation affecting human rights.

Eastern Youths Democratic Forum
\$25,000

To establish small offices in each of the five southeastern states of Nigeria and to strengthen the capacity of its main office at Owerri with a resource library, Internet facility, audiovisual equipment, and computer. The Forum will expand publication of its magazine, *MASTHEAD*, and publish and distribute 1,000 copies of its voter-education poster.

Human Rights Law Service (HURILAWS)
\$35,000

To support a pre-election advocacy program aimed at mediating violence associated with the 2002 electoral cycle in Nigeria. The program will consist of a baseline study that will discuss trends of violence in two Nigerian states, and policy options for defusing the tensions. HURILAWS will then

present its findings to key NGOs and governmental agencies.

Human Rights Monitor (HRM)
\$38,000

To organize two four-day training workshops in northern Nigeria for thirty members of the Citizens League for Peace and Democracy on how to conduct civic education. HRM and the Citizens League also will organize six public hearings and town hall meetings on electoral law and related issues; produce press releases, press conferences, and reports; facilitate three periodic meetings for the leadership of the Citizens League; and publish 1,000 copies of each edition of its quarterly magazine, *Equal Justice*.

Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
\$36,000

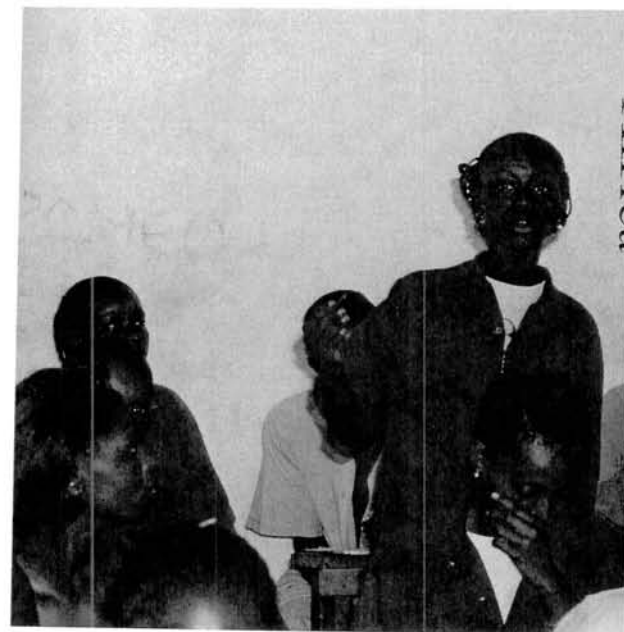
To monitor and document corruption within the legal system in Rivers State. The Institute will organize a series of community sessions and study tours to educate local residents on the functions of courts; will meet with local judicial officials in Rivers State; and will undertake ten public-interest law suits, the progress of which will be publicized via newspaper, radio, and television.

League of Democratic Women
\$35,990

To conduct a three-day training workshop for thirty-five governance monitors in Kaduna state, aimed at increasing the capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) to participate in the democratic process. The League will also hold roundtables with the CBOs, focusing on membership, leadership, and policy development; and will publish 2,000 copies each of four issues of its quarterly magazine, *Women's Advocate/Muryar Mata*.

Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People
\$28,000

To publish the annual *Niger Delta Review* and two quarterly bulletins relaying in-depth research and analyses of strategic issues, such as voter registration, the social performance of government institutions, and the environmental performance of oil companies in the Niger Delta.



A young participant at a March 2002 conference-debate hosted by the *Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme* shares ideas about individual rights with fellow participants.

Nigeria Automobile Technicians Association
\$20,450

To produce 7,000 copies of each edition of a quarterly journal, *Grassroots Democracy*. The publication will be published in English, Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba, and distributed to the Association's leaders and to democracy activists around the country.

Women in Nigeria
\$18,345

To complete a study documenting the status and position of working women in six northern and central states in Nigeria. This primary statistical information will form the basis of a campaign advocating greater opportunity for women in all the states.

Republic of Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)

Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme (Congolese Observatory of Human Rights)
\$35,000

To organize conference-debates, popular theater, and education workshops on protecting individual rights and the democratization process in locations throughout the country. The organization will produce and distribute human rights materials for its education program and publish 4,000 copies of each issue of its quarterly bulletin, which provides a forum for debate on fundamental rights.



A performer with a message about human rights captures the attention of a crowd in Sierra Leone during a community youth rally hosted by Campaign Against Violent Events (CAVE). Rally events included roundtable discussions, theatrical and comedic performances, and athletic competitions promoting themes of patriotism and tolerance.

Senegal

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$95,089

To help the *Union Nationale des Commerçants et Industriels du Senegal* (UNACOIS) transform itself into a more formal, democratic business association. The project will strengthen UNACOIS as an advocate for its members, further the economic reform effort that UNACOIS has championed in Senegal, and ensure that small businesses have a voice in the continued democratic and economic transitions in Senegal.

Sierra Leone

Campaign Against Violent Events (CAVE)
\$20,000

To conduct human rights training for activists affiliated with its two offices and to coordinate activities to attract youth participation in human rights work. CAVE will continue its program of civic education through theater troupes, radio programs, and roundtable discussions. Funds will also be used to cover infrastructure costs.

Campaign for Good Governance
\$40,000

To organize an education and advocacy campaign for human rights education, monitoring, and advocacy. The program will include workshops, legal support from the Campaign's legal-aid lawyers, medical service to victims of human rights abuse, weekly radio and television programs, and a series of human rights lectures.

Center for Democracy and Human Rights
\$25,000

To conduct workshops, outreach meetings, press conferences, and radio discussion programs in Northern Province on such topics as responsibilities of the police and citizens, governance and participation, gender mainstreaming, decentralization, inheritance and chieftaincy laws relating to women, corruption, basic human rights, and "You and the Law." Also, the Center's five District Field Officers will monitor, document, and report human rights abuses.

Forum for Democratic Initiatives
\$25,000

To collect all the laws and statutes of Sierra Leone that are relevant to an understanding of the rule of law and state-citizen and citizen-citizen relations and publish them in simplified form in three handbooks as part of its "Me and the Law" series. The Forum also will produce and broadcast weekly radio discussions, featuring two lawyers and one civil society activist, based on the same material.

National Forum for Human Rights
\$32,210

To employ two human rights monitors in the offices of member organizations. The monitors' findings will be published in the Forum's quarterly and annual human rights reports and in press releases and advocacy bulletins. The Forum will also undertake a three-month, countrywide human rights and constitutional education campaign.

Somalia

Coalition for Grassroots Women Organization
\$25,000

To organize twelve two-week workshops aimed at increasing women's participation in the political process. The workshops will include approximately sixty representatives of women's groups based in Mogadishu.

Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization
\$32,816

To hold two three-day workshops for twenty-four participants: the first will provide human rights education for traditional Somali leaders, and the second will address human rights education for judiciary officials of the Transitional Government. Endowment funds will also help cover infrastructure expenses.

HornAfrik Media
\$24,880

To provide training to twenty young journalists in journalistic techniques appropriate to public-service reporting. Once they have completed the training program, the journalists will produce human rights documentaries for broadcast on local radio and television stations in Mogadishu. Endowment funds will also be used to produce a call-in radio program focusing on political and human rights themes.

Somaliland

Hargeisa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO)
\$23,330

To form a civic education team of five HAVOYOCO staff that will receive training on issues regarding the conduct of elections, voter education, and civic education. HAVOYOCO will then organize a series of civic education workshops for Somaliland youth organizations and other civil society actors, produce civic education materials, and develop a mass-media campaign addressing the same themes.

Institute for Practical Research and Training

\$25,000

To conduct training sessions with members of the House of Representatives of Somaliland and their staffs that will build upon earlier training focused on governance, human rights, and electoral processes. The organization will also purchase new books, manuals, and periodicals for its resource center and will publish the first three issues of the *Official Parliamentary Bulletin*.

International Republican Institute

\$50,001

To conduct a political party empowerment program. IRI will invite representatives from each of the region's political parties to participate in a workshop addressing activities critical to their successful participation in the upcoming elections. The workshop will focus on message development and message communication.

Nagaad Umbrella Organization of Hargeisa

\$30,000

To organize two two-day national conferences for women politicians and the National Forum for Women in order to develop a unified agenda for women in the 2002 elections. Nagaad will also organize a three-day workshop to press for the inclusion of women in decision-making institutions, networking conferences for women politicians, and a grassroots voter-mobilization campaign.

Samo-Talis

\$26,068

To continue publishing its eight-page human rights newsletter and to print brochures, posters, and booklets to explain human rights, good governance, and civic responsibility. Samo-Talis will hold two three-day advocacy seminars on principles of good governance for public officials as well as civil society groups.

Sudan

Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies

\$29,200

To produce multiple publications targeting three main audiences: community-based organizations (CBOs) in suburban areas, female village leaders, and a broad group comprised of NGOs, university students, media, and political parties. The publications will focus on concepts of democracy and how it can be achieved in Sudan. The Association will also hold five training workshops on CBOs, democracy concepts, and "training of trainers."

Badya Center for Integrated Development Services

\$35,000

To continue its school program for street children, open a school for displaced girls, and hold a training workshop for adults on skills for conflict-resolution and human rights education. The Center will also produce three educational booklets, which will be distributed to elementary school children and others in the Nuba Mountains of South Kordofan State.

Centre for Documentation and Advocacy

\$24,000

To support the monthly publication of the *South Sudan Post*, the first and only independent magazine covering South Sudan.

Community Development Center

\$23,400

To educate internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Upper Nile State about their legal rights. The Center will conduct eight six-day workshops on human rights, IDPs, and Sudanese laws.

Environmentalists Society

\$30,000

To conduct five training courses in the Tawila locality, North Darfur, on constitutional rights and obligations linked to conflicts over natural resources and peace-building through activation of traditional rules and customs.



South Sudan Post, the only independent magazine in South Sudan, is published monthly by the Centre for Documentation and Advocacy.

Gender Center for Research and Training

\$25,000

To prepare a training manual and organize three five-day training workshops to encourage parties to include more women in their leadership and focus more on women's issues. The Center will also conduct two seminars on key issues regarding women and democracy in Sudan and will organize a dialogue between women political leaders and invited male political and civil society leaders.

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

To work with Sudanese women's organizations and international aid agencies to assess the cultural and practical challenges that women in southern Sudan face in becoming involved in community and leadership roles. IRI will then develop an outreach and training program in partnership with the Institute for the Promotion of Civil Society.

Justice Africa

\$18,100

To send ten women from Sudanese civil society organizations to participate in the first Sudanese National Women's Convention in Kampala, Uganda, in March of 2002.



A Kwoto Cultural Center staff member speaks to a roomful of Sudanese citizens during one of twelve lectures conducted by Kwoto this year on themes ranging from HIV/AIDS to conflict resolution.

Khartoum Center for Human Rights and Environmental Development

\$15,461

To hold trainings, workshops, and seminars on various aspects of human rights. The Center will conduct a media campaign promoting human rights, including full-page ads in English- and Arabic-language daily newspapers, information pamphlets and posters with human rights messages, and two studies. Funding will also be used to cover infrastructure costs.

Khartoum Monitor

\$20,000

To deliver and distribute 500 copies of the *Monitor*, Sudan's only English-language daily newspaper, to three southern cities, Wau, Malakal, and Bentiu, on a daily basis for six months. Funding will subsidize six weeks' worth of paper, allowing for the *Monitor* to be distributed free of charge for the initial period.

Kwoto Cultural Center

\$40,000

To hold forty theater performances throughout Sudan on themes such as war, displacement, immigration, peace and justice, human rights, HIV/AIDS, children in war-torn areas, diversity in cooperation, and conflict resolution. The center will also conduct twelve lectures on arts and culture, six seminars on traditional music, two workshops with painters and costume designers, and a festival for women and children.

Mutawinat Benevolent Co.

\$35,000

To continue offering legal aid to disadvantaged Sudanese women. Endowment funds will be used to cover court fees and the salaries of four Mutawinat lawyers. Mutawinat will hold at least two legal-awareness sessions in Omdurman Women's Prison and provide institutional support to three local offices and technical assistance to three additional offices. Mutawinat will also publish a quarterly newsletter and produce a series of posters to increase public awareness of women's rights.

Sudan Human Rights Association - Uganda

\$38,600

To continue monitoring and investigating refugee conditions and human rights abuses by conducting five field tours. After each field tour, the Association will produce a detailed report for dissemination to appropriate government representatives, international organizations, and other targeted groups. The organization will also produce four issues of its newsletter, *The Refugee Monitor*, and will continue to run a paralegal training program.

South Africa

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$500,000

To work with the Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC) to strengthen and professionalize the SATUCC secretariat; formulate an effective Regional Policy Initiative; develop an outreach program to affiliates; and conduct a union-to-union exchange program with U.S. and African counterpart organizations.

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

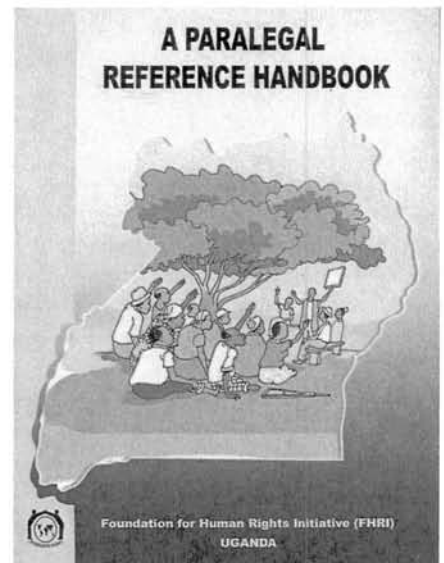
To support and educate local governments as they continue to develop strategies and coordinate their efforts regarding the growing AIDS epidemic. A crisis-management training program will be provided, with workshops to assist local councilors and community leaders in understanding their role in battling AIDS, to help municipalities develop a strategic local-level plan, and to improve coordination and communication between local governments, HIV/AIDS NGOs, and community-based organizations.

Uganda

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

\$42,020

To produce thematic reports on four important issues affecting human rights in Uganda: freedom of association, assembly, and expression; extrajudicial execution; conflict and conflict-management; and corruption. The Foundation will also organize a high-level conference on democratization and human rights for approximately seventy participants from the government, opposition parties, the human rights commission, the electoral commission, NGOs, religious organizations, and the military.



The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative seeks to empower the public in Uganda to seek redress for human rights violations. This handbook was designed to address the specific needs of rural Ugandans in dealing with these issues and has special emphasis on civic duties and responsibilities.

Lwo Development, Inc. (LDI)**\$32,000**

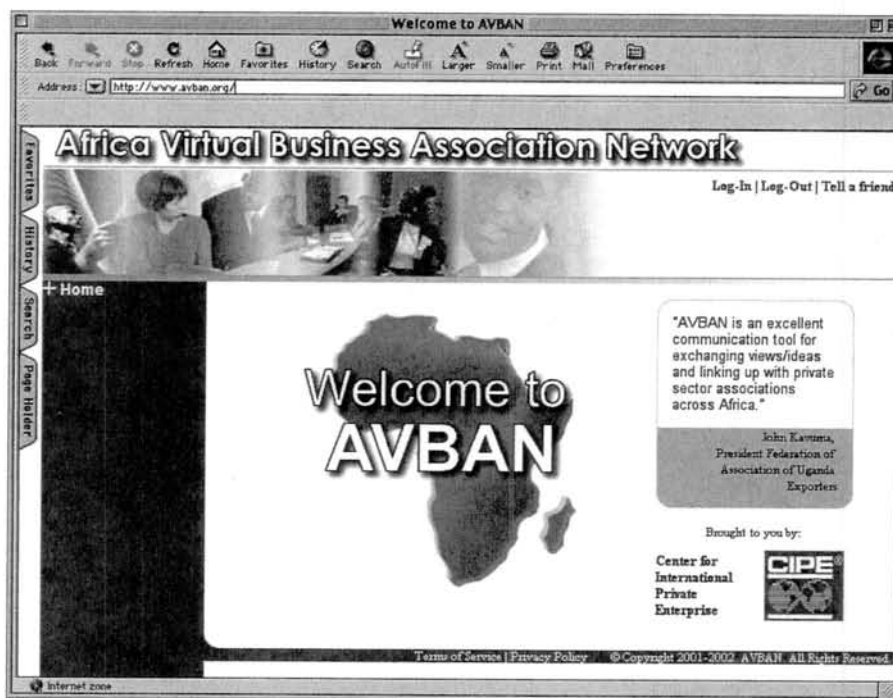
To conduct a baseline needs assessment in northern Uganda and to conduct a civil rights awareness program that will include production of leaflets, posters, magazine articles, and radio programs. Based on the assessment, LDI will conduct a series of training workshops on civil rights, a media-advocacy campaign highlighting the role of gender in peace-building, and a workshop on conflict resolution.

Central Africa Region**Panos Institute****\$25,000**

To conduct an analytical study on the regulatory framework for independent media in nine Central African countries and to distribute 1,000 copies of the study to concerned parties in each country. Local partner organizations will organize roundtable discussions on the study findings and will develop a local advocacy strategy. The Institute will organize a regional conference to bring together journalists from across the region to share experiences and devise strategies to expand the space for independent media.

East Africa**International Republican Institute****\$100,000**

To establish a regional program office in Nairobi, Kenya, in early 2002 for the East African Regional Democracy Support Program. Through this office, IRI will expand its current programming focused on improving the democratic process in Kenya, and will begin activities to support democratic efforts in Sudan.



The Africa Virtual Business Association Network, at www.avban.org, was created by the Center for International Private Enterprise to help African business associations exchange best practices. The site contains a searchable directory of African business associations as well as a section to help member associations establish their own Web sites.

Africa Regional**Center for International Private Enterprise****\$94,004**

To create the African Virtual Business Association Network, providing a means for African business associations to exchange best practices. Through this network, CIPE will promote information-sharing via e-mail, create a comprehensive searchable directory of African business associations, and develop a template that business associations can adapt to establish their own Web sites.

Center for International Private Enterprise**\$58,735**

To work with the Department of Agricultural Economics of Michigan State University to document the process of democratic decision-making in Mali in the 1990s. The program will directly assist similar efforts that are underway in Zambia and Mozambique, and will produce best-practices material relevant to most African countries undergoing similar democratic and economic transitions.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**\$260,000**

To co-organize, with a select group of African statesmen, an international forum on "Presidential Leadership and Democratization with Former African Heads of State" in Bamako, Mali. Participants will attend plenary and panel sessions on possible roles for former heads of state, and share experiences on lessons learned and possible new approaches to some of the challenges to democratization in Africa.

Asia

2002 NED Regional Highlights



Political violence and repression,

international and domestic responses to the war on terrorism, and political transitions dominated events throughout Asia in 2002.

Moreover, even in Asian countries that are nominally democratic, weak political party structures, poor governance, corruption, and economic mismanagement continued to pose major obstacles to the institutionalization of democracy throughout the region.

In East Asia, Hu Jintao, a member of China's "fourth generation" of leaders, assumed power during a time of growing internal turmoil, as tens of millions of unemployed Chinese seek jobs in a rapidly changing economic environment. On the Korean peninsula, hopes for a gradual opening by the North to the rest of the world were set back with the shocking October announcement of the North's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons.

In Southeast Asia, the war on terrorism opened up a second front: Filipino and American forces continued to hunt down Abu Sayyaf members on Mindanao, and Indonesia suffered the worst post-9/11 international terrorist attack when bombs tore through two busy nightclubs on the island of Bali, killing more

than 200 people. In Malaysia, Prime Minister Mahathir announced his retirement after twenty years in office, surprising the Malaysian political establishment and setting the stage for a new round of elections in 2003. And despite the release from house arrest of Nobel peace laureate and Burmese opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in May, Burma appeared to be no closer to a political settlement of its long-running troubles. Finally, in May 2002, after more than 450 years of colonial occupation and a torturous separation from Indonesia, East Timor became independent.

In the Subcontinent, India and Pakistan continued to engage in a game of nuclear brinkmanship, with over one million troops amassed along their common border. In Pakistan,

President Musharraf continued to position the country as an essential partner of the United States in the war on terrorism while simultaneously consolidating his political power through a highly manipulated political process that also saw religious parties claim their first significant electoral gains. India witnessed its worst communal violence since the early 1990s when over 2,000 Muslims lost their lives in a campaign to avenge the killing of fifty Hindu nationalist activists earlier in the year. Nepal plunged deeper into crisis as a Maoist uprising spread throughout the country, threatening the survival of the state itself. In one bright spot, a cease-fire agreement in Sri Lanka appears to have broken the cycle of violence on that island.

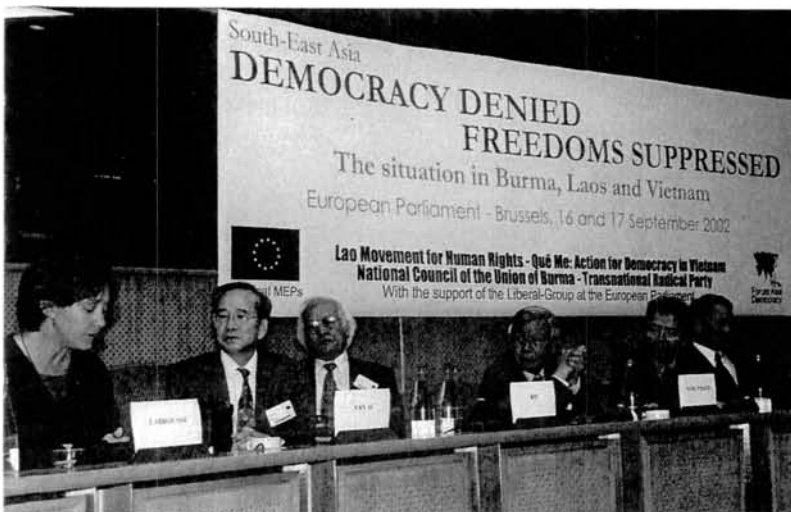
NED continued to concentrate its resources in Asia in the least democratic countries and for projects that addressed pressing and timely governance and political issues throughout the region. In East Asia, support for China and North Korea projects remained the Endowment's main priorities. In **China**, the Endowment supported programs designed to take advantage of openings inside the country as well as to increase the free flow of information, including intel-

lectual exchange, and to support Tibetan civic education and democracy projects. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) worked to foster discussion and the exchange of information on China's transition to a market economy, while the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) used NED funding to expand its project to aid workers affected by China's rapidly changing economic environment. In 2002, grants to the U.S.-based Foundation for China in the 21st Century and the International Campaign for Tibet supported dialogue between Han Chinese democrats and their ethnic-minority counterparts. In **North Korea**, where no space for programming exists inside the country, the Endowment supported efforts to raise international awareness of human rights conditions in the country.

In Southeast Asia, **Burma** remained NED's top priority. Primary areas of work included information and media, labor organizing, ethnic reconciliation, women's political participation, and human rights. With a NED grant, an organization of former political prisoners was able to document the condition of political prisoners in Burma and provide support for prisoners and

their families. In Malaysia, the International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted groundbreaking work in public opinion polling throughout the country. And the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) worked with political parties throughout Southeast and East Asia to strengthen the parties' internal anticorruption efforts.

In South Asia, the Endowment focused its efforts in **Pakistan** and on projects that addressed growing concerns in the region. A grant to Forum-Asia allowed it to send both long- and short-term observers from the Asian Network for Free Elections to monitor the October 2002 elections in Pakistan and to produce and disseminate reports on the elections. A grant to the **Sri Lanka**-based International Center for Ethnic Studies supported a South Asian minority rights project in response to a rise in communal violence in the region.



Description of 2002 Grants: Asia

Bangladesh

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$81,359

To support the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry's research and advocacy, designed to promote a more open economic environment.

Burma

A) Capacity and Institution Building

\$60,000*

To undertake a multifaceted legal research and education program to promote respect for human rights and the rule of law in Burma.

\$16,000

To support a capacity-building and leadership-training program for ethnic-nationality youth from Burma.

\$15,000

To support the third meeting of the Chin State Constitution Drafting Working Group and consultation with an international constitutional expert about the draft document.



Grantees producing an issue of the monthly *New Era Journal*, which seeks and prints a diversity of opinion and commentary from democracy activists living inside Burma and in exile.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION

\$80,000*

To distribute human rights and democracy materials inside Burma; to train party activists in effective techniques of non-violent political action; and to provide humanitarian support for party activists and others along the Thai-Burma border and inside Burma.

\$45,000

To be used towards core support and to support its national reconciliation and political solidarity program, which promotes unity among prodemocracy and ethnic forces in Burma; and to conduct basic political education training for grassroots activists from Burma.

International Republican Institute

\$200,000

To provide partial core funding and technical and strategic support for prodemocracy political organizations in exile and to increase cooperation with Burmese ethnic nationality groups.

International Republican Institute

\$260,000*

To provide specialized training to exiled Burmese political organizations and to provide support to prodemocracy organizations in exile that disseminate information in Burma about democracy and nonviolent political action.

B) Education and Outreach

\$15,000

To distribute material on human rights and democracy, monitor the human rights situation in Burma, and educate monks and Buddhist laypeople about the nonviolent struggle for democracy in Burma.

\$68,307*

To research, document, and publicize the treatment and status of political prisoners in Burma and to provide basic humanitarian assistance to political prisoners and their families in Burma.

\$380,000*

To support the implementation of the Burmese prodemocracy movement's comprehensive strategic plan aimed at creating a political environment in Burma that is conducive to dialogue between the National League for Democracy and the Burmese military junta.

\$40,000*

To conduct a series of leadership workshops for members; to hold capacity-building workshops for women along the Thai-Burma border; to publish a bimonthly Burmese-language newsletter; and to maintain three small reading rooms.

\$40,000*

To conduct an intensive training-of-trainers course; to implement human rights education and training courses for grassroots participants, including women and ethnic activists; to publish a Burmese-language human rights manual; and for core support.

\$50,000*

To support a Bangkok-based foreign affairs office to conduct diplomatic activities in Southeast and East Asia in order to build international support for the democracy movement in Burma.

\$10,000

To educate, train, and empower Burmese women in exile in India to take a more active role in the prodemocracy struggle and to promote women's rights in Burma and among the exile community.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$112,502

To provide technical assistance to Burma's elected democratic leadership for a campaign to build international support for democracy in Burma among parliamentarians, governments, and political-party leaders worldwide.

C) Humanitarian Assistance

\$10,000

To support training courses and workshops and to publish a bimonthly newsletter that highlights the plight of the internally displaced population.

\$40,000*

To be used towards core support for an umbrella organization comprised of representatives from major prodemocracy and ethnic organizations, to enable it to coordinate health and education programs for refugee populations in Thailand and India and ethnic populations inside Burma.

D) Information and Media**\$25,000***

To publish and distribute an English-language bimonthly newsletter on the human rights situation in western Burma and to organize a two-week capacity-building training for forty human rights activists.

\$160,000*

To support a twice-daily Burmese- and ethnic-language shortwave radio broadcast of independent news and opinion into Burma, and to strengthen the station's ethnic-language programming.

\$40,000*

To produce English-language human rights reports on conditions in southern Burma; to educate Mon inside Mon State about democracy and human rights; and to publish a bimonthly Mon-language newsletter and a monthly Mon-language newspaper for citizens in Mon State and for Mon refugees along the Thai-Burma border.

\$80,000*

To publish a monthly English-language news magazine providing independent news and information about Burma and events in Southeast Asia, and to maintain a Burmese- and English-language Web site.

\$12,000*

To publish a twenty-eight-page monthly trilingual newsletter that serves as an alternative news source for readers in Burma, in refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border, and in exile in Thailand.

\$140,000*

To publish and distribute inside Burma an independent monthly Burmese-language newspaper focusing on the struggle for human rights and democracy.

\$25,000

To write, edit, publish, and distribute a quadrilingual monthly journal focusing on eastern Burma.

Grantee in the Spotlight: Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights (NKnet)

Although security concerns in **North Korea** have recently received wide-spread international attention, many policymakers and international organizations continue to overlook the scale, scope, and political causes of the suffering of people living in this isolated nation. Moreover, there are few public discussions about what South Korea and other members of the international community can do to help pave the way for democratization in the North.

The Seoul-based Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights (NKnet) was formed in 1999 to raise awareness among South Koreans and the international community about North Korean democratization and human rights issues. A NED grantee since 2000, NKnet was founded by veterans of the pro-democracy campaign against military dictatorship in South Korea, some of whom served prison sentences for their activism. These individuals provide a unique and important perspective: all were once fiercely pro-socialist, convinced that the North represented a superior economic and political system. But dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and the food crisis in North Korea ultimately led them to reassess their self-described "mistaken view" and publicly denounce socialism as an unviable option.

With a staff of just four full-time employees, two part-time employees, and one part-time volunteer, NKnet manages not only to operate its Web site (in Korean and English) but also to pursue a number of initiatives such as public workshops and publication of a journal (monthly in Korean and quarterly in English and Japanese). The Web site, www.nknet.org, went live in October 2000 and already logs more visitors through South Korea's primary search engine than any other North

Korea-related NGO accessible through that engine. In addition, numerous reports first published in NKnet's journal, *Keys*, continue to be picked up by mainstream Korean media.

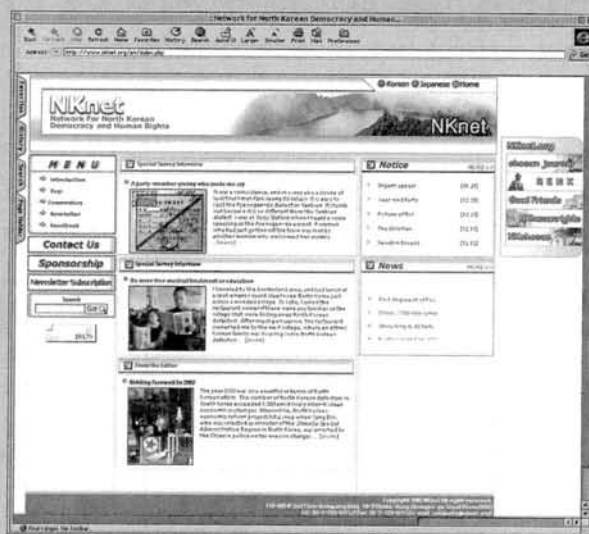
Supported by three consecutive years of NED funding, NKnet focuses its energy on informing local and international media outlets about

democratization and human rights issues in North Korea, educating South Koreans and the international community, promoting dialogue about current conditions in North Korea and prospects for its future, and building broad-based alliances among North Korean defectors, South Korean students, and local and international civic and human rights groups. Especially compelling are NKnet's interviews with North Korean refugees and North Korea experts, as well as its moderated online discussion forums addressing the prospects for democracy in North Korea.

This year, NKnet received a \$60,000 grant from NED, which was used not only to support its Web site and journal but also to conduct a series of workshops for North Korean refugees now living in South Korea. The workshops, aimed at easing the transition

for refugees and enabling them to become active citizens, also introduced the refugees to ways for them to participate in campaigns aimed at bringing human rights and democracy to their homeland.

"Because the situation is so bad and reliable information so difficult to collect," explains Brian Joseph, NED Program Officer for Asia, "it is all the more important for NED to support the few groups, like NKnet, who dare to take on the challenge of North Korea. Although the international community has only a limited picture of conditions in North Korea, what is known should leave no doubt that the horrendous human rights and human security situation in North Korea has no equal today."



族群青年領袖研習營

NOVEMBER, 7-10, 2002

W TON, Massachusetts, USA

A Tibetan monk addresses the third annual Interethnic Leadership Conference hosted by the Foundation for China in the 21st Century, a think tank that promotes constitutional democracy in China. Funded by NED, the conference sought to counter the threat to China's democratic future posed by tensions in an ethnically fractured populace. Participants included Tibetan, Han Chinese, Mongolian, Uyghur, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao civic activists.

\$12,000*

To publish and distribute two monthly human rights newsletters—one in English and one in an ethnic language—for the international community and for audiences in Burma and in exile in Thailand.

\$10,000

To conduct women's empowerment and capacity-building workshops for displaced women; to document and report on the situation of women in eastern Burma; and to provide basic social services for displaced women in Thailand and inside Burma.

\$30,000*

To conduct a series of women's rights and empowerment training workshops in Thailand and India for Burmese women of various ethnic groups.

Cambodia

Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee

\$22,035

To be used towards partial core support for the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee, a coalition of Cambodia's leading human rights groups, to coordinate investigations, legal assistance, advocacy, and meetings with government officials regarding significant human rights cases and issues.

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

1999 REPROGRAMMED

To support a training program for democratic political parties focused on involving newly identified activists in party-building activities, strengthening party communications, and increasing internal party democracy.

China

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$198,063

To assist democratic unions and labor rights organizations in Hong Kong that are working to protect worker and union rights in the South China region.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$57,202

To provide support to China Labor Watch for its bilingual Web site that serves as a basic information clearing-house for activists and scholars involved with labor issues in China.

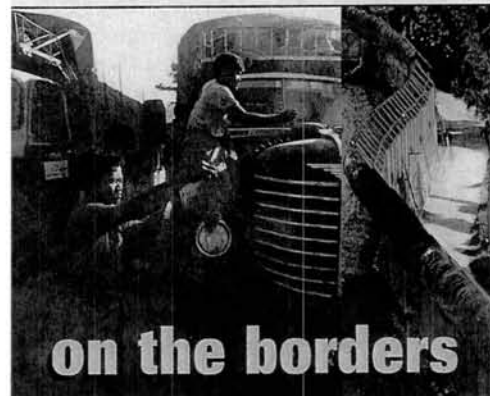
American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$60,517

To support the Wei Jingsheng Foundation's establishment of a center for the collection and dissemination of information relating to workers' rights in China.

CHINA RIGHTS 人與人權 FORUM

THE JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA No.3, 2002 US\$5.00



China Rights Forum is a quarterly English-language journal about the human rights situation in China, published by NED grantee Human Rights in China.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$180,480

To enable labor-rights organizations to educate workers in China about worker and trade-union rights, labor standards, and democracy issues, and to gather, analyze, and disseminate information on industrial relations and the status of trade-union rights in China.

Beijing Spring Magazine

\$60,000*

To publish the monthly Chinese-language magazine *Beijing Spring*, which carries analysis and commentary by authors inside and outside China regarding political developments, social issues, and the prospects for democratization in China.

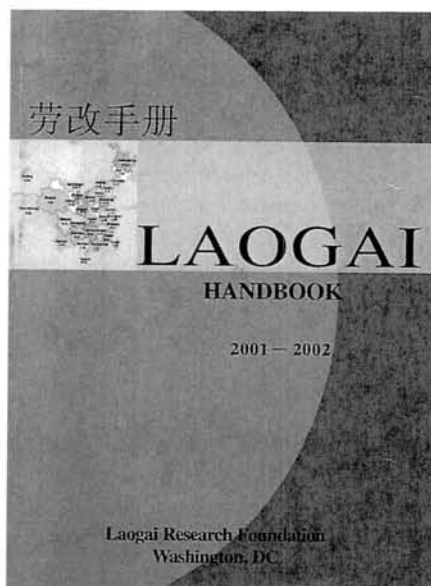
Center for International Private Enterprise

\$92,936

To support the National Economic Research Institute in conducting a series of workshops to publicize the Institute's study on economic freedom in China and to promote public understanding of the link between economic freedom and economic development.



The Laogai Research Foundation spreads public awareness about China's forced-labor prison camps, called *laogai*. The book on the left is a memoir of a *laogai* survivor. The book on the right documents over 1,200 past and present *laogai*, including enterprise names, locations, populations, and, if known, the products produced in each camp.



Center for International Private Enterprise
\$97,573

To support the China Center for Economic Research in expanding an electronic economics-information network and facilitating greater exchange of reform-oriented ideas and proposals among Chinese economists.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$49,683

To support the Unirule Institute of Economics in conducting biweekly symposia on issues related to China's transition to a market economy, and in reproducing and distributing symposium papers.

Center for Modern China
\$115,000*

To publish *Modern China Studies*, a quarterly Chinese-language journal of economic and social-science research concerning liberal, democratic solutions to contemporary policy questions in China.

China Information Center
\$400,000*

To establish and maintain a Chinese-language Web site that features independent news and analyses of world events and domestic Chinese developments mainland and overseas Chinese.

Democratic China Magazine
\$100,000

To publish its monthly Chinese-language Internet magazine on politics, society, and culture, promoting democracy and pluralism in China.

Foundation for China in the 21st Century
\$160,000*

To carry out a multifaceted program of research, publications, and seminars on questions of interethnic relations, education, and democracy in China.

Human Rights in China
\$300,000

To be used towards core support for its program of human rights information-gathering, reporting, publicity, and advocacy; to support victims of political persecution; and for the production and circulation of materials informing Chinese citizens about their rights.

International Republican Institute
\$400,000

To support electoral reform at the village level, promotion and development of legal-aid programs at the national and provincial levels, legislative and public-policy-implementation reform at the national level, and a project to promote the broadening of Chinese elections.

Laogai Research Foundation
\$261,000*

To conduct an extensive research and publication program on the Chinese forced-labor prison camps (*laogai*) and to investigate and document other human rights violations occurring in China.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$205,076

To organize resources and activities, in partnership with the Center for the Study of People's Congress and Foreign Legislatures at Peking University Law School, in order to educate Chinese legislative members and staff, researchers, and students about democratic legislative norms and processes; and to provide materials, direct technical assistance, and other resources to Hong Kong organizations advocating for democratic reform in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Press Freedom Guardian Newspaper
\$88,000*

To publish its Chinese-language newspaper, which covers issues related to human rights, democratization, and the activities of the Chinese democracy movement and which is disseminated in China and abroad through print copies, e-mail subscriptions, and a Web site.

China (Hong Kong)

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor
\$51,000

To carry out human rights reporting, casework, campaigning, and public education, drawing local and international public attention to areas of Hong Kong law and practice that fail to safeguard human rights.

China (Tibet)

International Campaign for Tibet
\$30,000

To support a program of meetings and publications designed to improve communication between Tibetans and Chinese concerning a democratic future for Tibet and China.

Tibet Information Network**\$80,000***

To disseminate independent news analysis and reporting on Tibet.

Tibet Justice Center**\$37,618***

To organize a series of workshops, publish a Tibetan-language booklet, and develop a training manual to facilitate discussions about autonomy and other self-governing arrangements for a future democratic Tibet.

Tibetan Literary Society**\$25,000***

To publish and distribute throughout Tibetan exile communities and within Tibet *Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab (Tibet Times)*, a Tibetan-language newspaper published three times per month.

Tibetan Multimedia Center**\$30,000**

To disseminate news and information about the struggle for a democratic Tibet to audiences inside Tibet and China and to Chinese democrats throughout the world, Tibetans in exile, and the Indian public.

Tibetan Review Trust Society**\$20,000**

To publish and distribute *Tibetan Review*, a monthly English-language news magazine.

Tibetan Youth Congress**\$15,000***

To organize and implement an intensive leadership-training course for Tibetan college students in India, facilitating their involvement in the political struggle for democracy and human rights in Tibet.

Voice of Tibet**\$15,000***

To support an independent, Tibetan-language, shortwave radio station providing regular news about Tibet, the Tibetan exile community, and the Tibetan government-in-exile, for listeners in Tibet and in exile in neighboring countries.

Indonesia**Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence (KontraS)****\$12,000**

To replace equipment destroyed during a politically motivated attack on the KontraS office. KontraS works to monitor, document, and report on the human rights situation in Indonesia.

Malaysia**Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia)****\$60,500**

To support human rights awareness programs and advocacy campaigns aimed at strengthening human rights protections in Malaysia.

International Republican Institute**\$25,000**

To develop a pilot program for public-opinion polling in Malaysia.

International Republican Institute**\$126,254**

To conduct public-opinion polling and to organize training workshops for political parties on the use of polling data for voter outreach and message development.

Mongolia**Liberal Emegteichuudiin Oyuny San (LEOS)****\$34,000**

To be used towards core funding for LEOS, one of Mongolia's leading women's NGOs, and to support its programs fostering democratic education, the development of civil society, and the participation of women in public life.

North Korea**Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights****\$151,865***

To support research into human rights abuses and prison-camp operations in North Korea, and to support the Citizens' Alliance's campaign to bring North Korean human rights issues to the attention of South Koreans and the international community.



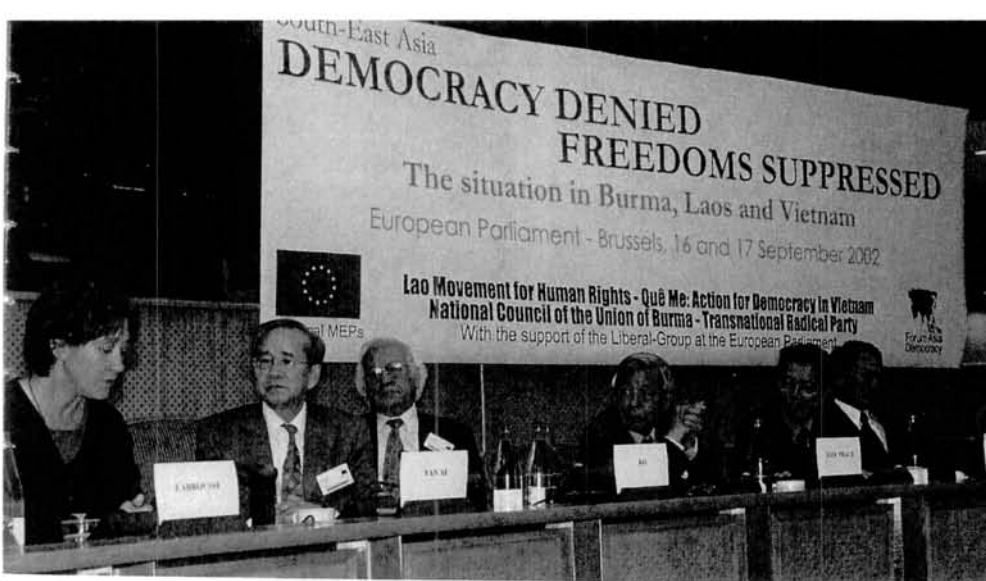
The quarterly journal of the Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights, *Keys*, includes commentaries, interviews, articles written by experts on North Korea, testimony from North Korean defectors, and letters from readers. Published in three languages, the journal addresses democratization and human rights issues in North Korea.

Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights**\$60,000***

To maintain Korean- and English-language versions of its Web site; to conduct a series of workshops for South Korean college students on North Korean human rights; and to publish a Korean-language monthly bulletin and a Japanese- and English-language quarterly, drawing international attention to the issues of democratization and human rights in North Korea.

Pakistan**American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$165,188**

To support the programs of Labor Watch Network and the Society for Protection of the Rights of the Child for a female workers' rights project carried out by Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid and to support the All Pakistan Federation of Labor's education project for local labor leaders.



The Association for Vietnamese Overseas co-organized a mid-September conference at the European Parliament in Brussels to address the situation in Burma, Laos, and Vietnam. Participants included members of the Burmese government-in-exile, journalists, and a wide range of regional experts and activists.

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia)

\$61,000

To support the Asian Network for Free Elections in monitoring the October 2002 parliamentary elections in Pakistan by organizing both short- and long-term observer delegations.

Sri Lanka

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$74,840

To promote women's rights, legal aid, conflict resolution, and trade-union advocacy.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$71,101

To provide the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka with support for research and advocacy designed to promote a more open economic environment.

Vietnam

Association for Vietnamese Overseas: Culture and Liaison

\$70,000

To publish *Que Me*, a bimonthly Vietnamese-language magazine that provides uncensored news and promotes democratic values, and to raise awareness of human rights abuses in Vietnam.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$41,230

To support the production of the Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City's radio and television broadcasts through which private-business owners can learn about and speak out on policy issues that affect private enterprise in Vietnam.

Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$522,316

To broaden the civic participation of workers in Thailand by promoting labor-law reform and enhancing worker participation in the political process; to conduct a research and capacity-building project for ethnic-nationality groups in Southeast Asia and to conduct a series of seminars for local union leaders in Malaysia on democratic rights.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$425,033*

To work from its Washington, DC, office to support the program of the independent labor movement in exile to educate workers and other citizens, both exiled and inside Burma, about labor rights and democracy, and to document violations of internationally recognized labor rights.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$289,729

To strengthen the rule of law in five countries in the region by conducting labor-law research, promoting dialogue, and furnishing technical support to concerned legal activists, scholars, community groups, and NGOs.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$94,738

To support the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility in initiating discussions in Indonesia and the Philippines among provincial media, business, and local government about freedom-of-information issues, particularly those relating to anticorruption efforts and governmental transparency.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$138,151

To support the Association of Development Finance Institutions in Asia and the Pacific in increasing awareness of international corporate-governance standards among development-finance institutions and recommending reforms advancing market forces rather than government influence in lending and investment in the region.

International Center for Ethnic Studies

\$50,000

To design and implement a South Asian regional human rights training program to strengthen civil society organizations that focus on the promotion and protection of minority rights.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$232,656

To support the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats in providing technical assistance and support materials to political parties implementing internal anticorruption reform measures, and in assisting parties with conducting constituent-outreach activities and fostering greater public involvement in the development of the parties' anticorruption efforts.

Central and Eastern Europe

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2002 NED Regional Highlights

NED's focus in Central and Eastern Europe was primarily on the countries of the Balkans, where instability, interethnic tension, and dismal economic growth persisted more than a year after the fall of Slobodan Milosevic despite the presence of 65,000 NATO troops and hundreds of international aid organizations. Signs of stabilization did begin to appear, but weak institutions, political extremism, corruption, and unresolved national questions impeded efforts in Balkan countries to reform their hitherto undemocratic political systems and moribund economies. Increasing voter apathy, as seen in the invalid presidential elections in Serbia and Montenegro, demonstrated that the region was far from developing genuine participatory political processes. There were, however, some successes in the region. In September, Slovakia held free and fair parliamentary elections, which resulted in a pro-reform coalition being elected and played a crucial part in Slovakia being invited to join NATO and the EU.

NED's multifaceted direct grants program to the Balkans was augmented by a special grant from the U.S. Department of State in 2002. NED continued to support programs to strengthen the non-governmental sector in Balkan countries, such as **Albania** and **Macedonia**, where there is a weak civil society and serious need for development of independent media, accountability of elected officials, increased transparency in the political process, and the promotion of eco-

nomie reform and workers' rights. Greater emphasis was placed on programs that promote civic involvement in political processes and local governance, and that develop civic institutions to monitor and, where necessary, assist reformist governments. NED funding also encouraged greater cross-border cooperation between civic organizations throughout the region, and between Balkan democracy activists and their colleagues in Central Europe.

The republics of the former Yugoslavia—particularly Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo—continued to be a high priority for NED. In

Serbia, Radio Television B92 used a 2001 NED grant to produce documentaries that, in one case, led directly to the arrest of key perpetrators of war crimes. With NED support, the Prague-based People in Need Foundation continued operating **Kosovo's** only independent journalism school. And in **Bosnia**, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) used Endowment funds to help local unions defend workers' legal rights, educate members about their rights, and expand outreach to young workers.

Though tensions between the ethnic-Albanian minority and the Macedonian majority waned during 2002 following the signing of an internationally brokered peace agreement,

Macedonia remained a fragile state wracked by interethnic tensions. The Association for Democratic Initiatives received Endowment funding to conduct a comprehensive monitoring and advocacy program to ensure that state institutions implement the minority rights provisions contained in the peace agreement. NED also assisted struggling independent media that report objectively on interethnic and political issues. *Medienhilfe Ex-Jugoslawien*, a Switzerland-based media development organization, used NED

funding to provide emergency support to independent electronic media committed to multiethnic coexistence.

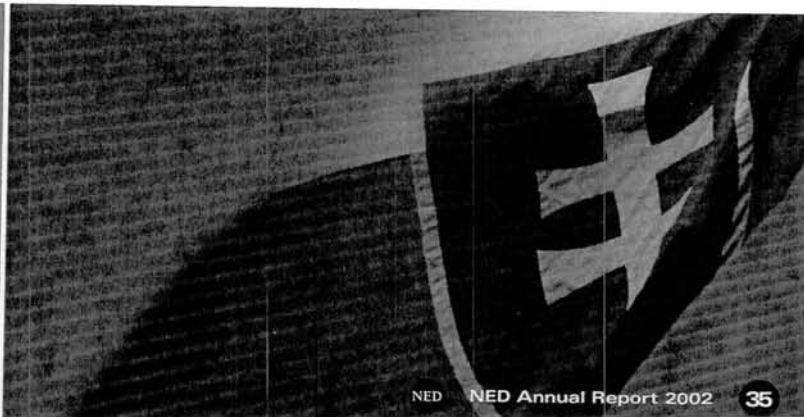
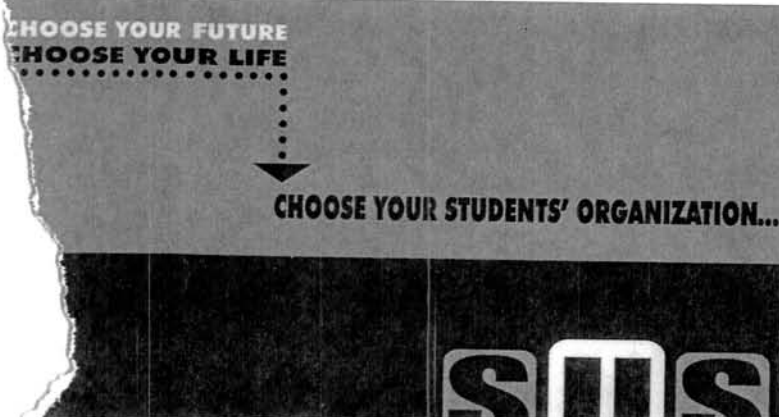
Despite the general pro-reform direction of the governments in **Bulgaria** and **Romania**, and NATO's membership invitations to these countries, their highly centralized political systems continued to limit citizens' input, and their economies remained largely unreformed. NED responded by supporting organizations like Community Foundation-Sibiu, which conducted a program to increase citizens' involvement in decision-making processes regarding allocation of municipal budgets, thereby encouraging transparency of city governments. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) used NED funding to work with the Centre for Social Practices, a think tank based in Bulgaria, to identify and reduce institutional barriers that drive entrepreneurs into the "gray" economy—barriers such as high taxes and licensing fees, limited access to credit, and lack of governmental transparency.

NED increased funding to democratic groups in **Albania**, where reform efforts remain hobbled by weak state institutions, an underdeveloped civil society, and a deeply divided political landscape.

NED funding also helped key independent policy institutes throughout

the Balkans to develop a concrete long-term democratization strategy for the entire region.

NED grantees played a major role in informing citizens, boosting voter turnout, and monitoring the fairness of the September parliamentary election in **Slovakia**. With NED support, the International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted over thirty-five public opinion polls and focus groups on election-related topics, providing data to political parties, NGOs, and the media. The National Democratic Institute (NDI) for International Affairs used NED support to oversee training that targeted young party members, women, and Roma; three participants of its "Youth in Politics" program were elected to Parliament. The Pontis Foundation organized a coalition of thirty NGOs in twenty cities to turn out young voters and produced more than 200,000 "Rock-the-Vote"-type leaflets, posters, stickers, postcards, and T-shirts, which it distributed at concerts and other youth-related events. Other NED grantees in Slovakia, such as Civic Eye, SKOI, and Presov Civic Forum, focused their nonpartisan get-out-the-vote programs on the country's regions. MEMO 98 concentrated on the role of media in covering elections, organized regional public debates on media and elections, and monitored and reported on the fairness of Slovakia's leading media in election coverage.



Description of 2002 Grants: Central and Eastern Europe

Albania

Albanian Institute for International Studies
\$39,370*

To conduct a research and advocacy program aimed at improving the accountability and transparency of Albanian local governments through increased citizen involvement in community decision-making processes. The program will produce a policy paper identifying the main obstacles that communities face in improving local-level democratic structures and practices, as well as recommendations for overcoming those obstacles.

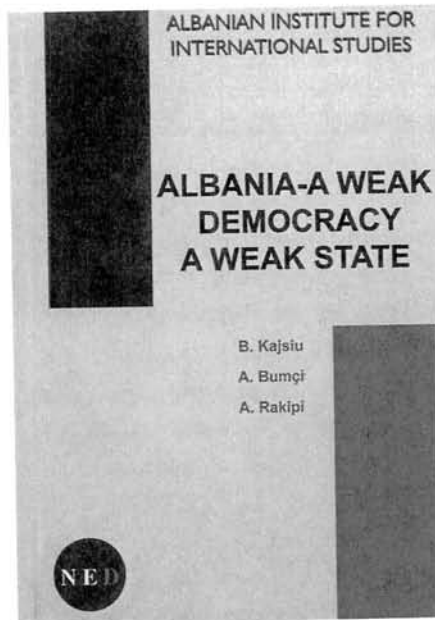
Albanian Study Center on Parliamentary and Democratic Practices
\$45,000*

To continue publishing its journal, the *Review of Parliamentary Law and Politics*, which documents and analyzes the work of the National



Review on Parliamentary Law and Legal Politics, a book published by the Albanian Study Center on Parliamentary and Democratic Practices, analyzes the work of the Albanian National Assembly. The journal is presented in both Albanian and English.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION



This English- and Albanian-language book published by the Albanian Institute for International Studies examines major issues hindering Albania's democratization, including its communist legacy, weak institutions, and history of fraudulent elections.

Assembly. The journal is published eight times per year and is distributed to key government officials, political party headquarters, and nongovernmental and international organizations.

Institute for Democracy and Mediation
\$75,000*

To continue a program of roundtable discussions in key municipalities and at a national conference, aimed at increasing the levels of trust between citizens and law-enforcement officials. Also, in an effort to improve the transparency, accountability, and efficiency of Albania's law-enforcement agencies and encourage public debate on local-level policing problems, the Institute will work with the Ministry of Public Order, the Ministry of Local Government, members of parliament, and local police departments to establish Police-Community Consultative Groups in towns throughout Albania.

"Women in Development" Association
\$34,210*

To produce and televise eight one-hour panel discussions about challenges that face Albanian women in key areas, including health care, education, housing, and the environment. Panelists will also discuss how women can involve themselves in local-level decision-making processes in order to confront these challenges.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Alternativna Televizija
\$45,750*

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to viewers in the Serb Republic and to produce twenty-five investigative documentaries addressing community concerns in the Serb Republic.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$130,213

To implement a program to help unions in Bosnia-Herzegovina better defend workers' rights, educate union members about their rights, and expand outreach to young workers. ACILS will fund the salary of a legal-network coordinator from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and the consulting fee of a Brcko Legal Advice Center attorney. ACILS will also conduct four seminars on advocacy in labor-law reform and three seminars on the role of youth in democratic unions and civil society.

Center for Civic Cooperation - Livno
\$23,400*

To continue to promote interethnic reconciliation between Muslims and Croats in the western Herzegovina region of Bosnia. The Center will provide local citizens with training in conflict prevention, dispute mediation, responsible journalism, micro-enterprise development, and local public administration.

Centers for Civic Initiatives (CCI)
\$90,000*

To monitor Bosnia-Herzegovina's October 2002 nationwide elections, in cooperation with a coalition of 200 NGOs from the Serb Republic and the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina. CCI and the coalition will recruit and train 200 mobile monitors who, in turn, will recruit, train, and deploy 5,400 volunteers to monitor approximately 2,600 polling stations throughout the country.

Helsinki Citizens Assembly (HCA) - Tuzla
\$26,485*

To continue promoting development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening nascent youth organizations at the grassroots level. The HCA will hold a series of debates, seminars,

and issue-based campaigns aimed at increasing cooperation and communication between youth groups and local government officials. It will also encourage Bosnian youth in two regions to conduct their own campaigns to address critical issues facing youth at the local level.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Republika Srpska
\$49,160*

To continue monitoring the human rights situation in the Serb Republic, to report human rights abuses to local residents and the international community using print and electronic media, and to educate Serb Republic residents about their basic human rights.

Independent Radio Studio "N"
\$37,480*

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to the populace of the western Herzegovina region of Bosnia. Funding will be applied towards staff salaries, basic infrastructure expenses, and the purchase of a more powerful transmitter, which will significantly increase the station's range.

Tuzla Human Rights Office
\$40,600*

To work with the Bijeljina Human Rights Office to provide human rights resource centers, where citizens of the Serb Republic and the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina can learn about international standards for human rights and seek assistance in countering human rights abuses. The two offices will also monitor Bosnia's October 2002 elections, work to encourage citizen participation in the elections, and work to ensure that new legislation protects basic human and civil rights.

Bulgaria

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$67,062

To aid the Centre for Social Practices (CSP) in organizing and coordinating a stakeholder group that will examine a previous CSP/CIPE project, determine three priority issues implicit in that project's results, and develop an action plan to tackle the informal economy and produce shared solutions. After agreeing upon solutions, the stakeholders will

undertake activities—such as issue-advocacy campaigns, institutional pressure, and media outreach—to ensure action on the part of relevant policy-makers and business leaders.

Media Development Center
\$34,986*

To hold a series of intensive training seminars for ninety journalists. The seminars will be designed to equip reporters, editors, and managers in local media with the training they need in order to address the challenges of their demanding profession, particularly in the area of investigative journalism.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$195,585

To strengthen the parliamentary caucuses' ability to reach out to the electorate in Bulgaria through a program that will work with a core group of members from each parliamentary party caucus to determine priority issues requiring greater citizen outreach; provide technical assistance to caucus working groups for outreach to civic organizations in core areas; and conduct an evaluation session to review work-to-date and recommend subsequent steps towards building and sustaining better government-citizen communication.

Tolerance and Mutual Aid Foundation
\$24,820*

To continue a leadership-training project for young Roma throughout Bulgaria by establishing regional Roma contact groups to act as liaisons between local-government officials and the Roma community.

Croatia

Citizens Organized to Monitor Elections (GONG)
\$50,000*

To continue the "I Vote for the First Time" program, which informs Croatian high school students about their role as citizens in a democracy and about the importance of participating in elections. The program will be conducted in twenty-one Croatian counties and will reach up to 200 high schools and 15,000 students.

Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
\$45,000*

To improve journalistic practices in Croatia by conducting a media-monitoring project, which will include publication of a quarterly bulletin containing analyses and examples of news distortion. The Committee will also carry out an advocacy campaign to defend individuals and groups against abuses and violations of journalistic ethics committed by main media outlets.

Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina

STINA Press Agency
\$23,000*

To maintain STINA's information-gathering capacity in Bosnia-Herzegovina by supporting its strong network of correspondents in the region of western Herzegovina and throughout the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. STINA will endeavor to break the information monopoly of the ruling nationalist parties and ensure the free flow of independent news and opinion in the region.

Kosovo

Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms
\$45,000

To maintain the operations of its Prishtina-based headquarters, monitor the human rights and minority rights situation in the province, and disseminate information on human rights abuses to the international community. The Council will also strengthen its network of seven branch offices, electronically publish periodic informational bulletins, and organize human rights lectures and workshops for local activists.

Radio TV 21
\$75,000*

To pay the salaries of the station's producers, journalists, presenters, technicians, and stringers so that it can continue to provide its listeners with timely and objective political, cultural, and economic news.

Zeri I Dites (The Daily Voice)

\$22,000*

To purchase newsprint so that the newspaper can continue to regularly publish timely and objective political, cultural, and economic news.

Macedonia

Association for Democratic Initiatives

\$45,000*

To conduct a comprehensive monitoring and advocacy program aimed at ensuring implementation of the minority rights provisions set forth in Macedonia's Framework Agreement. The Association's monitoring and information-gathering network will organize a series of roundtable discussions involving local government officials, party representatives, NGO representatives, ethnic minority leaders, and ordinary citizens, to encourage proper implementation of the Agreement at the municipal level. The Association will publish monthly assessment reports based on the information gathered in this process.

Medienhilfe Ex-Jugoslawien

\$83,200*

To ensure the survival of objective media in Macedonia by partially covering the basic operating costs of four independent electronic media in the republic for a six-month period, and to cover the administrative costs of implementing this project.

Montenegro

Association of Young Journalists

\$38,000*

To improve journalistic practices in Montenegro by conducting a media-monitoring project, including publication of monthly reports containing examples of political bias in the media. The program aims to increase the professionalism and objectivity of Montenegro's journalists, and reduce the level of distortion and manipulation in the republic's media.

Center for Democracy and Human Rights

\$40,000*

To monitor and analyze developments in Serbia-Montenegro relations, the independent media in Montenegro, and the different types of laws pro-

posed and passed by parliament. Based on its analyses, the Center will publish quarterly reports with policy recommendations.

Center for Development of Nongovernmental Organizations

\$39,220*

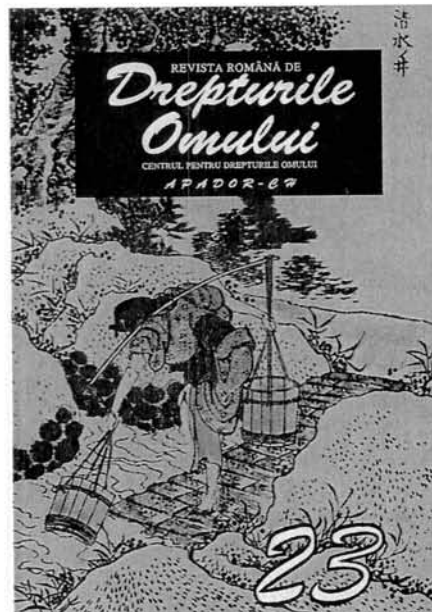
To continue a program of strengthening civic groups in Montenegro by improving leadership, organizational, managerial, and fundraising skills in the NGO sector. Also, the Center will organize a series of intensive seminars for young people, to encourage them to get involved in NGO activities and to train them in the basics of NGO management. Finally, the Center will maintain and expand the only comprehensive NGO database in Montenegro.

Romania

Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Romania - The Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH)

\$50,892*

To encourage political leaders to create a legislative framework that respects civil liberties. In addition, APADOR-CH will provide legal advice to victims of human rights abuses, monitor and document human rights violations, and educate citizens on legal standards for the protection of human rights.



As part of its comprehensive program to address the human rights violations in Romania, APADOR-CH published this book titled simply *Human Rights*.

Center for Independent Journalism

\$29,130*

To provide reporters, editors, and managers in local media with the journalism education essential to raising the professional competence of independent news organizations in Romania. The program will consist of an intensive series of training seminars led by four of Romania's most prominent journalists.

Community Foundation Sibiu

\$44,559*

To establish local working groups and conduct a series of town hall meetings aimed at increasing citizens' involvement in local decision-making processes concerning allocation of municipal budgets. This project will focus on three towns in Romania's Transylvania region—Sibiu, Brasov, and Focsani—and will be a cooperative effort with the Pro-Democracy Association in Brasov and the Association for Community Partnership in Focsani.

Foundation for Pluralism

\$48,975*

To organize a "School for Young Political Leaders" program, which will prepare young people to take more active roles in developing Romania's nascent democracy. This series of rigorous training seminars will be attended by eighty-four young political leaders, selected from the local youth branches of political parties, from municipal councils, and from the local staffs of parliament members.

Serbia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$124,820

To work with the trade union UGS Nezavisnost to strengthen understanding, consensus, and active participation of union members in the social dialogue and reform process; to enhance UGS Nezavisnost's ability to service, educate, and represent its expanding membership; and to help UGS Nezavisnost achieve full financial sustainability.

BETA News Agency
\$54,000*

To cover the subscription costs of its service for six struggling independent radio stations in the Bosnian Serb Republic and the Local Press Association of Serbia. By providing its service to these stations free of charge, BETA will help them to survive in an extremely difficult political and economic environment.

Center for Anti-War Action
\$28,944*

To expand the impact of its existing network of regional centers by continuing to develop the organizational capabilities of its regional center in Cacak and by establishing a sixth regional center in Novi Pazar. The core activities of these two centers will be town meetings and educational seminars.

Center for Interethnic Reconciliation, School for Investigative Journalism
\$73,600*

To provide 300 young reporters, editors, and managers in local media with the journalism education essential to addressing the challenges of their demanding profession. The program will consist of a three-month series of intensive training seminars that will focus on principles of professional journalism, basics of media management, and media technology.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia
\$45,000*

To continue the operation of its Legal Aid Office in Belgrade. The office is a place where individuals can report human rights abuses and seek assistance in countering these violations. Also, the Committee will launch a program to monitor the drafting

and enforcement of laws that affect citizens' basic civil rights in order to ensure that Serbian governmental institutions are in compliance with international standards of human rights.

Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe
\$62,075*

To assist the Student Union of Serbia (SUS) in boosting student involvement in Serbia's general reform efforts by increasing the Union's capacity to represent the interests of students enrolled in Serbia's four main universities. SUS will establish new chapters, conduct a national membership drive, organize a campaign for university reform, publish informational materials representing student interests, and train student leaders in organizational and leadership skills.

Grantee in the Spotlight: Radio Television B92

It was 1989, an historic time of collapsing communism and rising democracy in Europe, when a small student-run radio station called B92 took to the airwaves and turned Belgrade, the capital of **Serbia**, on its ear. Offering a heady brew of rock music, raw commentary, and independent journalism, the popular station was an anomaly. Its young staffers dove headlong into issues underlying Slobodan Milosevic's rise to power in Yugoslavia and the violent trail of his campaign for Serbian nationalism. They were repaid with multiple shut-downs and arrests, but they endured, sometimes operating from scattered locations throughout Belgrade, other times by broadcasting via satellite to outside stations as a backdoor for broadcasting back in.

"We managed to found B92 subversively, during the reign of a one-party ruling system," says Veran Matic, the station's co-founder, "and we still stick to the aim that we established back then: promotion of all the aspects of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

NED began supporting this most listened-to station in Belgrade in 1991. Since then, B92 has grown to include a television station, Web site, publishing department, music label, concert agency, and cultural center. "When we linked this 'B92 cultural network' with a 'network of local radio and TV stations' and with the network of NGOs," says Matic, "we established a very strong network which functioned very efficiently, even under the authoritarian rule of Slobodan Milosevic. This model of networking proved really efficient, and nowadays serves as an inspiring example for other countries facing similar situations as Yugoslavia went through during Milosevic's reign."

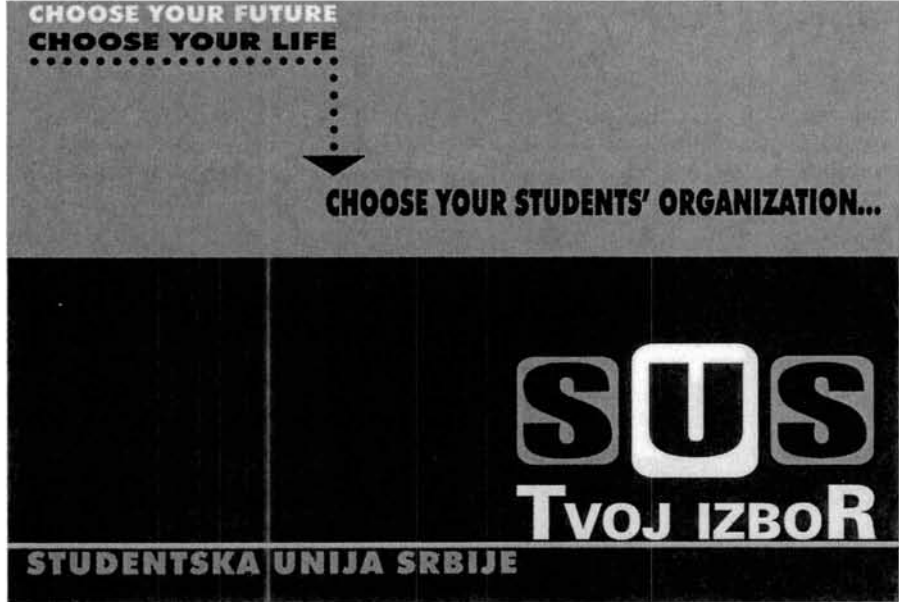
Having been fed state propaganda for more than a decade, many Serbs are just beginning to comprehend the scope of crimes committed by their former leaders, especially those committed against Albanians, Croats, and Bosnians. Matic had his mind on this situation even as NATO's bombing campaign in the former Yugoslavia was still raging. "I was aware back then that the fall of the regime of Slobodan Milosevic is close, and thus before it falls apart, we must start a wider process directed at healing the society," he says. Since Milosevic's demise, B92



has launched numerous initiatives focused on war crimes, such as a weekly radio program on guilt and responsibility, publication of books comparing European nations' treatment of war crimes after WWII, and creation of a war-crimes archive in Belgrade.

During 2002, thirty-six independent radio and TV stations in Serbia and Montenegro aired the first of two documentaries produced by B92 with a \$100,000 grant from NED (awarded in 2001). The documentary, which exposed a paramilitary group's abduction of sixteen Muslim civilians from a commuter bus, was created partly with the help of a lone Muslim survivor. Matic says the survivor, just thirteen years old when the crime occurred, was spared because the abductors believed him to be Serbian. B92 convinced the survivor to provide testimony, which was forwarded along with other documentary materials—including incriminating photos located with the aid of a B92 source—to a prosecutor. Within days of the documentary's broadcast, public pressure helped lead to the arrest of one of the key perpetrators. A second perpetrator, already imprisoned for a separate offense, was later identified.

"Investigative journalism is a most expensive job," says Matic. "It is thus very hard to realize such projects in Serbia through commercial efforts. That is why the role of donors is so important for those who understand the significance of such projects, who realize that a country in a post-conflict period does not need only economic aid, but also spiritual assistance. NED was among the first to recognize this parallel need as a logical sequence of aid that it offered to independent media during Milosevic's regime."



Materials such as this postcard reached university students across Serbia as part of a comprehensive campaign conducted by the Student Union of Serbia, with the support of the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe, to bolster student participation in general reform efforts.

Otpor (Resistance)
\$228,000*

To maintain the operations of its headquarters in Belgrade and of forty *Otpor* branch offices in towns and cities throughout the country. The grant will cover basic infrastructure costs and will enable *Otpor* to maintain its network of supporters throughout Serbia and carry out activities planned for the coming year.

Slovakia

Association Obcianske Oko (Civic Eye)
\$26,900

To support a youth education and mobilization program for Slovakia's September 2002 parliamentary elections. The program will be a multifaceted effort incorporating youth roundtables, get-out-the-vote materials, an election Web site, and a voter newsletter.

Association of Regional Press Publishers
\$30,000

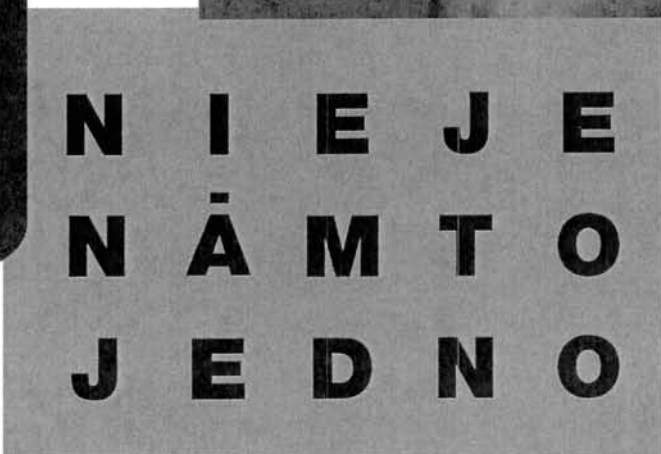
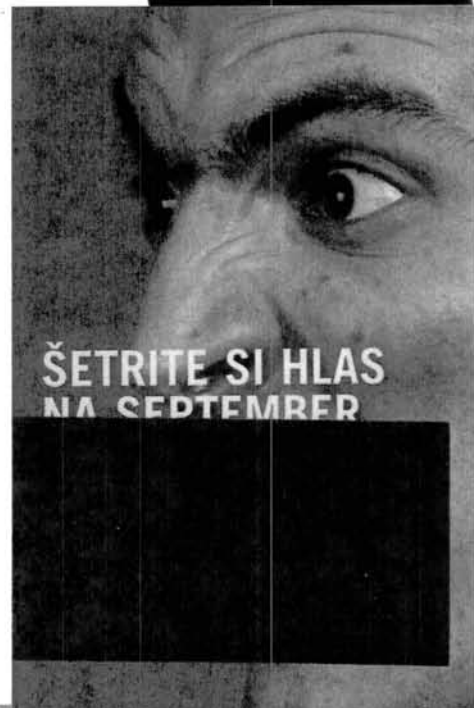
To promote civil society in rural Slovakia by producing *Obcianske Listy (Civic Letters)*, a four-page newspaper supplement that covers topics related to the country's democratic transition. Twelve issues of the monthly insert will be distributed by fifteen independent regional and local newspapers based throughout the country. Several of the supplements will focus on educating and mobilizing voters for the country's September 2002 parliamentary elections.

MEMO 98
\$40,000

To carry out a media-monitoring program designed to promote a free and fair process for Slovakia's September 2002 parliamentary elections. MEMO will introduce a formal code of media conduct, provide a seminar on the role of media in elections, organize four regional public debates on media and elections, publish four issues of its newsletter, hold five press conferences, and monitor the election-related reporting of Slovakia's leading national and regional media.



In the prelude to Slovakia's landmark parliamentary elections, MEMO98 and the Pontis Foundation conducted powerful get-out-the-vote campaigns, including creative and humorous television and radio spots, billboards, postcards, posters, and T-shirts. The Slovak word *hlas* means both *voice* and *vote* and was used for double-entendre campaign slogans, one of which is shown on the postcard at right, "Save Your Voice (Vote) for September."



National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$151,574

To conduct a six-month program to extend its Slovakia Youth-in-Politics Program through the fall 2002 election period. The Institute will continue working with youth organizations affiliated with the principal political parties to develop fundamental election-related skills, and will transfer the stewardship of its parliamentary internship program to the Slovak National Council.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$90,000

To provide training in legislative skills to newly elected women in the Slovak National Council, as well as training in election-related political and organizational skills to women activists and candidates preparing for the December 2002 local elections. In addition, NDI will work with Roma candidates and activists to further their abilities to gain elected office and promote Roma civil society.

Permanent Conference of the Civic Institute
\$25,000

To continue the work of its network of eighty civic clubs in Slovakia. Funding will be used for a series of nonpartisan voter-education and mobilization activities, which will be carried out by the clubs and will target the country's September 2002 parliamentary elections. Approximately 135 public events will be conducted, and a series of get-out-the-vote materials will be produced and distributed.

Pontis Foundation
\$28,250

To support a nonpartisan voter-mobilization program for Slovakia's 2002 parliamentary elections. Pontis will work with partner NGOs in Slovakia's regions to mobilize first-time voters through a series of nonpartisan get-out-the-vote activities, including concerts, town meetings, and youth competitions.



One of twelve issues of *Civic Letters*, a civic-information supplement published by the Association of Regional Press Publishers for inclusion in independent newspapers throughout Slovakia. The photos are of candidates running in the September 2002 parliamentary elections.

Presov Civic Forum
\$24,850

To educate citizens and mobilize voters for Slovakia's 2002 parliamentary elections. The Forum will organize three candidate fora, develop a voters' guide to candidates from the Presov region, produce a series of get-out-the-vote materials, and organize three voter-mobilization concerts.

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International Republican Institute
\$900,000

To work towards the consolidation of Central Europe's transition through a wide range of democracy-building activities. Efforts will be focused on supporting the development and maintenance of political party infrastructures and parliamentary institutions; promoting coalition-building and political consolidation; providing post-election transition and governing assistance; strengthening policy-making and implementation; and expanding the role of young people and women in the political process.

Malopolska Educational Society
\$40,000*

To organize a series of training workshops and study-visits in Poland for local Balkan civic education activists, in order to promote civic activism in rural communities. The Society will assist trainees in establishing new parent-teacher NGOs in small towns in Serbia (including Kosovo), Macedonia, Montenegro, and Bosnia. The Society will then award twenty small grants for local civic education and participation programs organized by the new NGOs.

People in Need Foundation
\$27,500*

To enable the Faik Konica Journalism Academy to conduct a series of courses on professional journalism and media management for more than 200 young journalists. Funding will also be used to help cover the Academy's infrastructure costs.

Southeast Europe Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$145,001

To help young union members in Southeastern Europe identify strategies for effective advocacy and facilitate a regular exchange of knowledge on issues of common concern. The project will include a two-day forum on joint cooperation, during which participating youth sections will be provided with some of the technical support, equipment, and training that they need in order to maintain close contact with each other and remain aware of current developments.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$109,434

To assist independent business organizations in Serbia and Croatia by building their capacities to participate in the broader policy environment. In Serbia, training programs, publications, and direct assistance will be used to lay the groundwork for future direct grants to capable associations. Also, to more firmly establish its presence in Croatia, CIPE will coordinate with a local partner organization that is familiar with Croatia's business environment. The partner organization will help evaluate independent and democracy-building organizations.

Eurasia

2002 NED Regional Highlights



Democratic development in countries within the Eurasia region stalled during the past year, or in most cases, regressed. In Russia, the space for political discourse has narrowed and the prospects for civil society have not improved despite a warming of relations with the West. The political situation in Ukraine deteriorated over the year as the success of the pro-democratic candidates in the March 2002 parliamentary elections was followed by the gradual reconsolidation of power of the pro-presidential forces within the parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers, the court system, and the National Bank by year's end. In Belarus and Turkmenistan, the last two unreconstructed dictatorships in the region, repression of civil society increased. Georgia and Azerbaijan are on the verge of possible major changes as crucial presidential elections approach. The leaders of other countries in the region hover between obligations of more Western-oriented policies in the aftermath of September 11 and profoundly ingrained dictatorial impulses to control social and political movements in their countries.

Endowment funding in **Russia** helped grantees continue to resist authoritarian trends and push for greater freedom and openness. The GOLOS NGO Coalition organized a campaign for transparency in regional governments' budgets. The International Protection Center worked to increase observance of international human rights norms in the Russian justice system. And

the Center for Development of Democracy and Human Rights and the Independent Council for Legal Expertise attempted to raise the standards of Russian legislation. Finally, the Society for Russian-Chechen Friendship, in spite of violence and even the assassination of its volunteers, continued to gather and distribute information about the ongoing conflict in Chechnya. With

NED funding, the International Republican Institute (IRI) emphasized the development of effective regional governments, and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) worked to strengthen the capabilities of regional chambers of commerce.

Abuse of power by the government and deterioration of press freedom and human rights in **Ukraine** roused thousands of protestors in September 2002, but they ultimately failed to impact the balance of power. NED funding helped NDI provide support for the activities of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, and helped the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) renew its commitment to working with trade union leaders. CIPE used NED funding to work with two Ukrainian groups to develop a National Business Agenda for the country. NED funding also supported analytical centers in their efforts to identify weak areas of democracy-development in Ukraine and propose recommendations for improvement. One NED grantee in Ukraine maintained a Web site tracking developments in the media. Another, the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, helped to promote public awareness of Western values and institutions in the regions of Ukraine.

President Alexander Lukashenka of **Belarus** remained "Europe's Last Dictator." Civil society groups used

Endowment support to oppose Lukashenka's attempts to control or eliminate the independent media, nongovernmental organizations, and trade unions. NED funding was used to assist NGO development, independent media, youth groups, regional NGO resource centers, human rights organizations, and "third-sector" umbrella groups. Organizations in Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic that carry out cross-border exchanges and training programs assisting counterparts in Belarus were also supported. One success of the program was the election of at least twenty representatives of NED-supported organizations to local government positions in Belarus.

In all of the countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia, save for Armenia, the presidents have not changed in the past ten years. Some have declared themselves presidents for life. Against this backdrop, civil society organizations continued their struggle to defend human rights, support independent media, and conduct civic education programs. In **Azerbaijan**, the Legal Education Society took the lead in introducing the terms of the European Convention on Human Rights into law by training lawyers and by assisting claimants before the European Court of Human Rights. With NED funding, CIPE worked with the Partnership for Social Initiative in **Georgia** on a project to encourage

government compliance with the recently enacted Georgian Freedom of Information Act.

In Central Asia, NED funds reached a wide region, including remote areas such as the deserts of Uzbekistan and the mountains of Tajikistan. NED continued to support civic education programs that have a broad impact, including the Tashkent Public Education Center's development of a civic education curriculum, which has been adopted by schools in the Fergana Valley and the western desert. Numerous human rights monitoring and protection programs were conducted by NED grantees in the **Fergana Valley** (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan) and **Turkmenistan**. The Regional Human Rights Network, for example, provided a resource center for human rights NGOs in the Valley. NED also supported information-dissemination and media-training: In

Kyrgyzstan, Internews Kyrgyz Republic used a 2001 grant from NED to publish the country's first media-law textbook and taught pilot media-law courses in several universities. In **Kazakhstan**, the Politon Discussion Club held weekly seminars to develop policy ideas and published them on its Web site. NED grants also supported numerous youth activities, including the Accord Community Center's program of student councils in Kazakhstan.





The Association of Women with University Education conducted seminars in Armenia throughout the year as part of a project titled "Gender Equality in the Perspective of Democratic Development." Breakout sessions at the seminars covered topics ranging from women's political participation (left photo) to the strengthening of inter-sector ties of women's NGOs (right photo).

Description of 2002 Grants: Eurasia

Armenia

Association of Women with University Education

\$32,800

To support an education, research, and information-dissemination program. Educational activities will range from basic seminars for women on civil society and democracy to advanced training programs for women leaders. Research activities will form the basis for policy recommendations to the government, women's organizations, and NGOs. The Association will distribute a wide range of information about women's rights, human rights, and democracy to activists and the general public.

Helsinki Association

\$40,980

To assist in drafting legislation concerning fundamental issues of human rights and civil liberties; monitor the court and prison systems; provide legal advice and representation in court for specific cases of human rights abuses; and provide information to the general public through a legislative database and newsletters.

Republican Center for Democracy

\$38,200

To continue its program of defending the political, civil, economic, and social rights of Armenians. The program consists of public education; provision of legal assistance to needy citizens and NGOs; and participation in drafting legislation relevant to fundamental human rights and freedoms.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION

Azerbaijan

AYNA Media Group

\$22,350

To train journalists, editors, and other media professionals in professional standards of journalism, journalism ethics, human rights, and democratic principles. AYNA will set up a Media Development Center for use by local media, conduct training seminars, and hold a regional conference to address the specific problems of media operating in the southern region of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy

\$32,496

To conduct a public-education program for NGO activists and provide legal assistance to needy Azerbaijani citizens living in the ten most populous regions outside of the capital.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$70,193

To aid the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation (EDF) in organizing a series of roundtables for a coalition of business associations to formulate policy recommendations.

EDF and the coalition will publish a monthly bulletin and hold press conferences to publicize their recommendations for reform. CIPE and EDF together will train business-association leaders in advocacy and management. The coalition will send four delegates to Turkey to visit business associations and other civil society groups to learn from their experiences.

Center of Young Leaders

\$21,390

To conduct a year-long program to train young leaders and support the development of NGOs in northern and western Azerbaijan. The Center will provide basic training in civic activities and the role of NGOs in a democratic society to 100 activists and potential activists. Afterward, participants motivated to form their own NGOs will be offered a more advanced training course while they are building their organizations and becoming trainers themselves.

Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan

\$17,500

To improve the facilities and services provided by its Human Rights Public Library to human rights activists, other NGOs, and the general public. The

Activists from newly formed NGOs in Azerbaijan take part in a seminar conducted by the Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy.



Human Rights Center will hire and train two librarians; add to and catalog the library's collection; distribute human rights materials to other libraries in Azerbaijan; train librarians from other NGOs; and conduct an internship program for human rights researchers.

Institute of Peace and Democracy
\$18,436

To conduct a civic education program for teachers throughout Azerbaijan. The Institute will disseminate basic information about the meaning of democracy and critical thinking and will introduce necessary reforms into civic education at the high school level through a series of intensive training seminars, roundtables, and distribution of modern teaching materials.

Legal Education Society
\$31,590

To educate the Azerbaijani public about the European System of human rights, through training courses, roundtables, European Court of Human Rights mock trials, publication of several books on European human rights law and practice, and establishment of a Web site providing public access to legal information. The Society will also provide free legal advice and preparation of cases for submission to the European Court of Human Rights and will develop a body of recommended amendments to bring the laws of Azerbaijan into conformity with European standards of human rights.

Model Constitutional Court
\$27,613

To raise the Azerbaijani public's understanding of the rule of law and the benefits of a democratic system through a fourth annual series of public mock trials. Eleven mock trials will be held throughout Azerbaijan to explore how laws that provide for human rights and freedoms promote greater security, stability, and prosperity than those which support authoritarian or totalitarian systems of government.

Social Union of Sumgait Youth
\$14,650

To establish and operate a multimedia support center to provide needed services, free of charge, to NGOs in the Sumgait region. The center will purchase and maintain three computers,

several printers, two photocopy machines, and miscellaneous office equipment and will offer photocopying and printing services; training and usage of computers; and Internet and email connections to the region's sixty registered NGOs.

Southern Resource Center of Human Rights Organizations
\$28,074

To sponsor a three-part program aimed at improving the human rights situation in four regions of Azerbaijan. A series of three-day training seminars, attended by representatives of regional human rights NGOs, will be followed by more advanced seminars and consultations for NGOs ready to proceed with improving their programs. Finally, a two-day conference for regional human rights NGOs will be held.

Belarus

In 2002, NED and two of its "core institutes" (CIPE and NDI) provided assistance to organizations and projects working in Belarus in the following areas:

A) Independent Media

\$286,915*

To strengthen pro-democratic sources of objective information, including national and regional newspapers, a youth magazine, Web sites, an Internet newspaper, NGO bulletins, and other independent publications that are attempting to break the information blockade maintained by the authoritarian government of Belarus.

B) Human Rights

\$110,825*

To promote human rights in Belarus by supporting networks of human rights activists, defending activists and organizations persecuted by the regime, monitoring the country's human rights situation, organizing human rights education programs, and disseminating information about human rights violations.

C) NGO and Think Tank Development

\$514,780*

To develop and strengthen the "third sector" in Belarus, especially regional NGOs and think tanks, through support for training seminars, networking, equipment, training, and other operating expenses.

D) Election Education and Mobilization Programs

\$150,179*

To promote a free, fair, and transparent process for Belarus' 2003 local elections and 2004 parliamentary elections through programs that support democratic coalition building, inform candidates, educate citizens, and turn out voters.

E) Political Party and Election Observation Training

\$184,157*

To train political party leaders and activists, educate citizens about the importance of political parties, and develop an indigenous election-monitoring capability in Belarus.

Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$196,084

To transfer lessons learned and best practices from Southeastern Europe to the Caucasus via Southeastern European think tanks and business associations. This initiative will start with a working-group meeting and technology-transfer seminar, during which stakeholders will discuss how best to fight corruption on a broader front. Follow-up subgrants awarded to reform partners in Azerbaijan and Georgia will build on the momentum of the meeting and facilitate anticorruption education and advocacy in the Caucasus.

Fergana Valley (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)

Fund for Legal and Economic Reforms in Kyrgyzstan

\$14,990*

To establish and maintain a human rights NGO network in the Fergana Valley. The project will include regional training seminars for human rights activists; a news bulletin; consulting and technical assistance for new and established human rights NGOs; and a Web-accessible database of human rights information.

Information and Social Marketing Research Center

\$17,118*

To produce a series of public-service announcements (PSAs) in cooperation with local NGOs from Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, publicizing their activities and availability. The PSAs will be broadcast in each of the three countries on local independent television stations, as will a documentary film addressing themes of cross-border cooperation by the nongovernmental sector as a means of avoiding or resolving conflicts.

Georgia

Association Atinati

\$16,761

To create an NGO-incubator program that will provide information and consulting services and compile, print, and distribute a free comprehensive list of local NGOs. In addition, Association Atinati will conduct a public-awareness campaign on the existence and function of NGOs in the area, and will serve as a resource center for new and established NGOs.

Association New Kutaisi

\$9,859

To implement a pilot project to encourage citizens in the Kutaisi region of Georgia to take advantage of their rights to access information about and participate in local budgeting. The project will include publication of information about the local budget and budgetary process; seminars for local political and NGO leaders to increase transparency of the process; installation of mechanisms to

facilitate public input into the process; and recommendations for replicating the project in other regions of Georgia.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$75,449

To aid the Partnership for Social Initiative (PSI) in securing public input through open debates and advocacy on key issues, such as development of a mortgage market, property-rights law, and business regulation. Through analyses of judicial decisions, training of judges on property-rights case law, and raising of public understanding of legal remedies, PSI will address major reforms needed to reduce the informal economy and improve rule of law.

"Core" Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Programs

\$11,934

To support a radio series aimed specifically at IDP women, bringing them useful information about employment opportunities as well as ideas to enable them to participate in civil society. The project will build on "Core" IDP Programs created for the general IDP population of western Georgia.

Fund "Sukhumi"

\$19,723

To conduct a training program for approximately 360 women in the western region of Imereti, in order to acquaint them with the theoretical and practical knowledge to start and operate businesses; to form a voluntary "Association of Small Businesswomen" to exchange ideas and experiences; to work with the Georgian Parliament to improve the business environment; to publish an electronic and print bulletin; and to provide consulting services to other new businesses and women entrepreneurs.

Horizonti, Foundation for the Third Sector

\$40,357

To implement a program aimed at encouraging open dialogue between government and society. Activities will include legal consultations, media monitoring, NGO development, and the production and broadcast of television programs and public-service announcements in the Telavi and Akhaltsikhe regions and in Tbilisi.

Human Rights Information and Documentation Center

\$26,448

To conduct an innovative pilot program to tackle some of the root causes of violation of Georgian civil and human rights by the police. The project will include two series of trainings for teachers and students at the Police Academy of Georgia; the production of a made-for-television film, "The Police and Human Rights"; the production of two manuals and eighteen international documents on human rights for use in teaching; and a roundtable series, "Human Rights Problems and Prospects of Policing in Georgia."

Partnership for Social Initiatives (PSI)

\$29,977

To implement a project that will include a series of public debates on theories of liberal constitutionalism and the application of those theories to Georgian cultural norms, traditions, and history. PSI will also hold a workshop to draft recommendations for developing a social contract for Georgia.

Union of Meskhetian Democrats

\$24,700

To set up and operate an Internet center that will provide registered NGOs, local journalists, and the general public in the isolated Samtske-Javakheti region of Georgia with basic communication links to the outside world. The center will be equipped with five computers, a printer, and miscellaneous office equipment.

United Nations Association of Georgia

\$26,741

To create a Youth Democracy Club to promote democratic values and activism in the central Georgian region of Shida Kartli. The Club's activities will consist of bimonthly discussions, regular meetings, case-study training sessions, the opening and maintenance of a Library of Democracy, and free access to Internet and e-mail.

Kazakhstan

Ar Rykh Khak

\$45,740

To continue using lobbying to educate Kazakhstan's citizens about the institutions and functions of democratic government, and to support the networking and training of local and regional NGOs. Activities will include a series of seminars; the drafting of a new law on the Constitutional Court; roundtables to discuss the draft law and other aspects of democratic government structure; publication of a monthly bulletin; public-opinion surveys; legal test cases or other measures to address continuing constitutional violations; and work towards a referendum on reinstating the Constitutional Court in Kazakhstan.

Community Development Center "Accord"

\$20,213*

To train approximately 80 university teachers and 100 university student-leaders in interactive teaching methods, active student government, and theory and practice of citizenship in a modern democracy. The Center will conduct a program of workshops, citizen forums, and "Open Space" discussions, with follow-up workshops for trainers. It will also prepare a manual of training materials for schools in other regions.

Independent Information Agency "Politon"

\$24,760*

To conduct a biweekly discussion club composed of participants from the independent press, democratic political opposition, and other democratically minded members of the public, to talk about questions germane to government, politics, economics, and civil society in Kazakhstan. The club will electronically publish reports on the information and analyses generated from its discussions, using its Web site and e-mail.

Women's Federation "Status"

\$10,588*

To implement a project to increase the transparency and fairness of judicial and law-enforcement organs, with a focus on cases of domestic violence. Project activities will include monitoring and compilation of a database concerning disposition of domestic-violence cases; conducting of roundtables and work-



A member of Women's Federation "Status" familiarizes an audience of Kazakh women with the Web site "Status Quo," which was created by Status as part of a project focused on public monitoring of the legal system in Kazakhstan.

shops to seek solutions to unfairness of judicial and law-enforcement organs; and dissemination of information about all stages of the project.

Kyrgyzstan

Jalal-Abad Regional Human Rights Organization "Spravedlivost" (Justice)

\$41,739*

To develop a network of human rights organizations in southern Kyrgyzstan. *Spravedlivost* will serve as a resource center for its newly spun-off branches and other human rights NGOs in the region; protect human rights through the provision of pro bono legal services; facilitate information exchange; train members of the network; monitor the human rights situation in the region; and disseminate information throughout Kyrgyzstan and abroad. Five subgrants will be awarded to newly spun-off branch organizations.

Kyrgyzstan Committee for Human Rights

\$35,964

To maintain its regional network of offices providing legal advice and human rights assistance, and to continue lobbying the government to comply with international human rights norms. The Committee will intensify the work of its Batya Center for the rehabilitation of torture victims; work to solidify international pressure on the government of Kyrgyzstan to improve compliance with human rights norms; conduct training of its own activists and activists from other NGOs; and support the formation of a network of human rights organizations and activists throughout Central Asia.

Moya Stolitsa Newspaper

\$30,000

To continue to publish in spite of government opposition. Endowment support will be used to pay rent, printing costs, and a portion of journalists' salaries. *Moya Stolitsa* is likely to be the only regularly published independent national newspaper in Kyrgyzstan in the foreseeable future.

Shoola Kol

\$19,736*

To implement a human rights project in the eastern region of Kyrgyzstan. The project will include training of police officers in human rights; training of middle school teachers in teaching human rights and children's rights; legal assistance to indigent citizens; a newsletter; and roundtables to bring together local activists, lawyers, and government officials to work towards improving human rights in the area.

Youth Human Rights Group

\$32,170*

To continue its program of civic education and defense of young people's rights in Kyrgyzstan. The program will include research, monitoring of detention facilities for youth, provision of pro bono legal consultations, classes for secondary school students, training for teachers, and seminars for students in regional colleges and universities.

Russia (Chechnya)

Groznenskiy Rabochii Newspaper \$56,700

To resume publication and distribution throughout Chechnya and the refugee camps in Ingushetia. The newspaper is published in Grozny and is committed to unbiased coverage of all sides of the Chechen conflict. It will be published as a four-page, weekly edition, written in both Russian and Chechen, and materials from the publication will also be posted to the newspaper's Web site.

LAM Center for Complex Research and Popularization of Chechen Culture \$50,000*

To promote democratic ideals and practices throughout the Chechen Republic and Chechen diaspora by organizing a program of roundtables and conferences for Chechen government officials and representatives of NGOs. In addition, the Center will continue to publish its bimonthly bulletin on Chechen politics and society, *Vestnik LAM*, and offer between three and five mini-grants to other developing Chechen NGOs.

Society for Russian-Chechen Friendship \$50,000*

To support a network of correspondents that will work throughout Chechnya and relay information to the Society's information centers in Nizhni Novgorod and Ingushetia. This information will be edited into press releases, redistributed to Russian and Western media outlets via the Internet, and published in a small human rights newspaper.

Russia

Agency for Social Information \$48,230*

To produce a daily news wire on developments in the NGO sector. The wire will be sent to media outlets, NGO subscribers, and state agencies and institutions. The Agency will also produce quarterly bulletins on various issues of interest to the NGO community, and monthly bulletins on the general development of the nonprofit, nongovernmental sector.

Center for Development of Democracy and Human Rights \$36,527

To produce a monthly bulletin containing assessments of draft laws as they pertain to human rights and the NGO sector, recommendations for an effective civic response to draft laws, and information on special topics and legislators' voting. The Center will also organize press conferences to increase the availability of information about pending legislation and the public's response.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$55,895

To create a Russian-language virtual business association (VBA) based on its existing English-language VBA. The VBA is an online resource of valuable information for improving nongovernmental associations.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$187,840

To conduct a project that will consist of a nationwide survey of business-support organizations in order to determine the level of advocacy activity in which they have been involved; a series of regional roundtables; and a communications component, through which CIPE will develop its Russian-language Web site and disseminate printed materials on democratic and economic-reform issues. The project will also serve to further build regional chambers of commerce.

Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations \$38,758*

To support a program of organization, research, and information-distribution regarding violations of journalists' rights throughout Russia and various "hot points" of the former USSR. The Center will distribute daily, weekly, and monthly bulletins on violations of journalists' rights to professional journalists and human rights experts. The Center will also maintain and modernize its Web site and will organize the "Association of Journalists' Organization in Defense of Freedom of Speech" to help journalists unite more effectively in defense of their rights.



Human Rights: For Young School Children was developed by the Center for Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives as part of a complete human rights curriculum piloted this year in Perm oblast, which is located on the border between Europe and Asia.

Center for Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives \$30,000

To offer training in human rights education to teachers from Perm oblast. The Center will develop and test human rights curricula in local schools and publish teacher training guides and textbooks.

Center for Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast \$38,000*

To familiarize residents, especially those in rural areas, with issues and procedures related to land sales. The Center will distribute information about land reform through newspaper articles, pamphlets, radio transmissions, and public meetings. In addition, it will continue to house and operate a free legal clinic, to provide rural residents with materials and explanations relating to land privatization, sale, and transfer, and in some cases, to help residents with the preparation of relative contracts, affidavits, and other legal documents. Finally, Center staff will work with government agencies and legislators to develop new regulations relating to land reform.

**Chelyabinsk Oblast Public Fund
"Helping Hand"**

\$30,000

To continue its free legal-aid clinic for the indigent and to offer human rights training to employees of pretrial detention centers in order to improve the overall human rights situation in the oblast. Helping Hand will also continue its highly successful training program for NGO leaders and will operate an NGO resource center that will offer support materials and consulting services to local NGOs.

Ecology and Human Rights Center

\$35,832

To publish a new journal, *Ecology and Human Rights*, which will examine the closely related issues of the environment, government, and human rights. The Center will make the journal available over the Internet and will distribute the printed version to areas of Russia where the Internet is least easy to access.

Glasnost Defense Foundation

\$41,470

To publish six books on the freedom of the press. These publications will be used in training seminars provided by the Foundation and will be distributed free of charge to universities, legal professionals, representatives of executive and legislative agencies, and human rights organizations.

Glasnost Public Foundation

\$50,000*

To offer legal defense to organizations and individuals falsely accused of criminal activity because of their political beliefs or activities. In addition to helping individuals and organizations directly, this effort will help raise public knowledge of the widespread nature of such cases and will counteract attempts to portray individuals with non-mainstream beliefs as dangers to society.

Globus-Media News Agency

\$54,600

To establish a Center for Citizen Legislative Action, which will provide independent, nonpartisan information on legislative affairs to regional newspapers. Each month, articles on important legislative developments will be produced for ten regional newspapers. These papers will augment the Center's articles with locally written, relevant pieces before distributing all of the articles, along with op-ed pieces and letters from readers, in a regular monthly supplement. The Center will publish the collection of articles in a monthly newsletter for legislators, statesmen, Moscow media, think tanks, civic associations, and academic and educational institutions.

Grantee in the Spotlight: Youth Information Center

Nearly a decade has passed since young activists in the Republic of **Belarus** decided to pool their energy and create a network of youth organizations. Belarus was struggling with newfound independence and scarred by a failed economic and political system. While other former Soviet states were embarking on transitions, Belarus found itself heading into a new era of oppression. After winning the presidency in 1994, Alexander Lukashenka would drastically stifle the rights of the people and greatly expand the powers of the office. It was on the brink of his reign—today he's known as "Europe's last dictator"—that the Youth Information Center was founded in Minsk.

Ales Mihalevich was in his early twenties and the leader of the Belarusian Students' Association (a NED grantee) when he formed the Youth Information Center (YIC). His approach was influenced by NED's "East-to-East" strategy, through which Central European grantees that have successfully worked for democratic transitions in their own countries use their skills and experiences to aid counterparts facing similar struggles. Mihalevich says he received guidance and support from Polish youth activists from the Independent Students' Association (NZS), a NED grantee during the Solidarity era. Since 1991, more than a dozen Polish groups have been conducting crossborder programs in Belarus with NED funding.

YIC began by creating a database of Belarusian youth NGOs and initiatives, and then it produced and distributed monthly information bulletins. Soon YIC developed strong relationships with NGOs in various regions throughout Belarus. "These regional centers not only get assistance from the YIC," Mihalevich explains, "but they also become the conductors of YIC's information, educational, and financial support to other independent local youth organizations and initiatives."

Since 1999, YIC has conducted small-grants competitions for independent Belarusian youth NGOs. The program enables youth activists to implement their own local projects aimed at developing

civil society in their respective regions. This year, more than 100 grants were made, averaging about \$750 each. Mihalevich explains that \$750 is significant in a country "where average [monthly] earnings hardly exceed \$70." With these grants, youth activists pursued a wide range of democracy-building initiatives including civic education, independent publishing, leadership training, and human rights actions.

Support for pro-democratic youth initiatives now has even greater importance since Lukashenka is trying to win youth support for his regime while cracking down on independent NGOs. The government attempted to close down the YIC in 2001. In an effort to co-opt and control existing youth groups by "uniting" them, Lukashenka has even established the Belarusian Patriotic Youth Union (BPYU), a state-run federation modeled on the old Soviet Communist Youth League. Rather than attracting droves of followers, the BPYU has succeeded primarily in spreading apathy among youth.

"Though it is really hard to work in such conditions, we are doing our best not to get upset and to go on in spite of all artificial obstacles created by the authoritarian regime in power," says Mihalevich. In early 2002, Mihalevich, a member of the Belarusian Popular Front, Belarus' largest opposition party, stepped down from YIC to pursue a door-to-door campaign for a seat in local government. He remains involved with YIC and heartened by a new generation of young leaders he helped to mentor through his work there, many of whom have become NED grantees themselves. Not to be overlooked is the impact that YIC has had on Mihalevich himself, who went on to win his election with 75 percent of the vote, the largest percentage received by any democratic candidate. "It was an incredible feeling we hadn't sensed since long ago," he said. "This victory filled me with complete determination to do everything possible not to frustrate my neighbors' expectations."

GOLOS NGO Coalition**\$50,000***

To work with affiliates in fifteen regions of Russia to gather and analyze roll-call votes from the regional legislature, monitor deputies' public-reception offices and attendance at parliamentary committee meetings, poll deputies, and track the final outcome of legislation. The results of these analyses will be printed and then distributed free of charge to the voters of the fifteen regions.

Human Rights Publishers**\$36,000***

To publish three issues of *Human Rights Defender*, with a circulation of 3,000, distributed throughout the Russian Federation. The journal publishes analytical articles on human rights issues throughout the Federation.

Independent Council for Legal Expertise**75,000***

To support a program that provides human rights organizations and other influential groups and individuals with expert analyses of pending legislation; intervenes in particularly complex instances of human rights violations; and works to develop effective mechanisms of social influence to guarantee individual rights.

Information Center of the Human Rights Movement**\$47,500**

To continue its campaign of publicizing the goals and activities of the human rights movement through press releases, press conferences, and press monitoring. In addition, the Center will help overcome the shortage of information available to local human rights groups by publishing a specialized bulletin, the *Chronicle of the Moscow Helsinki Group*, which will discuss issues of interest to human rights activists.

Information-Research Center "Panorama"**\$40,146**

To develop a Web site and publish a collection of articles on the developing threat to Russian democracy.

Panorama's staff will contract with outside experts to write articles on key issues, such as state efforts to control civil society, growing restrictions on freedom of speech, and the role of democratic values. These articles will be

posted on Panorama's Web site and distributed in book form to leading Russian political analysts, politicians, and officials.

International Memorial Society**\$37,814**

To maintain and expand the "Caucasus Switchboard," a Web site devoted to the Caucasus. The site will include a news wire that will be updated several times daily, based on other news sources and the Society's own network of correspondents throughout the Caucasus; a moderated e-mail listserv; a special section in which NGOs can present news about themselves and descriptions of their work; and a research and analytical section that will include a large database of articles and other resources.

International Protection Center**\$30,000**

To offer free legal representation to individuals who have exhausted all possibilities in the Russian legal system and wish to pursue their cases in the European Court of Human Rights.

International Republican Institute**\$149,999**

To conduct a follow-on training program for local self-government representatives, including municipal training programs, publication of materials, and a national conference at the program's conclusion.

International Republican Institute**\$150,000**

To support the League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg in implementing plans for a press service that will disseminate news and information about the League through the mass media. In addition, the League's St. Petersburg office will expand the Coordination and Information Center for the Interregional League of Women Voters to oversee continuing development of the League's regional network as well as coordination of efforts between League affiliates.

Interregional Foundation for Civil Society**\$60,758**

To support a small-grants program for regional human rights organizations. These grants will offer grantees the opportunity to improve professionalism, gain project-development and manage-

ment skills, and learn how to apply for and manage external funds.

Moscow Helsinki Group (MHG)**\$44,790***

To offer legal support to selected victims of "spy" cases and to distribute information about ongoing cases to human rights NGOs and the Russian and foreign media. MHG will provide legal counsel to defendants in five particularly high-profile cases and will monitor all ongoing cases. Collected data will appear in various MHG publications, namely its annual report and a bulletin that will also contain recommendations on public actions that human rights organizations can take to combat the problem themselves.

Murmansk Association of Women Journalists**\$30,521***

To conduct three informational campaigns to promote a greater role for the public, journalists, and NGOs in the budgetary process. The Association will also publish a brochure containing a model for other NGO activists to follow in promoting budgetary transparency elsewhere in the Russian Federation.

Perm-36 Memorial Museum of the History of Political Repression and Totalitarianism**\$34,241**

To develop two permanent exhibits in the Perm-36 exhibition center and two traveling exhibitions for display in other regions of the former Soviet Union and in the United States.

Regional Strategy - Kaliningrad**\$27,921**

To support a training program for young political activists in Kaliningrad oblast. Regional Strategy will offer training in practical aspects of NGO organization to about 200 young volunteers, open two new branches in the cities of Gvardeisk and Zelenogradsk, and offer seminars for regional officials and enterprises on questions of organizational and financial assistance to youth associations.

Russian Association for Civic Education**\$36,000**

To support the Sixth National Olympiad in Civic Education for the 2002 school year, with the aim of promoting a greater understanding of democratic principles and practices.

Ryazan Regional Branch of the Memorial Society

\$35,000

To publish four issues of its journal, *Karta*, which offers articles on recent Soviet history, comparative politics, and present-day human rights issues. In addition to publishing *Karta*, the Society will continue its program of civic education programs for high school students.

Saratov Legal Reform Project

\$30,000

To operate a free legal clinic staffed by professional lawyers and student interns from legal-training institutes in the Saratov region. Approximately thirty-five third- and fourth-year student interns will receive training, and all interns will work in the Project's legal clinic, which serves up to 1,000 clients each year.

St. Petersburg Humanity and Political Studies Center "Strategy"

\$44,995

To examine corruption in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk oblasts. The Center will carry out research, hold workshops and conferences for NGO leaders and local and regional self-government officials, and present a series of recommendations to the legislators of both regions.

St. Petersburg Law School

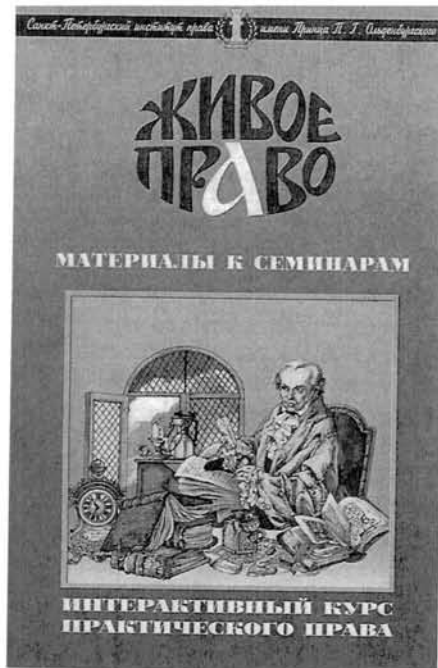
\$45,000

To write and pilot-test a third volume of a "Living Law" textbook; develop a teacher-training manual; raise public awareness of Living Law by offering brief, free training sessions for legal professionals; and strengthen its network of regional Living Law centers by holding training workshops for its regional coordinators. Living Law is an introductory legal curriculum for students that emphasizes the application of legal principles to daily life.

Tochka Opory (Fulcrum Foundation)

\$51,000

To award between nine and fifteen grants to regional NGOs for programs in key areas, such as human rights education, involvement of students in local decision-making processes, development of an anti-totalitarian worldview through study of the Soviet past, and reduction of interethnic tensions. *Tochka Opory* will also offer training to NGO leaders in such topics as accounting, project management, and fundraising.



Booklet published by the St. Petersburg Law School as part of its Living Law series, an introductory legal curriculum that emphasizes application of legal principles to daily life.

Tomsk Research Center for Human Rights

\$22,268*

To implement a three-part program comprised of a human rights monitoring and research program, publication of an analytical bulletin on the state of human rights in Tomsk oblast in Siberia, and free legal aid to impoverished victims of human rights abuses. Endowment funding will be used in part to support travel by Center representatives to outlying regions of the oblast and will allow the Center to continue promoting pro-human rights policies at the local level.

Yaroslavl Regional Public Organization Center for Social Partnership

\$49,995*

To support citizen participation in the government of Yaroslavl oblast through a project that will consist of four main activities: organization of NGO coalitions in the nineteen administrative districts of the oblast; training for coalition members; work to develop closer contacts between NGOs and local self-government bodies; and publication of a newspaper, *Okno v nko* (*Window on NGOs*).

Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture

\$40,000*

To develop a training program for young people interested in working in the human rights field. Center staff will develop training materials, carry out a large-scale campaign to draw young people into the human rights move-

ment, teach an introductory and advanced course in human rights activism, organize course-graduate internships with human rights organizations, and offer some graduates the opportunity to help develop the Center's human rights education materials.

Youth Human Rights Movement

\$30,000

To support a program designed to increase both the role of young people and the exchange of information in the Russian human rights movement. The Movement will maintain its electronic information exchanges, publish a monthly bulletin, and hold seminars and conferences for young human rights activists from throughout the Russian Federation.

Za Prava Cheloveka

\$39,560

To support a program of informational activities and human rights assistance intended to coordinate the activities of human rights organizations throughout Russia. *Za Prava Cheloveka* will expand its program to three more regions, offering free legal assistance to victims of human rights violations, publicizing human rights violations through the mass media and on its own Web page, and providing analyses of patterns of human rights violations.

Tajikistan

Bureau of Human Rights and Rule of Law

\$18,538*

To conduct a project to improve the human rights situation in Tajikistan. The project will include provision of legal assistance for needy citizens, monitoring of and reporting on human rights violations in the country; lobbying the government to enact legislation relevant to guarantees of fundamental human rights and freedoms; regular lectures on human rights issues in universities; and provision of a database of new laws, legislation, judicial rulings, and other relevant legal documents to the public.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$239,803

To offer a twelve-month training program on the principles, functions, and structures of democratic organizations to political party and civic activists in Tajikistan. The program will include training in party-

building, civic advocacy, and election monitoring. NDI also will work with university-based groups to enhance students' understanding of democracy and encourage young people to become more engaged in politics.

NGO "Modar"
\$13,093

To improve the status of women and encourage their full participation in the civil life of Tajikistan. Modar's project will include publication of a book of training materials to be used for teaching women's rights as a subset of human rights; courses to introduce trainers to the training materials; a series of fourteen seminars throughout Tajikistan for educators, civic activists, and government officials; and a semimonthly radio program to publicize the project and make the project information accessible to the general public.

Turkmenistan

"Flamingo" Public Education Center
\$27,520*

To continue its "Solidarity Center for Education and Human Rights" program in the western port city of Turkmenbashi. The three-part program will include pro bono legal advice; instruction on how to use computers and access information on the Internet; and development of a network of public libraries of independent information.

Ukraine

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$399,967

To implement labor-education programs aimed at increasing the capacity and skills of regional and local union leaders to provide democratic leadership, to engage in effective advocacy on behalf of their members, to increase the participation of their members in union activities, and to build trade-union capacity to participate in the tripartite, social dialogue process. The project will also provide support for a media-outreach program and an experienced Ukrainian lawyer who will work on behalf of trade unions.

Center for Economic and Political Research
\$50,000*

To publish its monthly analytical bulletin, *Natsionalna bezpeka i oborona (National Security and Defense)*. The Center will produce five issues of the bulletin—3,000 copies in Ukrainian and 800 copies in English—addressing a variety of topics in Ukrainian politics and society.

Center for Independent Political Research
\$74,970*

To analyze and suggest amendments to important legislation pending before Ukraine's parliament; to publish research on issues pertinent to the development of democratic institutions in Ukraine, convening four focus groups of experts to analyze these issues; to produce several regular reports and analyses of the media and political situation in Ukraine; and to continue to act as an information resource for journalists, politicians, policymakers, and NGOs.

Center of Information and Documentation for Crimean Tatars
\$34,000

To publish six issues of its journal, *Crimean Studies*; to coordinate an analytical group that will develop policy recommendations regarding the Crimean Tatars; to work with journalists to provide more balanced coverage of the Crimean Tatar question; and to produce a thrice-monthly digest analyzing coverage of Crimean Tatar issues in the Ukrainian press.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$136,842

To work with two Ukrainian sub-grantees, the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research and the Central Election Committee, to develop a National Business Agenda in Ukraine. The project will be steered by a project advisory committee consisting of representatives of Ukrainian national and regional business associations, think tanks, and business communities.

Democratic Initiatives Foundation
\$30,000*

To support a program of roundtable discussions and information distribution. The Foundation will poll eighty of Ukraine's leading journalists and political analysts on key issues, such as political reform, economic development, and the fight against corruption. Poll results will form the basis for monthly roundtables, and summaries of these roundtables will be disseminated along with the poll results as press releases, on the Foundation's Web site, and to politicians, officials, and NGOs.

Dniprovsky Center for Social Research
\$25,000

To support a program of activities designed to increase the flow of information between state institutions, NGOs, and citizens. The Center will organize a public-opinion poll to assess citizens' knowledge of NGOs; organize roundtables and seminars to educate NGOs on government-monitoring and media usage; and carry out a number of informational activities targeting various sectors of the population.

Donetsk Human Rights School
\$29,560

To support a program of teacher training and curriculum development for secondary-level teachers. Specifically, the School will organize a national conference and two civic education training seminars for civic education specialists; prepare a methodological guidebook on civic education for students at pedagogical institutes; and compile an elective course on civic education to be used, upon approval by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education, in grades one through eleven of Ukrainian schools.

Europe XXI Foundation
\$42,555*

To survey prominent NGO leaders in order to assess the needs and strengths of the Ukrainian NGO sector, and using survey results as a springboard, to carry out a series of roundtables and working groups intended to design a common agenda for the NGOs. The Foundation will develop a Web-based information resource to make practical advice and solutions available to the widest possible range of NGOs.

Foundation for Regional Initiatives

\$34,622*

To support a program of human rights defense, public education, and conferences, intended to raise public knowledge of human rights defense as well as to strengthen the capacity of Ukrainian human rights organizations to defend human rights.

International Republican Institute

\$220,000

To perform parliamentary election observation in Ukraine. In addition, IRI will perform a pre-election assessment of the campaign period, examining party and candidate access to media, implementation of new election law, campaign finance, and candidates' ability to conduct open election campaigns.

Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation

\$37,280

To build the Euro-Atlantic Network, a network of NGOs and think tanks that will moderate online discussions and provide information about democratic government in the West. In addition, the Institute will organize six Euro-Atlantic Club meetings in the regions of Ukraine, to raise public awareness of the advantages of integration into Western institutions and to reduce public nostalgia for the Soviet era.

Internews Ukraine

\$51,184*

To support its Telekritika Web site, which is devoted to in-depth analysis of the Ukrainian media. This site will examine key issues relating to the media, such as the media's democratization, financial condition, and social influence, and its interaction with authorities and Ukrainian oligarchs. It will also address NGO activities relating to freedom of speech; the development of state-owned television and radio; and relative developments in Ukraine's national parliament.

Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies

\$47,500

To continue its program of training and consultancy for NGO leaders and journalists on human rights issues; to raise awareness of women's issues by distributing information to print media and producing television programs; and to continue its research and publication program on women's issues.

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group

\$40,000

To produce and distribute several periodicals on various aspects of human rights in Ukraine; to carry out three training seminars for human rights teachers, NGO activists, and government officials; and to sponsor an essay contest for secondary school students with a focus on human rights topics.

Lion Society

\$19,880

To support a program of training seminars designed to introduce representatives of NGOs and initiative groups to basic principles of NGO work and management, and to offer a series of training seminars for teachers on basic methods of civic education for a democratic society.

Municipal Management Development Center

\$25,754

To support a program of public-information activities, public roundtables and hearings, and training programs for NGO leaders and government officials. The Center will assess the impact of its efforts through a series of public-opinion polls.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$231,729

To provide the Committee of Voters of Ukraine assistance for monitoring and other activities that will promote more credibility in the March 2002 parliamentary and local elections. Funds will cover training and deployment of election monitors, training of election commissioners from democratic political parties, a public opinion poll, and a parallel vote tabulation.

Open Society Foundation

\$31,460*

To carry out monthly monitoring of the activity of all 225 parliamentary deputies from single-mandate districts, and of fourteen parliamentary blocks and factions. The Foundation will organize monthly press conferences throughout Ukraine to publicize the project, as well as roundtables for politicians, NGO activists, and journalists to discuss developments. It will also produce two books and a summary analysis of the project.

Public Legal Aid Service (PLAS)

\$27,500

To provide technical consultations and twenty-four training sessions for NGOs in the region; to provide small NGOs with access to computer and office equipment; to provide a public-information program, specialized training for NGO leaders, and support for four PLAS branch offices in the region; and to continue operating its free legal-aid clinic.

A crowd gathers for a pre-elections assessment conducted by the International Republican Institute in Ternopil, a province in western Ukraine. Many attendees hold copies of a magazine endorsing Viktor Yushchenko, the leader of *Nasha Ukraina (Our Ukraine)*, one of the leading opposition parties. The caption under his picture on the magazine says, "Not words, but actions!"



Regional Information Center for Women
\$23,786*

To expand its existing Civic Education Network to three new cities in Kirovohrad oblast. The Center will provide a total of fourteen training events to help activists from all seven centers develop the skills necessary to provide support to local NGOs. The Center will also continue its publications and free legal-aid programs.

Smoloskyp, Inc.
\$57,517

To hold a series of seminars and conferences for promising young Ukrainian writers, scholars, and politicians; to continue its publication program aimed at Ukrainian youth; and to support its museum of Ukrainian *samizdat*.

Spilnyi Prostir
\$50,000*

To distribute quarterly, four-page newspaper inserts dealing with national politics throughout Ukraine; to carry out roundtable discussions and focus groups to analyze the impact of its efforts; and to continue its media-monitoring project. *Spilnyi Prostir* will use the project results to develop a "Citizens Platform for the Future President," which will be distributed to politicians as a guide to voters' wishes.

Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human
\$39,879

To support a program aimed at providing leadership skills to NGOs. The Bureau will develop and publish a series of thirty brochures designed to provide practical leadership skills to the heads of NGOs, as well as offer leadership training to NGOs considered most likely to carry out advocacy and lobbying functions.

Youth Alternative
\$75,596*

To support its "Students for Parliament" program, which provides knowledgeable, diligent assistants to legislators for free. In addition to placing sixty-five interns in the Ukrainian parliament, Youth Alternative will place a total of ten interns in two regional legislatures.

Uzbekistan**Andijon Branch of the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan "Ezgulik"**
\$11,795*

To monitor and assist in promoting the observance of human rights in the Andijon region of the Fergana Valley of Uzbekistan. The Society's Andijon Branch will monitor and report on the human rights situation in the area; provide free, quality legal advice to victims of human rights violations; and represent some victims before various courts, tribunals, and other institutions to seek redress for violations.

Association Central Asia
\$46,530*

To support the publication of the print and electronic versions of the Uzbek independent journal *Harakat* and its distribution in Uzbekistan as a way of breaking through the government monopoly on information. With Endowment support, circulation of paper copies will be increased to 2,500 copies, and the electronic version will reach five times as many readers.

Association Central Asia
\$9,825*

To publish and distribute a special expanded issue of the journal *Harakat*. The issue will contain materials from the 2002 session of the UN Committee Against Torture, including the Uzbek government's report on torture; an alternative report prepared by a coalition of Uzbek human rights NGOs, the U.S.-based International League for Human Rights, and the Russian-based "Memorial" Human Rights Center; testimony transcripts; and the official conclusions and recommendations of the UN committee. The materials will be published while still timely, in an attempt to forestall additional incidents of torture in Uzbekistan.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$66,954

To work with the Tashkent Business Club to develop a coalition of private business associations, think tanks, and journalist organizations that will advocate for reform and implementation of a National Business Agenda in Uzbekistan. This coalition will be built and implementation of the agenda will be sought through a series of working group meet-

ings, roundtables in Tashkent and the regions, a forum with media representatives, and other activities.

Khorezm Center for Civic Education (KCCE)
\$9,068*

To disseminate information about how to teach civic education in the high schools of the far western desert regions of Khorezm and Karakalpakstan. KCCE will conduct a program that includes consultations for teachers and NGOs on civic education issues; the creation and operation of a library of literature and materials on civic education; seminars and trainings for high school teachers and school administrators; and a series of publications.

Tarakiyet Information Center
\$9,068*

To disseminate information about how to teach civic education in the high schools of the Fergana Valley of Uzbekistan. The Center will conduct a program that includes consultations for teachers and NGOs on civic education issues; the creation and operation of a library of literature and materials on civic education; seminars and trainings for high school teachers and school administrators; and a series of publications.

Tashkent Public Education Center
\$33,584*

To extend its curriculum development program to include civic education in Uzbekistan's middle schools (fifth and sixth grades). The Center will create a new civics textbook for middle-school levels, prepare accompanying lesson plans and teaching guides, and teach a series of pilot courses using the new materials as a prerequisite to obtaining Ministry of Education approval for use of the text and materials throughout the middle schools of Uzbekistan.

Tashkent Branch of the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan "Ezgulik"
\$13,947*

To monitor and report on the human rights situation of families who have been repressed by the state for their political activities or religious beliefs; to provide free, quality legal advice to the victims of these human rights violations; and to represent such victims before various courts, tribunals, and other institutions to seek redress for violations.

Central Asia/ Caucasus Regional

Tsentral'naya Aziya I Kavkaz Journal
\$49,980*

To pay a portion of the journal's production costs and to maintain, improve, and update its research databases. The journal provides a forum for political leaders and civic activists to present independent and nongovernmental views on regional developments, particularly on nurturing democratic values in a manner consistent with local traditions.

Central Asia Regional

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$245,359

To support a project that will identify critical barriers to market reform and develop effective advocacy and communications materials and strategy recommendations to overcome those barriers. CIPE will also organize a regional conference for key business and policy leaders, to assist them in developing advocacy strategies and skills and to create a regional network of reform-oriented groups able to share expertise.

International Memorial Society
\$30,450

To provide objective, detailed, and comprehensive information on the human rights situation in the countries of Central Asia. Information from each country will be collected and disseminated by means of press releases to international human rights organizations or in the form of bulletins and specialized publications.

East Central Europe/Eurasia Regional

**East European Democratic
Center - IDEE Association**
\$40,000

To support a program of training seminars to introduce local representatives of rural NGOs in Ukraine to basic principles of NGO work and management. This program will train 200 young NGO leaders from the provinces, 100 of whom will be selected for more advanced training in a subsequent project.

Foundation for Education for Democracy
\$40,000*

To expand its program of promoting civic education at the grassroots level in Russia. The three-part program will include twenty-seven training workshops, internships, and exchanges for approximately 250 teachers, students, NGO representatives, and youth activists from the Rostov-on-Don and Kaliningrad regions.

Foundation for Education for Democracy
\$120,000

To conduct training in civic education, leadership, NGO development, and train-the-trainer skills through at least twenty-two workshops to be held in Ukraine, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Mongolia. The Foundation will also produce four "how-to" training brochures to reinforce the workshops, and continue to develop its regional Web page and newsletter.

**Institute for Democracy in Eastern
Europe/Warsaw**
\$60,000

To conduct thirty training seminars in independent media, civic education, youth activism, and NGO development for 900 representatives of independent groups in Crimea, Ukraine. Support for democracy-building activities by Crimean NGOs will also be provided through a small-grants program; approximately fourteen small grants averaging \$1,000 each will be made.

IDEE Foundation
\$290,000

To continue its Centers for Pluralism (CfP) program. Funding will be used to support the operating costs of key NGOs in Eastern Europe and Eurasia; enhance the democracy-building activities of the CfP network through a small-grants competition for NGOs; publish the *Centers for Pluralism Newsletter*; maintain an information clearinghouse of prodemocracy NGOs in Eastern Europe and Eurasia; oversee a region-wide internship and exchange program; support the CfP's Network of Independent Journalists; organize five international meetings of the CfP network; and enable IDEE to administer and coordinate the overall CfP program.

Municipal Training Center (MTC)
\$40,000*


To continue a cross-border training program designed to strengthen NGOs in Kaliningrad, Russia. Along with the Baltic International Development Agency, the MTC will establish an NGO Information and Support Center with a Web site, NGO database, and electronic library on the third sector; carry out an NGO management training program; and provide consultations to Kaliningrad's nascent nongovernmental sector.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity
Foundation**
\$50,150

To continue its desktop-publishing, training, and equipment support program for prodemocracy NGOs and independent newspapers in Eurasia. Funding will be used to train at least thirty activists and to equip at least fifteen organizations from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak
Solidarity Foundation**
\$40,350*

To continue its desktop-publishing, training, and equipment support program for representatives of prodemocracy NGOs and independent newspapers in Central Asia. The Foundation will train at least twenty activists and equip at least ten independent organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.



Latin America and the Caribbean



2002 NED Regional Highlights

As events in the last year demonstrated, the democratic stability of a number of the United States' southern neighbors is coming under increasing strain. In countries such as Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Argentina, growing public disillusionment and social polarization are challenging political stability and elected regimes. In Argentina—once believed to be a model of democratic and economic stability in the region—popular protests have forced the resignation of four presidents, and an interim government spent 2002 preparing the country for new emergency elections in the face of mounting popular protest and economic decline. Presidential elections in Brazil, Ecuador, and Colombia brought to power leaders that had promised change and sweeping political reform. The success of their campaigns, built on platforms of change from the status quo, provided an indication of the intensity and extent of citizen disillusionment. The capacity of elected leaders to provide an effective and democratic response to these demands may very well determine the future and stability of democracy in the region.

In this environment, NED continued to work with groups seeking to promote democratic reform and address citizen demands for accountability and improved government. Regionally, NED funds supported efforts to increase transparency of defense budgets, increase citizen access to state information in **Peru** and **Mexico**, and foster the growth and strengthening of premier regional civil society networks and associations. With Endowment support, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) worked closely with young political party leaders to increase internal party democracy and strengthen the ability of parties to represent voters in countries such as **Bolivia**, **Colombia**, and **Mexico**.

One of NED's greatest areas of concern in the hemisphere continued to be the **Andean Region**. In recent years, NED has directed more than half of its funding for Latin America to this area, working with civil society organizations, political parties, and unions to improve representation and avenues for citizen participation and to defend basic political and civil rights. For example, NED grantee Instituto Prensa y Sociedad (Press and Society Institute)

has created networks of journalists in **Colombia**, **Peru**, and **Venezuela** to defend and protect freedom of expression and journalists when they are threatened or attacked. With Endowment support, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) continued to work with union leaders throughout the region to expand membership to previously marginalized sectors of the economically active society and to improve transparency and accountability of union management.

In the polarized environment in **Venezuela**, NED continued to support conflict resolution and mediation programs. NED grantees worked with local governments to improve governance and strengthen judicial systems, and with Venezuela's congress to support the drafting and passage of a new electoral law under the 1999 constitution. In **Colombia**, NED grantees were instrumental in training newly elected local officials, creating and strengthening community conflict resolution and judicial systems, representing Colombians of African descent in local and national government, and protecting mayors and councilors under attack from armed groups. In **Peru**, the

International Republican Institute (IRI) worked with national political parties to strengthen grassroots structures and increase the accountability of party leaders to members and their constituency.

Another NED priority country in 2002 was **Cuba**, where NED programs continue to support the growing pro-democracy movement on the island. Endowment assistance provided much needed material and humanitarian assistance to activists, assisting them in their efforts to conduct civic education workshops, write and produce reports on news and conditions on the island, and develop and strengthen contacts internationally. With NED support, the Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua en Exilio (Federation of Electric, Gas, and Water Plant Workers in Exile) was able to produce a complete report on labor rights violations in Cuba, which it presented in international forums; and NDI helped develop an international solidarity campaign for the Varela Project of Cuban activist Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas.



Description of 2002 Grants: Latin America and the Caribbean

Andean Region

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$775,001

To implement a program to reinforce the capacity of labor unions to promote democracy on economic and political front and build alliances with civil society at community and national levels.

Instituto de Prensa y Sociedad (Press and Society Institute)

\$97,000

To continue its network to protect journalists in Peru, to expand its access to information and civic journalism initiatives domestically, and to continue promoting and developing an Andean network for journalists in Colombia and Venezuela.

Argentina

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$111,130

To support the *Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento* (Center for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth) in holding a series of focus-group meetings with business leaders, policymakers, and academics to develop a national business agenda. The agenda will be widely disseminated through the media and presented to the president and high-level policymakers in Argentina.

Colombia

Asociación de Grupos Juveniles LIBERTAD - AfroAmérica XXI (LIBERTY Association for Youth Groups)

\$30,000

To improve the political representation of the Afro-Colombian community. The Association will strengthen and improve its outreach and grassroots base, educate local Afro-Colombian communities on their rights and the need for citizen

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION

NATIONAL BUSINESS AGENDA GUIDEBOOK: A FORMULA FOR SUCCESS



CIPE Center for International Private Enterprise, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

A Spanish translation of CIPE's National Business Agenda guidebook was used to support Argentine business leaders, policymakers, and academics in developing a national business agenda for Argentina.

AGENDA NACIONAL DE NEGOCIOS: GUÍA PARA EL ÉXITO



CIPE Center for International Private Enterprise, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

participation, and establish a dialogue with local government officials.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$166,856

To support the Colombian Confederation of Chambers of Commerce (*Confecámaras*) in continuing work with the private and public sectors and civil society to reform key pieces of legislation, to host training workshops, and to disseminate a declaration of corporate governance principles. *Confecámaras* will also promote greater understanding of corporate governance through a multifaceted advocacy and education program.

Federación Nacional de Concejos (National Federation of Council Members)

\$70,000

To train local council representatives in techniques for ensuring citizen participation in the councils' work. The Federation will provide in-house legal assistance to its constituents and technical assistance to council members in municipal management and citizen participation to strengthen the organization's internal democratic structure and means of communication.

Corporación Región (Regional Corporation)

\$41,000

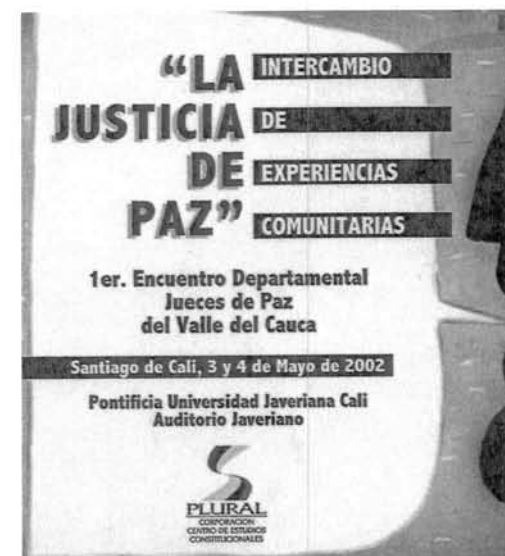
To further support modernization and democratization of the administration of justice in Medellín. *Corporación Región* will strengthen its community-justice and peaceful-coexistence centers; work with judicial officials to promote broader reform of the justice system; connect mediators with each

other and local justice officials; and work with regional law schools to provide law students with a course on international instruments for human rights and on areas where judges and justice of the peace are lacking.

PLURAL - Corporación Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (Constitutional Studies Center)

\$70,000

To promote and improve the justices of the peace tribunal system. PLURAL will promote the tribunal system's long-term sustainability by working with the national government to provide training and financial support to maintain the system, and by training local government officials and municipal police forces on the justices' role.



A brochure for a two-day conference conducted by PLURAL that brought together justices of the peace from throughout Colombia for an "Exchange of Common Experiences."

**Universidad de los Andes
(University of the Andes)**

\$65,000

To monitor and publicize the ongoing work of the Colombian Congress. Project activities will include maintenance of a political database containing information on legislators, updating of a political database of candidates elected in the 2002 elections, follow-up discussion forums, and public outreach.

Cuba

Center for a Free Cuba

\$20,000

To provide emergency relief to political prisoners and their families, to former political prisoners, and to members and families of the prodemocracy movement that is under government attack in Cuba.

Committee for Support of Independent Farmers' Cooperatives in Cuba

\$60,000

To provide technical, organizational, and material assistance to the independent cooperative movement in Cuba. The Committee will also seek to support a wide sector of civil society groups in rural areas throughout Cuba, including independent women's and youth groups.

**Comité Cubano por Derechos Humanos
(Cuban Committee for Human Rights)**

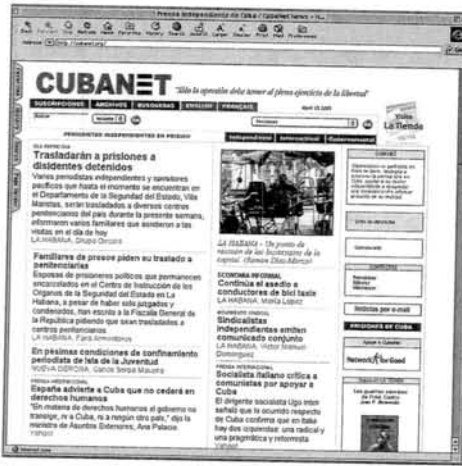
\$65,000

To cover the operating costs and program activities of its Miami office. The Committee's activities will include collaboration with the UN Human Rights Commission in its monitoring and investigation of human rights conditions in Cuba; publication and dissemination in Cuba and internationally of several human rights publications; and provision of humanitarian assistance to political dissidents and prisoners of conscience in Cuba.

CubaNet

\$36,000

To provide material assistance to Cuban independent journalists in Cuba. Endowment support will be applied towards the professional development and compensation of regular contributors to CubaNet.



The Web site CubaNet publishes the work of independent Cuban journalists and provides humanitarian and material assistance to journalists on the island.

**Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico
(Universal Dissident of Puerto Rico)**

\$45,000

To continue publication of its monthly journal, *El Disidente*, which prints articles and editorials from activists living on the island, dissidents living in exile, and international news organizations.

**Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua en Exilio
(Federation of Electric, Gas, and Water Plant Workers in Exile)**

\$55,000

To produce two reports: one on labor rights violations in Cuba, and the other on health conditions for Cuban workers and work-related injuries. The reports will be presented to the International Labor Organization and distributed to human rights and labor groups throughout the world. The Federation will also train Cuban workers in workers' rights and distribute information inside Cuba on international labor laws and international unions' activities.

Information Bureau on Human Rights Movement in Cuba

\$65,000

To cover the operating costs and program activities of its Miami office. The Bureau will maintain regular contact with Cuban groups to collect news on conditions in Cuba and dissidents' activities; share information with a network of international organizations, journalists, and human rights groups; and publish and disseminate its newsletter. The Bureau will also coordinate a series of activities for a coalition of dissident human rights groups in exile and inside Cuba.

International Republican Institute

\$350,000

To support the Directorio (the Cuban Democratic Directorate) in assisting in the prodemocracy movement of key individuals in Cuba. The Directorio will disseminate information and educational material to the prodemocracy movement within Cuba, and distribute information about the movement outside the island.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$50,000

To work with the Varela Project leader, Oswaldo Payá, and his allies outside Cuba in building international, multiparty support for the Varela Project.

**Revista Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana
(Encounter Journal of Cuban Culture)**

\$95,000

To publish four issues of its journal, *Encuentro*, and to launch a new initiative, "Connections." The initiative will link Cubans and non-Cubans via the Internet for discussions on topics related to Cuban culture and history.

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Encuentro is a popular quarterly journal published by *Revista Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana* to promote dialogue about political change and Cuba's future through broad discussions of issues in the humanities, social sciences, and arts. The journal was founded and edited by celebrated writer, journalist, and cinematographer Jesus Diaz, who passed away this year in Madrid, where he had been living in exile since the 1970s.

Ecuador

Colegio de Periodistas de Pichincha (Journalist's Association of Pichincha)
\$32,000

To conduct a series of workshops to train journalists to cover the national elections and post-election events. The Association also plans to work with two other principal press groups with a national presence in Ecuador—the Union of Journalists of Ecuador and the Association of Foreign Press—to build institutional capacity through a national resource center and network.

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (Catholic University of Ecuador)
\$70,000

To increase civilian capacity to manage and oversee security and defense policy. The Catholic University will develop the expertise of civilians in issues of security and defense, provide advice and analysis to congress and political parties on defense policy and administration, and host a series of civil-military dialogues chaired by various international speakers that can highlight examples of civil-military reform in other countries.

Radio Ondas Azuayas (Radio Waves Azuayas)
\$20,000

To train local community journalists. Radio Waves Azuayas will conduct a series of workshops to train local journalists, particularly those from community radio stations in Azuay province, in reporting on elections and following up with elected officials after elections. Radio Waves Azuayas will develop a model of effective civic programming to share with other stations in the country.

Guatemala

International Republican Institute
\$299,999

To enable its Guatemala office to provide political parties with technical assistance in organization, communications, ethics, conflict resolution, political investigation, and instruments for political investigation. IRI-Guatemala will also coordinate fora for political leaders to analyze political, economic, and social problems, with a primary focus on creating policy recommendations and solutions. Finally, IRI-Guatemala will continue working with Guatemalan youth in its leadership-training initiative.

Mexico

Acción Popular de Integración Social (Popular Action for Social Integration)
\$43,000

To monitor the federal congress and sixteen state legislatures on gender-equity issues. Results of the monitoring activities will be distributed through the group's newsletter, *Agenda Afirmativa*, and through the network *Consortio por la Equidad*, a consortium of women's groups.

American University
\$70,000

To promote the development of local capacity in Mexican universities in the area of human rights education and protection. American University and *Universidad Iberoamericana* will work to consolidate and expand human rights programs in Mexican law schools by establishing a Web site and listserv for human rights materials; developing a curriculum on human rights training for use in Mexican law schools; meeting with faculty deans, heads of federal agencies, and congress to promote the incorporation of human rights curricula in private and public universities; and establishing human rights clinics and service programs in the universities. The subgrantee, *Universidad Iberoamericana*, will also train civil society organizations in human rights law and its application in the Mexican legal system.

Alianza Cívica (Civic Alliance)
\$63,000

To monitor the electoral process in state elections in Coahuila and Guerrero, and to conduct a comparative study of state electoral commissions and state electoral laws. The study will form the basis of a platform to improve electoral laws and administration at the state level. The Alliance will then conduct public fora for local activists, state legislators, and electoral officials to discuss the study's findings and the platform.

Fundación Información y Democracia (Information and Democracy Foundation)
\$70,000

To conduct training for federal and state legislators, judges, journalists, and civil society activists on the legal, political, and ethical aspects of access to public information in twelve Mexican

states. Additionally, the Foundation will organize and award a National Journalism Prize for 2002.

International Republican Institute
\$160,000

2000 REPROGRAMMED

To work with *Asociación Nacional Cívica Feminina* (National Women's Civic Association) to continue to monitor and report on the policymaking and conduct of elected officials in Mexico with regards to women's issues; to continue the growth of its grassroots civic activist groups; and to inaugurate a Civic Leadership Training Program, designed to empower women to be effective leaders of civil society and nongovernmental networks.

Nicaragua

International Republican Institute
\$200,000

To empower the grassroots committees of IRI's local counterpart, *Hagamos Democracia* (Let's Make Democracy), to better communicate with their elected officials. Both organizations will also continue to inform citizens about legislative developments, publicize the work of *Hagamos Democracia* and its committees, and publish weekly updates in Nicaragua's largest distribution daily newspaper, *La Prensa*. Finally, IRI will help *Hagamos Democracia* increase its use of the Internet to disseminate its mission and programmatic developments in its work with the National Assembly.

Peru

Comisión Andina de Juristas (Andean Commission of Jurists)
\$45,000

To support the second phase of its anti-corruption initiative focused on the judiciary. The Commission will expand its research on corruption and how to address it, and will develop practical means for involving civil society in monitoring the judiciary. The Commission will also train staff members of civic monitoring groups on functions of the judiciary, so that the groups can collectively act as a watchdog over the judiciary.



Students participating in an advanced course offered by the *Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticos* on civilian security and defense institutions in Peru. NED funding supported the Institute in conducting a series of such courses for civilian members of congress, the defense ministry, and political parties.

Instituto de Defensa Legal (Legal Defense Institute)

\$59,000

To continue supporting its local leadership training school in three Peruvian states. The Institute will train local leaders to develop advocacy action plans and monitor elected officials with regards to campaign promises, and will assist its graduates in developing local campaigns to foster development of a more informed citizenry.

International Republican Institute

\$299,999

To work on strengthening political parties in areas of communications, fundraising, and accounting procedures.

Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticos (Political and Strategic Studies Institute)

\$89,000

To promote democratic civil-military relations. The Institute will conduct seminars to train civilian members of congress, the defense ministry, and political parties in military and strategic issues. It will also conduct a series of six classes for mid-career officers from each branch of the military, on democracy and human rights, and will work with congress and the civilian defense ministry to assist in the re-organization and redefinition of civilian defense and security institutions and policy. Finally, NED support will cover the costs of three roundtables between civilians and military officers.

Venezuela

Acción Campesina (Rural Action)

\$35,000*

To train monitors to work in ten states to collect information on the effects of Venezuela's land-redistribution law. The data will serve as the basis for a public-information campaign. *Acción Campesina* will work with representatives of the National Assembly to communicate objective information about local disputes and conflicts generated by the law. At the end of the project, *Acción Campesina* will convene a national forum to discuss the law and propose ways to reduce rural conflict.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$116,001*

To support the Venezuelan trade movement, represented by the Confederation of Venezuelan Workers, in developing a program to extend organization, training, and representation to the informal sector. ACILS will also aid the Confederation in developing and publicizing its positions and strategies on economic and social issues as part of the development of an anti-poverty program.

Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia - Occidente (Justice Consortium - West)

\$11,000*

To work in the state of Táchira to train communities and local justices of the peace in conflict resolution and mediation techniques. In addition, *Consorcio Justicia* will work with local governments and communities to improve communication and collaboration at the local level.

Asociación Civil Asamblea de Educación (Education Assembly)

\$57,000*

To monitor and distribute information on education-policy issues. The Education Assembly will convene regular policy forums and press conferences to discuss education policy and proposals and will work with the National Assembly to discuss draft legislation and reforms. Last, the Education Assembly will train local community leaders in eight states and Caracas to strengthen its national parent-teachers' network.

Asociación Civil Justicia Alternativa (Alternative Justice Association)

\$10,000*

To promote local conflict-mediation in Aragua state by conducting workshops to train newly elected justices of the peace, local citizens, and local government officials in conflict resolution, political leadership, democratic values, and the institutions and processes of the political system.

Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia (Justice Consortium)

\$84,000

To promote local justice. *Consorcio Justicia* will conduct a ten-state program to educate communities on local justice issues, help organize justice-of-the-peace elections, and train locally elected justices.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$90,561

To collaborate with the Business Center for Conciliation and Arbitration (CEDCA), a Venezuelan nonprofit group, to launch a public-awareness campaign, and to offer a series of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) training modules.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$66,266

To support the Center for the Dissemination of Economic Information (CEDICE) in working with several Venezuelan NGOs to develop a Pact to Rebuild Venezuela. CEDICE will also address the problem of the growing informal sector in Colombia, through a series of workshops and fora, jointly developed with Venezuelan civil society groups.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$116,525*

To support the Confederation of Venezuelan Workers and the Citizens Assembly in jointly producing a policy paper and developing a series of national and regional workshops on economic policy and the organization of the informal sector.

Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular (Center for Popular Action Service)
\$63,000

To monitor social expenditures, the impact of poverty-alleviation programs, and social development and change in Venezuela, and to publish its findings in a report for national and international distribution. The Center will work with the Venezuelan Congress to improve delivery of poverty-alleviation programs to the most needy.

Fundación Justicia de Paz del Estado Monagas (Justice of the Peace Foundation of Monagas)
\$11,000*

To promote dialogue among local political actors in the state of Monagas. *Fundación Justicia de Paz* will establish roundtables in thirty-two communities and will engage in a broad public-education campaign in which it will distribute information to the communities about techniques for political dialogue and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Instituto de Prensa y Sociedad (Press and Society Institute)
\$25,000

To co-organize a forum, with its Venezuela-based affiliate, for media owners, editors, journalists, and leaders of international media-advocacy groups to reflect on the state of freedom of expression and journalism in Venezuela. The forum participants will propose recommendations for resolving issues of self-censorship, journalistic protection, and media professionalization.

International Republican Institute
\$299,999

To train national and local branches of existing and newly created political parties in Venezuela, both on a one-to-one basis and through group sessions. Training topics include party structure, management, and organization; internal and external party communications; effective constituent relations; member-

ship and volunteer recruitment; candidate/leadership development; and coalition building.

Momento de la Gente (The People's Moment)
\$64,000

To organize work with the National Assembly and provide policy input on key pieces of legislation pertinent to civil liberties. *Momento* will also work with and help organize local elected officials to improve their ability to oversee public budgets and advocate for decentralization.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$50,000

To conduct focus groups to detail popular perceptions of political parties and present the results to political party leaders. NDI will use this information to encourage parties to fully embrace the need for reform, and shape renewal strategies.

Latin America Regional

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$141,596

To support the National Economic Research Center of Guatemala in its work with the private sector in Central America to broaden business agendas such that they identify and advocate essential reforms beyond the scope of competitiveness. A media strategy will be implemented and a public presentation of each business agenda will be made, to raise awareness and support among policymakers and the public.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$115,661

To collaborate with the Political Science Institute, the Center for the Dissemination of Economic Information in Venezuela, and the Ecuadorean Economic Policy Institute to compile and edit articles pertaining to a range of exigent social and political issues, and to publish the articles in a quarterly journal throughout Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.



Perspectiva is the quarterly journal of the Political Science Institute, created with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise and distributed throughout the northernmost countries of South America.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$150,018

To continue support for the party-reform projects of the 2002 participants of the Political Leadership Program, through the sponsorship of three expert-trainer visits to Bolivia and Colombia. The Political Leadership Program is a program sponsored by NDI and aimed at helping young and emerging political leaders to develop the skills to lead more modern and responsive political parties and to address the issue of party renewal.

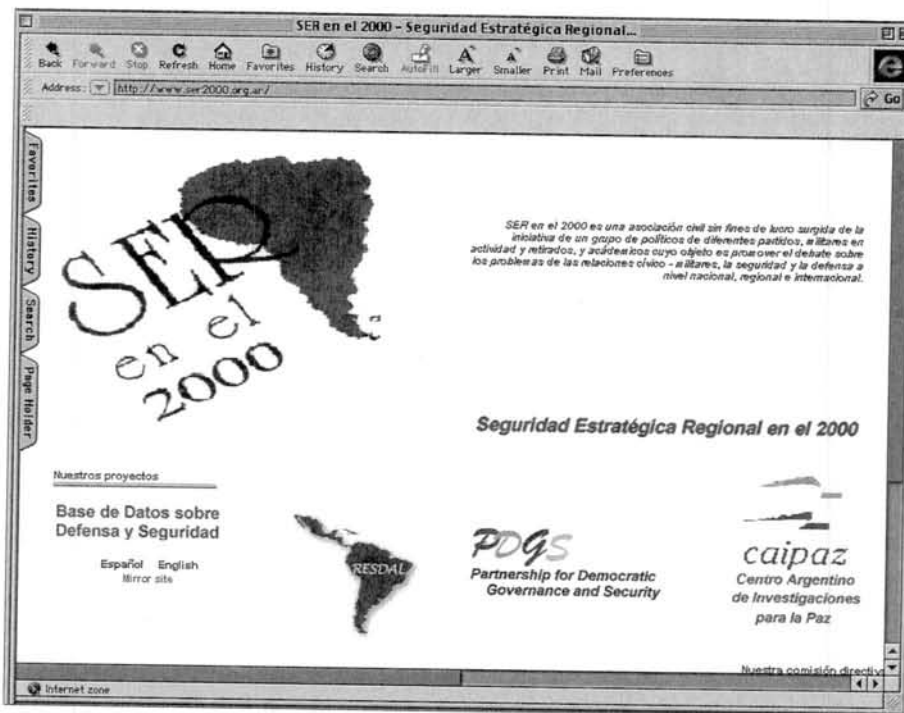
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$300,000

To continue its Political Leadership Program, which seeks to strengthen the capabilities of emerging political leaders to promote modern, transparent, and responsive political parties. NDI will invite new participants from the parties with which the Institute is currently working in Bolivia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

Seguridad Estratégica Regional (SER) en 2000 (Regional Strategic Security in 2000)

\$90,000

To sustain its network of security and defense (RESDAL), SER will continue fostering communication among civilian organizations working on security and defense, and will promote collaborative research projects among individuals from different countries. The Institute will host a series of discussions on issues in military policy and civil-military relations through its listserv; sponsor a two-day conference and a cross-border research project to develop a methodology to study and monitor military budgets and expenditures; and develop an online course to train young civilians in security and defense issues.



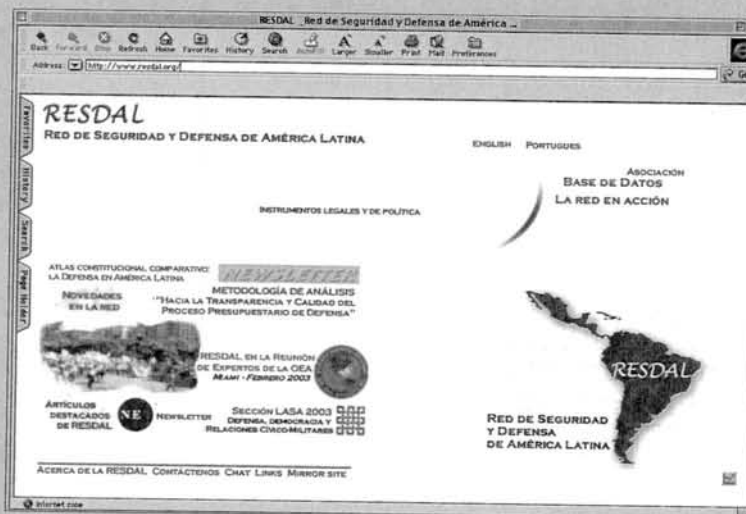
This year *Seguridad Estratégica Regional en 2000* developed an online course to train young civilians throughout Latin America in security and defense issues.

Grantee in the Spotlight: RESDAL

The threat to democratic stability posed by the growing role of the military in politics is a growing area of concern in Latin America. To help address this issue, NED has been providing support for the past two years to the Security and Defense Network in Latin America (RESDAL), a network of individuals working to improve and strengthen civilian control over the armed forces in the region.

RESDAL brings together civil and military leaders throughout Latin America to discuss the threat to democracy arising from deteriorating relations between civilian governments and the military. The group's goal is to create an atmosphere of trust and strengthen the role of civilians in security and defense policies. Based in Argentina and administered through *Seguridad Estratégica Regional en 2000*, RESDAL is composed of civilian think tanks and NGOs specializing in civil-military relations in Peru, Brazil, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Argentina.

In late 2000, following a series of meetings with top-ranking military officials in Peru, RESDAL signed an important agreement to advise the Peruvian Defense Ministry in the restructuring of Peru's armed forces under the newly elected government of President

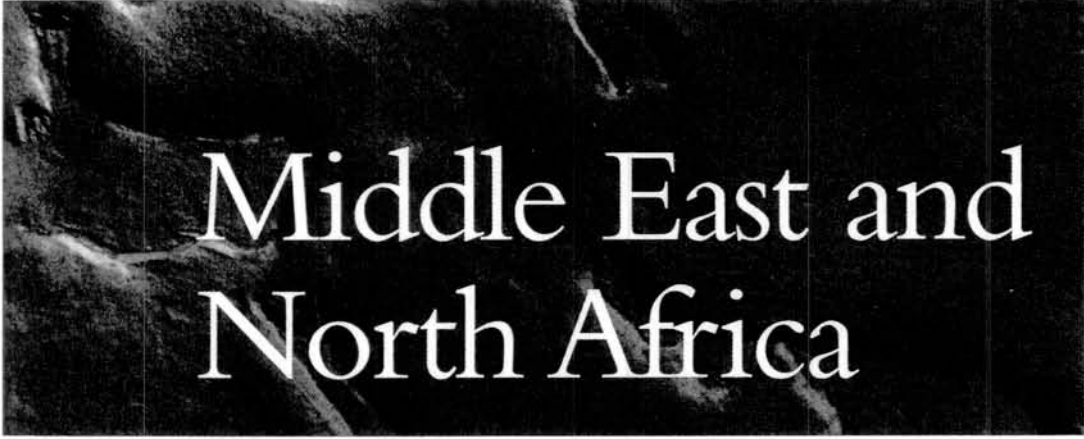


Alejandro Toledo. Encouraged by its success in Peru, the staff at RESDAL expanded its reach and began working to improve civil-military relations and foster civilian governments in other countries of the region. RESDAL has participated in a series of civil-military roundtables in Ecuador to discuss civil-military relations and defense policy. It has consulted with the Organization of American States on its discussion on hemisphere security and democracy and the role of civil society. And it continues to conduct a distance-learning

program to provide civil-society training to civilians and security training to defense ministries in Ecuador, Argentina, and Brazil.

In the last year, RESDAL developed a methodology to measure the transparency of defense budgets. Using this methodology, RESDAL is working with civilian think tanks in three countries in the hemisphere to study the transparency and effectiveness of defense budgets and expenditures and improve civilian capacity in this area.

News and information on RESDAL's current activities and a comprehensive database of documents and research on civil-military relations can be found at RESDAL's Web site at <http://www.resdal.org>.



Middle East and North Africa



2002 NED Regional Highlights

NED's program in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

continued to expand amidst heightened regional and local tensions. Concerns about imminent war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, further erosion of human rights in pursuit of the war on terror, and the worsening crisis in Israel and the West Bank/Gaza Strip exacerbated the fears of citizens and worsened the political and economic climate in the MENA region. Governments throughout the region reduced the margin of freedom, passed restrictive NGO legislation, clamped down on journalists, and intimidated democracy advocates. NED responded to these challenges by increasing its support to the region, in particular for women's rights and participation, human rights monitoring, regional networks of journalists and democracy activists, and forums on Islam and democracy. Signs of political opening and increased opportunity for citizen participation in Morocco, Lebanon, and Bahrain led NED to expand its support of projects focused on voter education, women's leadership development, and strengthening the responsiveness of local government to citizens' needs.

NED's support of civic NGOs in **Afghanistan**, which began a decade ago, refocused and intensified over the past year following the expulsion of the Taliban regime and the beginning of the country's transition to democracy. In addition to funding a program focused on developing the capacity and abilities of local civic education and human rights organizations, NED also provided critical support to the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) to establish a field presence in Afghanistan and to provide ongoing assistance in the political transition process; and for the International Republican Institute (IRI) to strengthen local NGOs working in the areas of media and civic education.

NED expanded its support in northern **Iraq**, providing critical funding to nascent civic groups that serve as models for advancing citizen participation throughout the country. The American Society for Kurds conducted workshops in Sulaymania and Erbil for women, journalists, and NGO activists, in advocating for legislative reforms in press law and municipal administration. The MARE Foundation trained fifty Iraqi journalists in human rights, press freedom, and the role of independent media in advancing democracy, providing the impetus for the creation of a press association in Iraq. The Badlisly Cultural Center

trained teachers, educators, and Imams on human rights. And the Iraq Institute for Democracy trained trainers on civic and democracy education and ran workshops in three northern cities on democracy-building in Iraq.

Morocco's 2002 legislative elections—characterized by transparency and surprising levels of participation—were an important focal point of NED's support in North Africa. With Endowment funding, Citizenship Forum developed and implemented a broad civic education curriculum, and the Democratic Association of Moroccan Women designed activities towards strengthening women's participation as voters and candidates. NDI and IRI worked to enhance electoral press coverage and strengthen local polling capacity respectively.

In the context of the ongoing political, economic, and now humanitarian crisis in the **West Bank/Gaza Strip**, and the absence of any negotiation framework or peace process, NED's support of NGOs committed to long-term programs that are related to building Palestinian democracy, and that have constituencies for these activities, remained critical. NED provided funding to NGOs that engage a broad cross-section of the Palestinian population, including women and youth, on human rights awareness, institution building, nonviolent

approaches to conflict resolution, and civic education on the need for political reform and rule of law. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) used Endowment funding to continue its work with the Palestinian Businessman's Association on economic reform and corporate governance.

NED expanded its program in the Gulf, which has the most conservative and isolated countries in the region. In **Yemen**, NED expanded its support to include programs that strengthen the country's nascent civil society. With a grant from NED, the Civic Democratic Initiative Support Foundation worked to raise civic awareness and expand voter registration ahead of Yemen's parliamentary elections. The Human Rights Information and Training Center received NED funding to design a series of seminars to strengthen human rights awareness among citizens of Yemen and the entire Gulf region. **Bahrain**, which went through fundamental political reforms and held its first ever legislative and local elections in 2002, offered a hopeful model for other Gulf nations and provided new opportunities for democracy. In response, NED supported NDI in organizing voter-education and candidate-training activities, with a particular focus on Bahraini women and on building a coalition of local civic organizations.



Description of 2002 Grants: Middle East and North Africa

Afghanistan

International Republican Institute

\$100,000
1998 REPROGRAMMING

To work with the Afghan Media Resource Center to better inform the leadership, citizenry, and international community about developments inside Afghanistan, the Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau, and the Tribal Jirga for the Eastern Zone of Afghanistan.

International Republican Institute

\$125,000
2001 REPROGRAMMING

To promote independent Afghan media through support to the Afghan Media Resource Center and its newspaper, *Erada*; NGO advocacy through training and assistance to the Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau; and citizen participation and education through support to the Association for Democracy in Afghanistan.

National Commission on Human Rights in Afghanistan

\$30,000

To rent and equip an office in Kabul and recruit three full-time staff members to run a human rights public-awareness campaign, which will include a minimum of twelve human rights awareness seminars and eight brief one-week courses on human rights. In addition, the Commission will produce and distribute 1,000 copies of a bimonthly human rights newsletter in Dari and Pashto.

Participants at a seminar conducted with NED support by the National Commission of Human Rights in Afghanistan as part of a campaign to heighten public awareness about human rights.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$425,001

To implement an eight-month program to provide international comparative advice and information to the Afghan Interim Authority and the Special Commission for the Convening of the Loya Jirga; convene discussion and advice fora for Afghan political leaders embarking on the formation of political movements and parties; and assist Afghan citizens and refugees, particularly women, with influencing and participating in decisions made by interim Afghan authorities and the international community.

Algeria

Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights

\$20,000

To undertake a campaign for greater respect for human rights and rule of law in Algeria. The program will include small meetings with Algerian civil society representatives, a two-day national conference in Algiers, and the creation of a Web site to sustain an education and advocacy campaign for human rights.

Committee of the Families of the Disappeared in Algeria (CFDA)

\$30,000

To maintain its office in Algiers, through which it can develop the professional capacity of two committees that have formed in Oran and Constantine. In addition, CFDA will produce a quarterly newsletter and bulletin to inform its constituents on relevant national and international laws, procedures on collecting data, advocacy techniques, and networking.

Bahrain

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$58,310

To introduce Bahraini political and civil society groups to the technical aspects of strategic planning, membership recruitment, campaign planning, and coalition-building; to train women in political-participation skills; and to conduct a series of workshops and consultations with political and civil society groups, to coordinate their training needs, select trainees, and provide workshop venues.

Egypt

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$80,704

To build the Egyptian Junior Business Association's credibility by helping it to provide demand-driven membership services and establish a platform that will allow the Association to maintain independence while still involving the government in a private/public policy dialogue. The Association will conduct a series of workshops to educate its members about international business practices, and will develop an Arabic-English Web site.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$334,826

To produce three Arabic-translation issues of its flagship journal, *Economic Reform Today*; to further develop its Arabic-language Web site such that it includes more information transmitting the values of a free-market economy; to develop and implement a special training program, "Concepts of Free Market Economy"; to develop an Arabic-language Web site supporting future Egyptian entrepreneurs; and to organize a regional training program for Egyptian financial-news reporters.

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

\$30,000

To continue investigating and reporting human rights abuses; educating the populace on the benefits of tolerance, pluralism, and dialogue; and calling for incorporation of international human rights norms into Egyptian legislation. The Organization will organize six bimonthly workshops and will publish and distribute 2,000 copies of the proceedings and 2,000 copies of the Organization's annual report.

Human Rights Center for the Assistance of Prisoners

\$30,000

To train human rights activists and lawyers in the handling of prisoner and detainee cases, and to expand its own network of volunteers and collaborators. The Center will organize a series of workshops concerning citizen rights within prisons and detention centers, and will publish and distribute four legal booklets on the same subject.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION





Participants of a workshop conducted in early June by the American Society for Kurds (ASK). The workshop was one of many conducted by ASK in northern Iraq in an effort to expand civic participation and advocate legislative reforms in press law and municipal administration.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$106,817

To undertake a twelve-month program to assist the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights with the training of women in the areas of elections and political party activism, and to provide the Center with the skills and resources necessary to influence public policy through advocacy.

Iran

Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation
\$25,000

To establish an Iran Human Rights Memorial Web site, to highlight the extra-judicial cases and victims of political violence. The site will offer a Farsi-language electronic library on human rights laws and instruments and will target students, unemployed youth, and victims of the regime.

Iran Teachers' Association
\$25,000

To continue producing and distributing *Mehregan*, its quarterly cultural and political journal, as well as to strengthen the journal's content. The Association will also further develop its Web site by increasing the site's interactive capabilities with Farsi software, adding more useful pages and links, and hosting and moderating an online "discussion forum."

National Iranian American Council
\$25,000

To design and implement a two-day media training workshop in Iran for forty staff members from five civic groups. The training will cover public education and outreach, video production, script writing, and graphics usage, and will help the Council gauge participants general receptiveness to civic activities. Participants will also be trained in project development and proposal writing and will be encouraged to identify their needs, develop a public message, and outline an appropriate publicity campaign.

Iraq

American Society for Kurds (ASK)
\$74,000*

To conduct a series of workshops, in Erbil and Sulaymania in northern Iraq, to expand civic participation and advocate legislative reforms in press law and municipal administration. ASK will conduct two one-month training workshops for women; two four-day workshops on press-law reform; and two three-day workshops on civic initiatives in local municipalities.

Badlisy Cultural Center
\$39,000

To conduct a human rights campaign in northern Iraq. The campaign will consist of thirteen training workshops for teachers, thirteen training workshops for Imams at local mosques, and two theatrical productions, all focusing on human rights. The Center will also hold monthly meetings with youth and civic organizations and will produce and distribute 500 copies of a monthly bilingual

(Arabic and Kurdish) newsletter on civic initiatives and volunteerism. The newsletter's specific content will be determined by meeting participants.

Iraq Institute for Democracy
\$51,000*

To continue its civic education program and to conduct a public campaign for democratic values. The Institute will build its institutional capacity; train twenty trainers in civic and democracy education; conduct ten courses in civic education; translate articles on democracy and develop the content of its biweekly newspaper; and expand its public-awareness campaign through the production and distribution of 30,000 posters and stickers.

MARE Foundation
\$55,000*

To conduct two two-day training workshops for fifty Iraqi journalists in the diaspora and northern Iraq, to help form a professional association of Iraqi journalists, and to establish a Web site to promote free and pluralistic media in Iraq.

Jordan

Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center
\$30,000

To strengthen democratic institutions in Jordan through research and analysis. The Center will continue to use the media to disseminate democratic culture and civic debate in Jordan.

Arab Media Institute
\$30,000

To train journalists and to research and monitor local and regional journalism. The Institute will strengthen its network of regional and international organizations that promote the media's role in advancing peace, human rights, and democracy.

Arab Women's Media Center
\$30,000

To implement a second year of training for "non-media professionals." Training will include five seven-day training modules for 200 women NGO representatives. Modules will focus on utilizing the media, communication skills, and the relationship between freedom of expression, women's rights, and democratic development.

Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists

\$30,000

To organize a series of four seminars and to develop training materials for Jordanian youth on principles of free expression, the public's right to know, the role and value of a free and independent media, and how to advocate for press reforms. Following the training, program participants will form a network and will continue to receive informal assistance and training from the center and will reach out to additional youth organizations in Jordan.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$67,394

To partner with a coalition of women's organizations headed by the Jordanian National Commission for Women, to provide trainers for the coalition's upcoming program on training women candidates. NDI will also provide the Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists with a subgrant to conduct a three-day workshop that will train Jordanian journalists on how to effectively cover elections.

Sisterhood Is Global Institute - Jordan

\$35,000

To implement a training curriculum for a cross-section of Jordanian women on human rights, citizenship rights, and facilitation, and to strengthen the Institute's capacity through improved training of volunteer coordinators and expansion of the Institute's in-house library and Web site.

Women's Organization to Combat Illiteracy

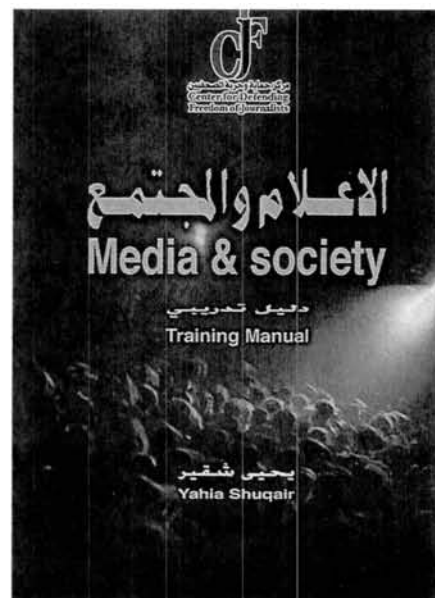
\$32,000

To implement a series of 135 workshops on human rights and democracy, for women participants of the Organization's literacy and vocational training sessions in refugee camps and rural villages, as a means to further develop the Organization's capacity to deliver human rights training and skills-building and respond to its constituents' needs.

Women's Union in Jordan

\$45,000

To undertake a voter-education program for women throughout Jordan, including twenty-four training courses on



A training manual developed for youth with NED funding by the Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists in Jordan.

"Election Law and Electoral Process in Jordan," "Women and the Legislature," "Women as Voters and Candidates," and "The Jordanian Constitution." Funding will also be used to supplement these trainings with voter resource materials and posters.

Grantee in the Spotlight: Badlisiy Cultural Center

The people of Iraq have experienced thirty years of brutal dictatorship, major wars, bloody coups, street battles against the Baath regime, and a decade of UN sanctions. In this culture of violence, the social fabric of Iraqi society is quickly unraveling. And a new generation of Iraqis is being raised in isolation from the world, with no real understanding of civil society and nonviolent social discourse. One exception to this bleak picture is the Kurdish region in northern Iraq, where people are finding opportunities to develop and exemplify civic life.

The Badlisiy Cultural Center (BCC), based in Northern Iraq, uses innovative cultural tools—such as mobile theatre and art exhibitions—to promote human rights and civic education to a wide array of Iraqi citizens, including children, teachers, clergy, and government officials. The BCC also provides teacher trainings, human rights curriculum development, and human rights training for Imams (local religious leaders) to raise public awareness about human rights and to create a public forum for debate of these issues. Bukhtiyar Abdullah, the executive director of the BCC, says that receptivity to change in the region increases when the information driving the change flows from religious leaders. "The religious leaders have had a great effect on people on the subjects of human rights," Abdullah says, "especially women's and children rights."

A NED grantee since 2001, the BCC was founded in 2000. It has been receiving such positive feedback, and demand throughout parts of the north for additional programs, that even the staff has been a little surprised. "We never anticipated such an overwhelming response both from the general public and officials in welcoming our

initiatives," says Abdullah. "Other groups now are coming to us to learn from our experience."

This year, the BCC used a portion of a \$39,000 grant from NED to write, produce, and stage two theatrical productions. The first play, "Elections," drew attention to election issues such as participation, fairness, and manipulation and was performed in fifty middle and high schools in the Sulaymania province. The second play, "Back to School," addressed student concerns about violence and intolerance in schools. The play was designed to encourage the participation of students and other volunteers from the more than one hundred primary schools in the Sulaymania province where it was performed. Both plays were filmed and publicly screened in fifteen villages throughout the three provinces of northern Iraq: Erbil, Dahok, and Sulaymania.

In addition, NED funding helped the BCC staff to visit these three provinces to conduct teacher training in human rights, to solicit the civic participation of Imams through human rights workshops designed to address issues from an Islamic perspective, and to develop a support network for NGOs in the region. As part of the latter initiative, the BCC began producing and distributing a monthly Arabic- and Kurdish-language newsletter that promotes civic initiatives and volunteer work. The newsletter is distributed largely to college students and youth organizations.

"In a region characterized by pessimism and negative expectations, this is a positive story," says NED's Senior Program Officer for the Middle East and Northern Africa, Dr. Laith Kubba. "That this is happening in Iraq demonstrates that, with some help, people can emerge out of a culture of violence to build a democracy."



An Arabic manual on civic education and human rights developed by the Generation for the Integrity of Lebanon (GIL) as a follow-on to multiple youth workshops offered by GIL throughout Southern Lebanon.

Lebanon

Development and Municipality Studies Center
\$25,000

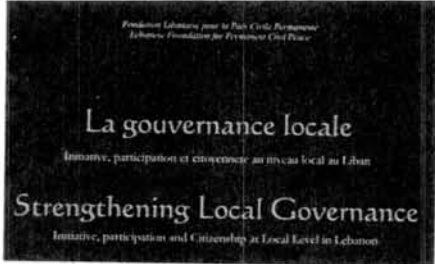
To produce eight online and print editions of its newsletter, *Baladiyat* (*Municipalities*). The newsletter is a civic education publication that contains municipal news, budget reviews, research on local-government issues, and interviews with local leaders and organizations, with the goal of strengthening the effectiveness, understanding, and trust of local government in Lebanon.

Generation for the Integrity of Lebanon (GIL)
\$25,000

To conduct four three-day training workshops on human rights, pluralism, democracy, and civic participation for youth in Southern Lebanon. GIL will also publish an Arabic manual on civic education and human rights, based on the training curriculum and experience.

Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace
\$40,000

To conduct workshops with elected officials, community leaders, civil society activists, and local NGOs in five Lebanese municipalities in order to identify and foster effective modes of communication between citizens and local authorities, tailor civic initiatives addressing local priorities, and develop and



A resource manual on local government structures and dynamics in Lebanon, produced by the Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace.

implement small pilot projects around those initiatives. The Foundation will also publish and distribute a resource manual on local government structures and dynamics, the needs and expectations of the five municipalities, and overviews of their initiatives and pilot projects.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$139,711

To continue supporting the Development and Municipality Studies Center in implementing an "NGO Management Certificate Program" for NGOs in northern Lebanon. This curriculum is designed to increase linkages and cooperation between municipalities and civil society organizations. The Institute will also continue to assist the Lebanese Association for the Democracy of Elections by building on the Association's capacity to carry out a voter-education campaign and advocate for electoral reform.

Philanthropic Amlieh Association
\$48,000

To expand its human rights training program for Shi'ite Muslim girls and women, through weekly and biweekly training sessions. A total of 36 educators, 50 mothers, and over 1,300 students who are enrolled in vocational training programs in Beirut and Southern Lebanon will directly participate in the program, which will utilize specialized manuals addressing human rights within Islam.

Southern Issues
\$30,000

To produce and disseminate six editions of *Sho'oun Janoubiyeh*, a publication featuring articles and commentaries on issues of governance, transparency, accountability, citizen and human rights, challenges facing youth, and local culture in southern Lebanon. Southern Issues will distribute the publication to more than 5,000 local councils, civic groups, elected officials, and citizens.

Morocco

Citizenship Forum
\$30,000

To establish and organize twenty civic clubs to undertake civic initiatives and disseminate concepts of democracy, pluralism, tolerance, transparency, accountability, active participation, human and civil rights, citizenship, and community development. In partnership with schools and youth centers in Morocco, the Forum will target youth aged sixteen to nineteen years, at schools and youth centers in twelve Moroccan cities. In addition, the Forum will publish three issues of a twelve-page Arabic newsletter, *Civic Education*, linking the civic clubs to each other and publicizing their concerns and initiatives.

Citizenship Forum
\$30,000

To establish a "Monitors for Democratic Transition" project, through which a committee composed of four working groups will draft, publish, and distribute two issues of a newsletter, and 2,000 copies of an annual report on the state of democracy in Morocco, to political groups, civic organizations, parliamentarians, academic centers, and media organizations.

Democratic Association of Moroccan Women
\$40,000

To support its Center for Women's Leadership as it continues to train trainers and sensitize NGO leaders to methods of promoting women's leadership and supporting women's participation in politics and public affairs. The Association will select, train, and guide ten candidates from leading women's human rights and civic groups to form a working group that will develop and moderate civic group workshops focusing on recruitment and development of women leaders.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$175,220

To address issues of vote-buying and the media's poor election coverage in advance of the fall 2002 legislative elections. "Project Clean Vote" will seek to raise awareness of the problem of vote-buying and urge voters not to sell their votes, through a series of television spots/mini-films and a nationwide poster campaign. "Enhancing Electoral Press Coverage" will seek to improve journalists' skills and coverage of electoral issues, through election-coverage training and skills-building for the media.

Sudan/Egypt

Sudanese Studies Center

\$60,000

To organize a symposium on the role of the private sector in development and democratization; to hold a workshop and conduct a study on women and politics; and to publish a monthly newsletter about and a dictionary of democracy and human rights. The Center will also continue to publish its periodical journal, *Sudanese Writings*, and produce its annual report on the state of civil society and the development of politics and economy in Sudan.

Turkey

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly

\$35,000

To produce five training manuals and organize a one-week workshop in Istanbul, to train twenty trainers on advocacy, lobbying, and campaigning. The trainers will then train staff at 100 NGOs in ten Turkish cities. The Assembly will also organize a one-day lobbying event in Ankara, a press conference, and a reception for forty politicians, bureaucrats, and journalists. The Assembly will print and distribute 1,000 copies of each issue of its quarterly newsletter, and post it on the group's Web site.

International Republican Institute

\$299,999

To conduct regional workshops and a national conference to encourage young people to get involved in the civic and political spheres of their communities. The Institute will also continue its partnership with the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation towards anti-

corruption activities and will renew its partnership with the Association for Support and Training of Women Candidates (KADER) to promote women's participation in politics.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$286,318

To provide expertise to the parliament on methods used by other nations to resolve problems in parliamentary and governmental reform processes; to aid civil society organizations that seek to make parliament more transparent and accountable; and to promote more open communication between Turkish citizens and parliament.

West Bank/ Gaza Strip

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$55,800

To support the Palestinian Businessmen's Association's (PBA) Center for Private Sector Development (CPSD) in advancing a code of private-sector governance that promotes business ethics; advocates for institutional reform in promotion of accountability, transparency, and rule of law; and strengthens the capacity of the private sector to push for reform. Through an economic institutional environment study, an educational and advocacy program, and strategic alliances with other key institutions, PBA/CPSD will engage the private sector in the reform debate.

Civic Forum Institute

\$36,000

To convene twenty institutional-development training sessions on volunteer recruitment and management, communication and media skills, and project management and evaluation, for a total of thirty-five local organizations. These organizations will then organize fifteen town hall meetings throughout the West Bank and Gaza, between Palestinian citizens and decision-makers, on topics of democratic reform.

General Union of Cultural Centers

\$30,000

To train forty-five representatives from fifteen member NGOs in capacity-building and institutional development. The trainees will be divided into three geo-

graphic regions, and each group will receive thirteen days of training followed by a community-needs assessment and project development for their individual organizations, as a means to reinforce and sustain the training.

Jerusalem Center for Women

\$35,000

To design and implement a ten-month training program in Jerusalem for young Palestinian women leaders (including possible election candidates) on media, oral and written communication skills, and political communication. Participants will produce a newsletter on political reform and participation and will conduct training in their individual communities.

Middle East Center for Nonviolence and Democracy

\$35,000

To train Palestinian youth—participants of an earlier training program—in nonviolent conflict-resolution, communication skills, and human rights, who will then produce a quarterly educational newsletter and a stage play on nonviolence and conflict resolution.

Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes

\$55,000

To produce and broadcast an educational television program for youth on human rights; to train journalism students in democracy and conflict resolution; to conduct professional training for university students in democracy and conflict resolution; to implement capacity-building training modules for grassroots Gazan NGOs; and to support its internal institutional development.

Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy

\$25,000

To conduct a series of workshops, for a minimum of 140 youths, focused on the Palestinian electoral process. The workshops will train youth in the principles and importance of independent domestic-election monitoring, the rule of law, and accountability of governing institutions.

Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH)

\$30,000

To produce and broadcast a series of six television and six radio programs geared

towards increasing women's education about and participation in Palestinian legislative and municipal elections, scheduled for mid-2003. The programs will feature interactive call-in participation and will be broadcast on independent-media outlets throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Panorama

\$43,000

To undertake a year-long campaign for good governance in Palestinian governing institutions and NGOs. The program will include training for civic activists on good-governance principles and applications; public meetings between citizens and elected representatives; and the production of two televised debates, an educational newsletter, and a manual on good governance, intended to be a reference guide for civic activists and government officials.

Yemen

Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation

\$29,000

To raise voter awareness by making use of the Yemeni media and by engaging NGOs and political actors in voter education. The Foundation will work with five government-owned radio stations to produce and broadcast fifteen radio symposium programs and six television debates; will produce and distribute a monthly newsletter on civic and voter education; and will hold a three-day workshop for NGO leaders, political activists, and government staff, focusing on voter registration and education.

International Human Rights Law Group (IHLRG)

\$50,000

To heighten Yemeni awareness of women's rights by building the capacity of Sisters Arabic Forum (SAF) and other women's organizations. IHLRG will provide them with technical assistance and expert advice and will work with SAF to conduct a four-day workshop on human rights principles and legal instruments for practicing and non-practicing women lawyers and law students. IHLRG will also organize six lectures at the law schools in Taiz, Sana'a, and Aden by pioneer women lawyers, highlighting women's rights and discussing gaps between international standards and Yemeni laws.

Middle East Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$291,930

1999 REPROGRAMMED

To expand opportunities for and the abilities of men and women workers to participate in the building of democracy in Middle East unions, workplaces, and society, and to promote worker involvement in the pursuit of good governance at local and national levels.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$159,142

To work with private sector groups from Turkey, Egypt, and Morocco—and possibly groups from Lebanon, Jordan, and Tunisia—to develop a regional corporate governance program to mobilize private sector groups in each country to take on a proactive role in advocating for the regulatory, legal, and social reform necessary for good corporate governance.

Center for Lebanese Studies

\$40,000

To host a regional forum for Arab intellectuals, democrats, activists, and thinkers to discuss what Arab democrats can do now to help the region democratize, and what they view as the medium- and long-term prospects and implications of and for democracy in the region.

Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy

\$40,000

To hold three two-day workshops in Egypt, Morocco, and Lebanon on the theme of "Who Speaks for Islam and Democracy?" The Center will publish summaries of these workshops in its newsletter. An English-language summary of each workshop will be posted to the Internet, and the Center's local affiliates will produce and distribute 500 copies of an Arabic-language report on each workshop.

Human Rights Club

\$40,000

To host ten roundtable debates on the prospects of democracy and human rights in the Arab world and to build and cultivate a network of democrats and human rights activists in the Middle East region.

Human Rights Information and Training Center

\$25,000

To hold a five-day regional workshop to train thirty representatives of women's organizations, lawyers associations, and human rights organizations and activists from Arab countries, including Yemen, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, and the West Bank/Gaza Strip. The training will be designed to improve participants' knowledge of international human rights laws and procedures, and improve their ability to utilize international media and human rights organizations to advocate for improved human rights conditions in their countries.

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue

\$79,000

To publish and distribute its bimonthly newsletter, *Islam 21*; to maintain and update its Web page and discussion forum on the Internet; and to develop and produce an *Educational Guide on Islam and Public Life*. The Forum will continue to evolve as a center through which liberal Islamists can coordinate their efforts and disseminate their views and play a stabilizing and constructive role in shaping public institutions and modernizing Muslim societies.

International Republican Institute

\$50,000

1999 REPROGRAMMING

To promote the exchange of survey research, experience, and expertise between regional civil society activists, including pollsters, through consultations and regional workshops with survey-research professional and civic actors from North Africa, the Levant, and the Persian Gulf.

Regional Program for Human Rights Activists (RPHRA)

\$30,000

To organize three two-day workshops in Rabat, Cairo, and Bahrain, for human rights activists in North Africa, the Levant, and the Persian Gulf, respectively. RPHRA will print 1,000 copies of the presentations and recommendations at the three workshops and distribute them to Arab civil society organizations and human rights activists, groups, and institutions. Finally, RPHRA will publish the recommendations and the main presentations, and post an English-language summary of the presentations on the Internet.

Multiregional and Miscellaneous

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Description of 2002 Grants: Multiregional and Miscellaneous

Multiregional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$251,765

To support a subgrant to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to increase knowledge among worker and allied organizations, international organizations, and governments about the International Labor Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work; and to foster coordination among national trade union centers in developed and developing countries.

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American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$127,917

To build upon previous work in Mexico and Sri Lanka to heighten awareness of worker rights at the national level. ACILS will develop comprehensive countrywide reports on violations of worker rights and will distribute this information to partners in the labor and NGO world as well as to government officials and international human rights bodies.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$270,951

To expand the quality and quantity of labor market data and analyses available to trade union and other policy centers through its Global Policy Network (GPN).

ACILS will identify GPN correspondents, conduct a regional workshop for correspondents in South and East Asia, provide technical assistance in data collection and analysis, assemble a preliminary privatization report, and hold an international meeting of the GPN.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$100,000

To explore and devise new strategies to strengthen worker participation in democratic processes, especially in regions where democracy and democratic trade unionism are threatened by terrorism. In general, program development funds will be used to support research, assessment, and analysis missions to the field as well as longer-term project development activities.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$224,997

To continue supporting Indonesian, South African, and Brazilian trade unions and labor-allied groups that are engaged in the development and implementation of easy-to-understand, gender-inclusive, economic education modules on policy and institutional issues relevant to workers. ACILS will also expand the project into Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Argentina.



Developing workers' understanding of the global economy helps them to better participate in the democratic process, which is why the American Center for International Labor Solidarity supported economic-literacy programs this year in Indonesia, South Africa, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Argentina. Here, Pakistani labor leaders from the All Pakistan Federation of Labour exchange ideas at one of the many seminars that took place as part of the project.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$147,706

To support Transparency International (TI) and Social Accountability International (SAI) in designing a corruption-management system called the "Business Principles for Countering Bribery." TI and SAI will implement a consultation exercise and hold a series of workshops to build alliances with international financial institutions, government regulators, and other entities that support corporate social responsibility.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$107,504

To support Transparency International (TI) and Social Accountability International (SAI) in continuing the strategic rollout of their "Business Principles for Countering Bribery." TI and SAI will refine their supplementary best-practices document to expose and forestall possibilities for bribery within companies and will provide guidance and support to committed companies.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$170,889

To continue to maintain, update, and expand the wealth of information made available on the Web through its Forum on Economic Freedom site, and to build the infrastructure needed to make the site more accessible and user-friendly and increase its impact.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$199,564

To support continuous development and testing of new projects based on its past experiences. CIPE will conduct onsite analyses of country conditions, assess the status and needs of potential partner organizations, and develop new programmatic approaches for future NED-funded projects.

Center for Sustainable Human Rights Action
\$45,000

To support activities related to the further development of its Institution Building Handbook Series. The Center will continue its training program for human rights groups in Central America, cultivate a similar pilot program in West Africa, and provide individual human rights training sessions.

International Republican Institute
\$100,000

To carry out on-site political assessments in countries where IRI has no current programs and in countries where additional programming opportunities are possible. Endowment funding will also enable IRI staff to remain up-to-date on relevant political developments worldwide.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$181,294

To research the political and cultural environments of given regions, assessing needs and identifying appropriate local partners for effective programs; to maintain communications with democratic activists in countries where programs are not currently ongoing; and to develop follow-on programs in countries where NDI has worked previously.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$151,475

To develop a formal training and consultation program to work with Northern Ireland's political parties in the areas of party growth and development, and campaign, electoral, and communication skills.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$58,239

To support the Community of Democracies Non-Governmental Forum in Seoul by organizing a panel entitled "Strengthening Political Party Systems" in conjunction with the International Republican Institute. The panel will produce specific recommendations for strengthening political party systems worldwide.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$37,163

To work with the Global Programme for Legislative Strengthening, a project of the United Nation's Development Program (UNDP), to host and facilitate an Internet-based policy dialogue on emerging trends in legislative-strengthening programs. NDI will create a detailed presentation for participants of a November 2002 UNDP conference on the same topic, as well as a CD-ROM incorporating related materials.

Women's Learning Partnership
\$60,635

To support travel costs for participants in the first of five Regional Roaming Institute (RRI) training-of-trainer sessions in Amman, Jordan. RRI is a capacity-building multimedia institution. The training sessions will equip local facilitators to more effectively empower participants in their own local workshops to take leadership roles within their communities.

Women's Learning Partnership
\$165,000

To create multimedia, culture-specific education tools for individuals and organizations in the Global South that will strengthen women's participation in building civil society. WLP will implement leadership-training programs for women and girls in twelve Muslim-majority countries and will collaborate with partner organizations to develop culture-specific training materials in ten languages.

Miscellaneous

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$125,001
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$173,921
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

International Republican Institute

\$85,000
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$81,719
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The International Forum for Democratic Studies

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a new division within the Endowment in April 1994. Since then the Forum has become a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development and a clearinghouse for information on groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. Through its publications, conferences, and academic networking, the Forum also supports and enhances the Endowment's grants program and the World Movement for Democracy.

The Forum's activities, many of which are funded by private contributions, involve and benefit scholars, policy makers, and activists representing diverse experiences and views. The Forum has initiated four interrelated programs:

- A Research and Conferences Program that, through a combination of international conferences, smaller meetings, and occasional publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;
- A Democracy Resource Center, consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a Web site, and several online databases;
- Publication of the *Journal of Democracy*, a quarterly journal published for the Endowment by the Johns Hopkins University Press, along with a series of *Journal of Democracy* books; and
- A Fellowships Program, including the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program and the original Visiting Fellows Program, that enables democracy activists, scholars, and journalists from around the world to spend time in residence at the Forum.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies is directed by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond, who also coedit the *Journal of Democracy*. The Forum's programs benefit from the advice and involvement of a Research Council consisting of scholars and other specialists on democracy from around the world.

Research and Conferences Program

Forum research focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. Each year the Forum convenes meetings ranging from international conferences to smaller seminars, lectures, and colloquia in Washington, D.C.

The Democracy Forum for East Asia, a partnership project of the International Forum and the Sejong Institute of Korea, organized two meetings of its ongoing series of working conferences on practical ways to improve democracy in the region. Conference participants included elected and appointed government officials, leaders of political parties and nongovernmental organizations, democracy scholars and activists,

and journalists from such countries as Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand, plus a smaller number of their non-Asian counterparts.

The first conference, entitled *"Civil Society, Political Parties, and the State: Balancing Democratic Development in Asia,"* was held February 15–16, 2002, in Bangkok, Thailand. Participants discussed the current state of relations between civil society and the state, and between civil society and political parties in East Asia. They also explored what types of relations among these institutions are most likely to foster the development of democracy and good governance. Two additional cosponsors—the Asia Foundation and King Prajadhipok's Institute of

Thailand—joined the Forum and the Sejong Institute in organizing the Bangkok meeting.

The second conference, entitled *"The Role of the Media in Fighting Corruption: Perspectives from Asia and Beyond,"* was held on July 26–27, 2002, in Seoul, Korea. The two-day meeting brought together print and broadcast journalists, editors, and publishers; public prosecutors; representatives of anticorruption commissions and of nongovernmental organizations; and legal and academic experts on the media and democracy for discussions of the role of the mass media in exposing and fighting corruption and in promoting greater transparency and accountability in governance.

The Forum added nine new members to its Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI), an international association of research centers that study democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative government and international affairs. The NDRI's twenty-eight members include independent institutions, university-based study centers, and research programs affiliated with political parties, labor unions, and democracy and human rights movements. The Forum launched an electronic newsletter called *Democracy Research News* that highlights new publications and conferences sponsored by Network members. Forum staff visited a number of member institutes abroad and also organized meetings in its offices for Network members visiting Washington.

Forum publications in the past year included two new books in the *Journal of Democracy* series (see page 76), plus two reports from the Democracy Forum for East Asia's conference series — *"Political Finance and Democracy in East Asia"* and *"Civil Society, Political Parties, and the State,"* both of which are available at <http://www.ned.org/asia/index.html>.



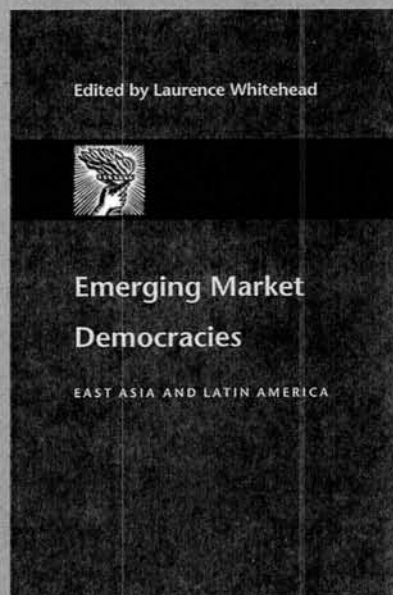
The Forum also established a modest grant program to help Network members exchange their publications with each other. Profiles of member institutions, links to their Web sites, issues of *Democracy Research News*, and other information on the Network of Democracy Research Institutes are available at www.wmd.org/ndri/ndri.html.

With the Portuguese Catholic University and the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Lisbon, the Forum cosponsored a conference entitled "*Civic Life in Market Societies*," November 11–14, 2001, in Cascais, Portugal. Participants included political theorists and democracy scholars from Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the United States.

On March 11, 2002, the Forum sponsored a conference entitled "*Islamism, Democracy, and Autocracy: The Post-9/11 Debate*." The meeting included one session in which scholars reviewed the successes and failures of Middle East studies and a second session in which area specialists discussed possible new directions in the study of Islam and politics.

On September 25, 2002, the Forum and the Wilson Center Middle East Project cosponsored a conference entitled "*Liberal Islam*." The first session of the meeting explored the question, "What is Liberal Islam?" The second session focused on how much support Liberal Islam enjoys and whether this support is likely to grow.

In 2002, the *Journal of Democracy* collaborated with Johns Hopkins University Press to publish two new books, *Emerging Market Democracies: East Asia and Latin America* and *Democracy after Communism*.



The International Forum for Democratic Studies colloquium series included the following topics and speakers in the past year:

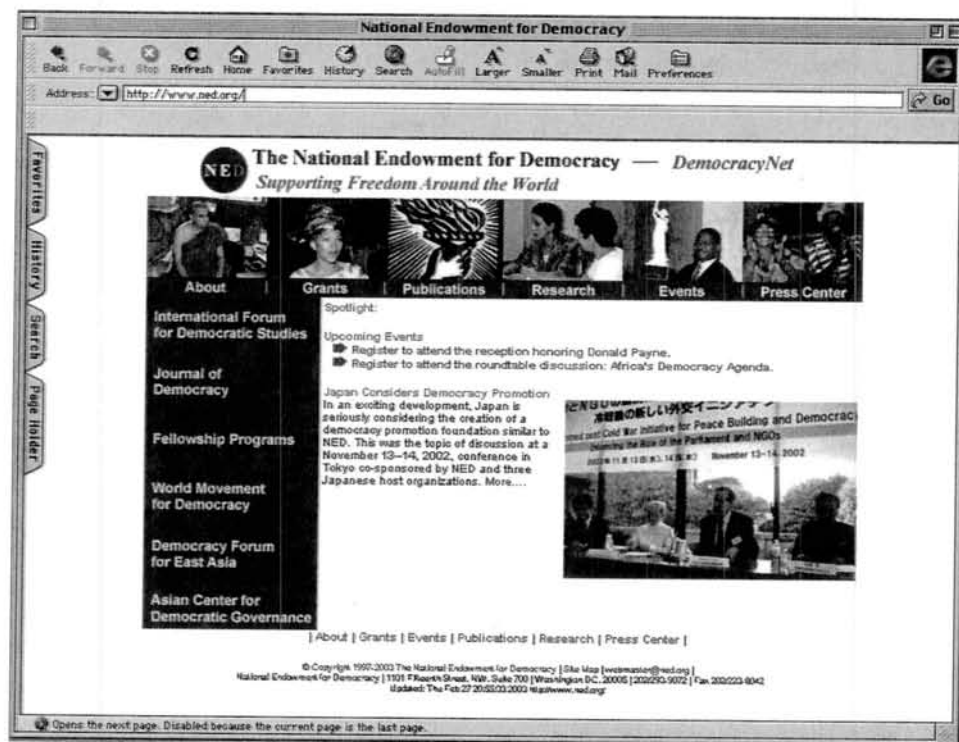
- "**Ten Years After the Soviet Breakup**" Anders Åslund, senior associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Nadia Diuk, senior program officer for Central and Eastern Europe, NED; and Charles H. Fairbanks, Jr., director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
- "**Democracy Promotion: The End of the Transition Paradigm**" (Cosponsored with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) Thomas Carothers, vice president for studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Guillermo O'Donnell, professor of government and international studies, University of Notre Dame; and Kenneth Wollack, president, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
- "**What Democracy Can Do for East Asia**" Hilton L. Root, consultant to the U.S. Department of Treasury
- "**Democracy in Bulgaria: Political Reform and the NATO Accession Process**" Ognyan Minchev, director, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria
- "**Are National Institutions Still Representing the People? Lessons of the Montesinos/Fujimori Case for Latin America and Beyond**" Luis Moreno Ocampo, president, Transparency International for Latin America and the Caribbean

Democracy Resource Center

The Democracy Resource Center (DRC) collects, organizes, and disseminates information and analysis produced by and about the wide range of groups and organizations working to strengthen democracy abroad. The DRC seeks to facilitate a genuinely multidirectional flow of information and ideas among developed and developing democracies, grant providers and recipients, and scholars and practitioners.

Library and Archives. The library and archives house a collection of more than 12,000 books, plus numerous journals, grantee reports, audio and video cassettes, and other publications on democracy; a unique collection of materials produced by prodemocracy groups worldwide; documentation on the history of the Endowment and programs it has funded; and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations. These resources have been entered into an online catalog that is accessible through the Internet.

Democracy Projects Database. The DRC created and maintains an online database with information on some 6,000 projects supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (since 1990), the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (Great Britain), the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Canada), the Fondation Jean Jaurès (France), the International Liberal Centre



(Sweden), and the Alfred Mozer Foundation (the Netherlands). The database permits users to search for project information by grantee, subgrantee, country, region, year, subject, project abstract, and publications.

Democracy Experts Database. Entries in this online searchable database are drawn from members of the Forum's Research Council, contributors to the *Journal of Democracy*, and past visiting fellows at the Forum. For each of some 130 experts entered at present, the database contains contact information, citations of books and recent articles, and information on current research projects. The database can be searched by name, subject area, and country or regional specialization.

The NED Web Site. Extending the reach of the NED through the Internet, the Endowment's Web site (www.ned.org) provides access to a wealth of resources, such as detailed information on the Endowment's programs and activities; full-text access to newsletters, speeches, and conference reports; research guides and links to other resources on democracy; guides to funding and fellowship programs that focus on democratic development; and information on the Forum's Fellowship Programs.

Journal of Democracy

Since 1990, the *Journal of Democracy* has engaged both activists and intellectuals in pivotal discussions of the problems and prospects facing democracy around the globe. Today, the *Journal* is at the center of debate on the major social, political, and cultural challenges that confront emerging and established democracies alike, and on the prospects for transition from authoritarian rule.

A truly global publication in reach and scope, the *Journal* attracts authors and readers from all over the world. It explores every aspect of the establishment, consolidation, and maintenance of democracy, including political institutions, parties, elections, civil society, ethnic conflict, economic reform, public opinion, the role of the media, and constitutionalism. The *Journal* covers practical political matters as well as questions of democratic theory and culture. Its authors include eminent social scientists and historians, statesmen and leaders of democratic movements, and renowned intellectuals. While maintaining the highest scholarly standards, the *Journal* is written and edited for the general reader.

As democracy has emerged as the world's standard of political legitimacy, the *Journal of Democracy* has become indispensable reading. It includes essays on topical themes and countries as well as articles dealing with every region of the world. It also features reviews of

important books on democracy, reports on recent and upcoming elections, excerpts from speeches and documents by leading democrats and dissidents, news about the activities of prodemocracy groups in the United States and abroad, and "field reports" from democratic activists.

In 2002, the *Journal* surveyed the strides of and setbacks to democracy in South Asia (with articles by Sumit Ganguly and Susanne and Lloyd Rudolph on India, Aqil Shah on Pakistan, Howard Schaffer on Bangladesh, and Neil de Votta on Sri Lanka, in the January issue); explored hybrid regimes and the role of elections (with Larry Diamond on regime classification, Andreas Schedler on election manipulation, Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way on competitive authoritarianism, and Nicolas van de Walle on Africa's range of regimes, in the April issue); examined the analytical model of democratic transition long embraced by the democracy-promotion community (with Thomas Carothers on the transition paradigm in the January issue, followed by a debate featuring Guillermo O'Donnell, Ghia Nodia, Kenneth Wollack, and Gerald Hyman, and a rejoinder by Carothers, in the July issue); and chronicled the failure of the "third wave" of democratization to penetrate the Arab world (with Jason Brownlee on Egypt, William Quandt on Algeria, Abdeslam Maghraoui on Morocco, Jean-

François Seznec on Saudi Arabia, Michael Herb on the Gulf states, Jillian Schwedler on Yemen, and Daniel Brumberg on liberalized autocracy, in the October issue).

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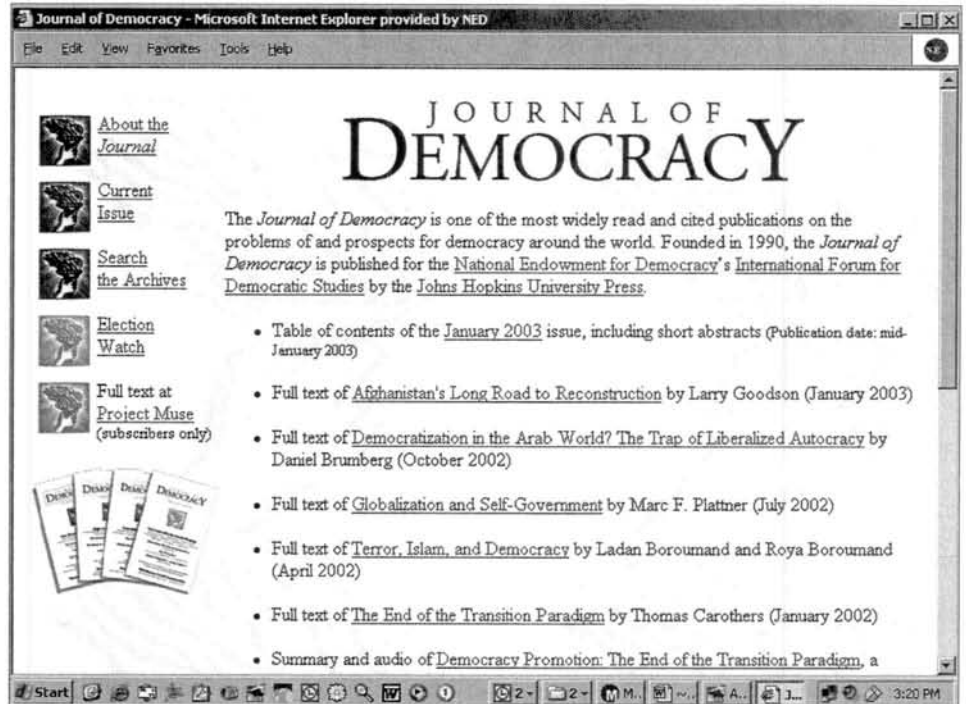
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- *Political Parties and Democracy* (2001)
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Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program

Established in 2001 in honor of the two principal founders of the National Endowment for Democracy, former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the late congressman Dante Fascell, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program provides annual support for approximately fifteen democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. While the program is intended primarily to support practitioners and scholars from new and aspiring democracies, distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Authorized and appropriated by the U.S. Congress, funding for the program is provided through the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Fellows choose between two tracks: a practitioner track (typically 3–5 months) to improve strategies and techniques for building democracy; and a scholarly track (typically 5–10 months) to conduct original research for publication. While in residence, fellows have an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with counterparts in Washington, D.C., and to participate in the collegial life of the Forum, including a fellows' seminar series, presentations, workshops, and other activities relating to the work of the Endowment.

Visiting Fellows Program

The International Forum also hosts a small Visiting Fellows Program for scholars and practitioners with outside funding who wish to carry out research and other projects in Washington, D.C. In 2002, the Forum hosted Counsellor Benedict Sannoh, a leading human rights lawyer from Liberia.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows in 2001–2002:

Myroslava Gongadze (Ukraine)

"The Media and the Current Crisis in Ukraine"

November 2001–March 2002

Ms. Gongadze is a democracy activist from Ukraine with extensive experience in journalism, public relations, and party politics. Catapulted to international prominence after the tragic disappearance and death of her husband,

journalist Georgii Gongadze, she has campaigned tirelessly for an investigation into his murder. At the Forum, Ms. Gongadze documented the media's coverage of her husband's death and its ongoing political repercussions. On April 3, 2002, she gave a public presentation on "The March 31 Elections in Ukraine: A Preliminary Assessment," in which she analyzed Ukraine's pre-election envi-

ronment and assessed the emerging balance of power between the country's main political blocs.

Chaihark Hahm (South Korea)

"Constitutionalism and Democracy in South Korea"

November 2001–August 2002

Dr. Hahm is currently a professor in the Graduate School of International Studies at Yonsei University in Seoul. He received his early training in law at Seoul National University and went on to receive advanced degrees in law from Yale, Columbia, and Harvard universities. While at the Forum, Dr. Hahm studied the Korean Constitutional Court, established in 1988 in the aftermath of the famous June Democracy Movement of 1987. In his presentation on May 22, 2002, entitled "Is Korea Becoming More Democratic? The Role of the Constitutional Court," Dr. Hahm assessed the role of the Court in contributing to a freer and more democratic political environment in Korea.

Ivlian Haindrava (Georgia)

"Democracy, Society, and the Rule of Law in Georgia Since Independence"

April–August 2002

Ivlian Haindrava is a Georgian journalist and political analyst who has been affiliated with the Center for Development and Cooperation/Center for Pluralism in Tbilisi. He has served as a member of both the Georgian parliament and the State

Constitutional Commission. While at the Forum, Mr. Haindrava examined the successes and failures of democracy-building in post-independence Georgia. On June 19, 2002, he gave a presentation on "The New Political Realities in Georgia," in which he drew on evidence from the June 2 local elections to evaluate recent political changes underway in his country, notably the disintegration of the ruling party and its implications for democratic development.

Charlie James Hughes
(Sierra Leone)

"A Practitioner's Handbook on Civic Education Initiatives"
May–August 2002

A civil society activist from Sierra Leone, Mr. Hughes is director of the Freetown-based Forum for Democratic Initiatives, a nonprofit organization that conducts civic education programs, community outreach, and radio discussions on democracy, human rights, and citizenship. While in residence at the Forum, Mr. Hughes prepared a practitioner's handbook on civic education initiatives around the world, intended as a guide for citizens' groups, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies engaged in civic education efforts in West Africa. On July 13, 2002, he spoke at a Forum seminar on "The Struggle for Democracy in West Africa: Perspectives from Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria."



NED President Carl Gershman (third from right) with Reagan-Fascell Fellows (left to right) Chaihark Hahm, Mehrangiz Kar, Vladimir Solonari, Ramin Jahanbegloo and Myroslava Gongadze during the formal launching of the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program on Capitol Hill, March 14, 2002.

Ramin Jahanbegloo (Iran)
"Intellectuals and Democracy in Iran"

October 2001–August 2002

Born in Iran and educated in France, Dr. Jahanbegloo is a political philosopher currently affiliated with the London-based Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations. He has published books in English, French, and Persian, including *Conversations with Isaiah Berlin*, *Gandhi: aux sources de la non-violence*, and *Iran and Modernity*. On February 21, 2002, he gave a Forum presentation on "Intellectuals and the Struggle for Democracy in Iran," in which he explored the role of Iranian intellectuals in promoting democracy in their country today. His article entitled "The Deadlock in Iran: Pressures from Below" appeared in the January 2003 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*.

Mehrangiz Kar (Iran)
"The Juridical Foundations of the Crisis of Democracy in Iran"

October 2001–August 2002

Ms. Kar is an Iranian attorney, writer, and activist, who has been working to promote democracy, the rule of law, and human rights in Iran since the revolution of 1979. The author of thirteen books, she received the 2002 Ludovic Trarieux Prize and the Endowment's 2002 Democracy Award for her work in defense of human rights. While at the Forum, Ms. Kar gave a presentation on the "Constitutional Obstacles to Democratic Reform in Iran," in which she examined the issue of parliamentary independence and discussed constitutional limitations on achieving reform. An edited version of her remarks appeared in the January 2003 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*, under the title "The Deadlock in Iran: Constitutional Constraints."

Yuriy Krynytskyy

(Ukraine)

"Political Technologies and the Promotion of Democracy in Ukraine"

April–August 2002

Mr. Krynytskyy is a democratic activist from Ukraine who has worked for the "Rukh" party (People's Movement of Ukraine), a key democratic opposition party and the driving force behind Ukraine's independence in 1991. During his fellowship, Mr. Krynytskyy studied opposition-party politics and election campaigns in an inhospitable political environment. On August 15, 2002, he gave a public presentation on "Political Competition on an Unlevel Playing Field: The Case of Ukraine," in which he examined the campaign strategies and techniques that Ukrainian political parties employ as they compete in an environment that invariably favors those in power.

Ndubisi Obiorah

(Nigeria)

"Corruption and Democracy in Africa: A Comparative Perspective"

June–August 2002

Ndubisi Obiorah is a Nigerian human rights lawyer who has worked for HURILAWS, the Human Rights Law Service in Lagos. While a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, he conducted a study of the impact of corruption on human rights and democratic development in Nigeria, examining the legislative and enforcement mechanisms developed in the United States. On July 13, 2002, he spoke at a Forum

seminar on "The Struggle for Democracy in West Africa: Perspectives from Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria," examining the shifting political situation in his country and its implications for democratic development there.

Ana Julia Ramos

(Colombia)

"Information and Political Participation in Colombia: A Comparative Perspective"

May–August 2002

Ms. Ramos serves as coordinator of "Congreso Visible-Candidatos Visibles," a program based at the University of the Andes in Bogotá that monitors the work of the Colombian Congress and provides information about its activities to the public. While in residence at the Forum, Ms. Ramos examined the relationship between information and political participation and considered new approaches to the promotion of transparent political practices. In her Forum presentation, held on August 22, 2002, she shared her thoughts on transparency and governance and offered recommendations for how Colombia's parliament can be made more accountable to voters.

Vladimir Solonari

(Moldova)

"Comeback? Communist Parties in the Postcommunist World"

March–August 2002

Dr. Solonari is a former member of the Moldovan parliament and former director of the Center for Ethnic Studies in Chisinau. While at the Forum, he prepared a number of articles for publica-

tion, including "Creating 'a People': A Case Study in Post-Soviet History-Writing," and "Transdneistria: Old Problems, New Developments," published in Germany as part of an anthology entitled *Prospects and Risks Beyond EU Enlargement*. On June 27, 2002, he gave a presentation on "The Political Uses of History in the Post-Soviet World: The Case of Moldova," demonstrating how communist and nationalist elites use history to battle for dominance in the formation of national identity in Moldova.

Moethee Zun

(Burma)

"The Struggle for Democracy in Burma"

April–August 2002

Moethee Zun has played a significant role in Burma's struggle for democracy, first as organizer of the Burmese underground student movement and later as co-founder of Burma's second-largest political party, the Democratic Party for a New Society. From 1989–2001, he served as chairman and vice-chairman of the All Burma Students Democratic Front, while living in the jungles along the Thai-Burma border. During his fellowship, Mr. Zun worked on a book documenting his personal involvement in Burma's quest for democracy. On August 27, 2002, he gave a presentation on the prospects for political liberalization in Burma today.

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Independent Auditors' Report

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National Endowment for Democracy

Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of National Endowment for Democracy (the "Endowment") as of September 30, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets and the cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of natural expenses for the year ended September 30, 2002, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This additional information is the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2002 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic 2002 financial statements taken as a whole.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

November 27, 2002

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2002 and 2001

	2002	2001
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,980,097	\$ 3,203,579
Grants receivable	35,261,955	32,717,569
Prepaid expenses and other assets	18,068	17,159
Pledges receivable	45,000	45,000
Total current assets	<u>38,305,120</u>	<u>35,983,307</u>
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>822,280</u>	<u>747,566</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$39,127,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,730,873</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 800,724	\$ 780,764
Grants payable	27,195,355	26,743,513
Deferred grant revenue	8,920,728	7,243,484
Current obligations under capital leases	61,044	66,156
Total current liabilities	<u>36,977,851</u>	<u>34,833,917</u>
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS:		
Long-term portion	<u>126,865</u>	<u>146,659</u>
Total liabilities	<u>37,104,716</u>	<u>34,980,576</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	835,210	708,409
Temporarily restricted	1,187,474	1,041,888
Total net assets	<u>2,022,684</u>	<u>1,750,297</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$39,127,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,730,873</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Years Ended September 30, 2002 and 2001

	2002			2001		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE (Note 6):						
Grant revenue—government agencies	\$44,290,664	\$ —	\$44,290,664	\$41,977,212	\$ —	\$41,977,212
Other grants and contributions		617,022	617,022		1,438,703	1,438,703
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	107,332	(162,248)	(54,916)	78,895	(28,414)	50,481
Total support and revenue	44,397,996	454,774	44,852,770	42,056,107	1,410,289	43,466,396
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS:						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	309,188	(309,188)		595,217	(595,217)	
Total revenues	44,707,184	145,586	44,852,770	42,651,324	815,072	43,466,396
EXPENSES:						
Program services:						
Grants programs:						
Federal—USDOS	36,612,367		36,612,367	35,191,479		35,191,479
Other	45,000		45,000	45,000		45,000
Total grant programs	36,657,367	—	36,657,367	35,236,479	—	35,236,479
Other Activities—Non-Federal:						
International Forum:						
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	94,403		94,403	86,637		86,637
Democracy Resource Center				41,737		41,737
Research and conferences	240		240	24,346		24,346
Management and support	9,547		9,547	966		966
Visiting Fellows Program				391		391
World Movement for Democracy	172,744		172,744	604,382		604,382
NED Events and Development	57,953		57,953	99,653		99,653
Total other activities—Non-Federal	334,887	—	334,887	858,112	—	858,112
Supporting services:						
Federal—USDOS	5,735,275		5,735,275	5,315,583		5,315,583
Other	8,841		8,841	4,383		4,383
Total support services	5,744,116	—	5,744,116	5,319,966	—	5,319,966
Other Activities—Federal-USDOS:						
Federal—USDOS						
International Forum:						
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	71,780		71,780	81,182		81,182
Democracy Resource Center	212,506		212,506	146,156		146,156
Research and conferences	44,741		44,741	12,235		12,235
Management and support	243,928		243,928	207,951		207,951
Visiting Fellows Program	35,004		35,004	25,104		25,104
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea)	163,900		163,900	164,490		164,490
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	844,092		844,092	140,380		140,380
World Movement for Democracy	115,127		115,127	310,945		310,945
Asian Center for Democratic Governance (India)	112,935		112,935	233,315		233,315
Total other activities—Federal-USDOS	1,844,013	—	1,844,013	1,321,758	—	1,321,758
Total expenses	44,580,383	—	44,580,383	42,736,315	—	42,736,315
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	126,801	145,586	272,387	(84,991)	815,072	730,081
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	708,409	1,041,888	1,750,297	793,400	226,816	1,020,216
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 835,210	\$ 1,187,474	\$ 2,022,684	\$ 708,409	\$ 1,041,888	\$ 1,750,297

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2002 and 2001

	2002	2001
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Changes in net assets	\$ 272,387	\$ 730,081
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	294,867	219,250
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	(2,544,386)	549,191
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(909)	(1,875)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	19,960	50,925
Grants payable	451,842	882,234
Deferred grant revenue	1,677,244	(310,816)
	<u>171,005</u>	<u>2,118,990</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(341,154)	(327,297)
	<u>(341,154)</u>	<u>(327,297)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(53,333)	(46,850)
	<u>(53,333)</u>	<u>(46,850)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(223,482)	1,744,843
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,203,579	1,458,736
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$2,980,097</u>	<u>\$3,203,579</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Aquisition of equipment under capital lease	<u>\$ 28,427</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 2002 and 2001

1. Organization and Accounting Policies

Organization—The National Endowment for Democracy (the “Endowment”) is a private, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Endowment was established coincident to a grant awarded by the United States Information Agency (“USIA”) as mandated by the National Endowment for Democracy Act (the “Act”) of the United States Congress. The purpose of the Endowment is to encourage free and democratic institutions throughout the world through activities that promote individual rights and freedoms. The Endowment awards grants to organizations with programs consistent with its objectives. On October 1, 1999, USIA and the U.S. Department of State (“USDOS”) consolidated. Accordingly, the Endowment receives funding for its annual Congressional Appropriation and other special federal funding from the USDOS.

Basis of Presentation—The accounts of the Endowment are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Endowment reports to the U.S. Government on the basis of obligations incurred and cash expenditures made.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furniture and Equipment—Furniture and equipment which are not part of direct program costs are recorded at cost and are depreciated or amortized on the straight-line method over their estimated service lives or the terms of the lease, as applicable, ranging from three to ten years.

Grants Receivable—At the time a grant agreement is awarded/signed, a receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. When payments are received, the receivable is reduced. The deferred revenue is recognized

as revenue in accordance with the Endowment’s revenue recognition policy.

Revenue Recognition—Grants received from government agencies specify the periods in which monies are to be expended. Additionally, certain government grants restrict the use of funds for programs in specific countries. Revenues from government grants are recognized as earned in the year in which the granting organization indicates the funds are used for the intended purpose provided the Endowment incurs valid obligations which are in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreement. Agreements with the former USIA and USDOS provide for the subsequent audit of costs funded under the grant agreements. It is the policy of the Endowment to provide for cost disallowances based upon its experience in previous contract audits.

Deferred Grant Revenue—Awards made to the Endowment in excess of obligations incurred are recorded as deferred grant revenue.

Contributions—The Endowment reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Income on these net assets is classified as temporarily restricted or unrestricted in accordance with the donor’s stipulation.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit, overnight repurchase agreements, and investments in money market accounts and mutual funds. For the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, the Endowment recorded an unrealized loss of \$162,248 and \$28,414 on mutual funds, respectively.

Reclassifications—Certain amounts for the prior-year have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

2. Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of September 30 is as follows:

	2002	2001
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,161,638	\$ 931,203
Equipment under capital lease	327,199	328,606
Total	1,488,837	1,259,809
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(666,557)	(512,243)
Furniture and equipment – net	<u>\$ 822,280</u>	<u>\$ 747,566</u>

3. Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are from the U.S. Government and represent balances of Federal Reserve Letters of Credit and direct funding established by the former USIA and USDOS grant agreements.

The Endowment collects U.S. Government funds by filing requests for direct funding and by presenting payment vouchers against letters of credit when it disburses cash for program grants and administrative costs.

4. Pledges Receivable

At both September 30, 2002 and 2001, contributors to the Endowment have made written unconditional promises to give totaling \$45,000, which is due in less than one year. These unconditional promises to give are temporarily restricted.

5. Grants Payable

Grants payable represent the undisbursed balances of funds obligated to the Endowment's grantees. Grantee organizations are entitled to collect grant funds as needed by presenting requests for funds to the Endowment. Such grants payable are generally disbursed within a 12-month period after the funds have been obligated to the Endowment's grantees.

6. Deferred Revenue

The following schedule summarizes the changes in deferred grant revenue from agencies of the U.S. Government for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001:

	Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year	Add: Grants Awarded/ Amended	Less: Grants Obligated	Less: Grant Adjustments	Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year
USAID Grants:					
Nicaragua	\$ 35,384	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 35,384	\$ —
USDOS Grants:					
Grants Program:					
Primary Funding	561,192	33,809,606	33,413,911		956,887
Special Funding - Balkans	548,043	76,686	411,839		212,890
Special Funding - Burma	236,171		209,890		26,281
Special Funding - Burma (2001)	295,820	2,292,000	2,046,359		541,461
Special Funding - Belarus (2001)	170,305	800,000	762,247		208,058
Special Funding - Belarus Elections	58,094		58,094		
Special Funding - Balkins (2001)	2,171,639	2,625,000	1,800,508		2,996,131
Special Funding - Ukraine (2001)	61,100		59,742		1,358
Special Funding - China/Tibet	1,926,922		1,328,603		598,319
Special Funding - China/IRI	80,580		62,351		18,229
Special Funding - North Korea (2002)		250,000	226,653		23,347
Special Funding - Tibet (2002)		250,000	128,967		121,033
Special Funding - Iraq (2002)		300,000	129,000		171,000
Special Funding - Russia/CA		400,000	397,032		2,968
Special Funding - NIS (2002)		4,000,000	1,773,305		2,226,695
Special Funding - Venezuela		1,000,000	361,236		638,764
International Forum and World Movement for Democracy:					
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea II)	125,679		97,004		28,675
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea III)		200,000	66,896		133,104
Asian Center for Democratic Governance (India)	112,935		112,935		
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	859,620		844,092		15,528
Total 2002	<u>\$ 7,243,484</u>	<u>\$46,003,292</u>	<u>\$44,290,664</u>	<u>\$ 35,384</u>	<u>\$ 8,920,728</u>
Total 2001	<u>\$ 7,554,300</u>	<u>\$41,666,396</u>	<u>\$41,977,212</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 7,243,484</u>

The deferred grant revenue will be recognized as revenue when the Endowment incurs valid obligations in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreements.

7. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, as follows:

	2002	2001
International Forum:		
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	\$ 94,403	\$ 86,637
Democracy Resource Center		40,000
Research and Conference	240	389
Visiting Fellows Program		391
World Movement for Democracy	102,752	318,765
NED Events and Development	<u>111,793</u>	<u>149,035</u>
Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$309,188</u>	<u>\$595,217</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30:

	2002	2001
International Forum:		
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	\$ 48,751	\$ 53,154
Research and Conference	76,560	
Visiting Fellows Program	551	551
NED Events and Development	<u>1,061,612</u>	<u>988,183</u>
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$1,187,474</u>	<u>\$1,041,888</u>

8. Related Parties

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs which the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the Act. Some of the organizations which submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Board of Directors represented on the Board of Directors of the Endowment.

Article VI, Section V, of the Endowment's bylaws provides that any Board member who is an officer or director of an organization seeking to receive grants from the Endowment must abstain from considering and voting on such grant. The provision does not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

9. Commitments

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space that expire at various dates through 2006. The lease for office space includes a provision for rent escalations to compensate for increases in operating costs. In addition, the Endowment leases equipment under capital leases that expire on various dates through 2006.

Accumulated amortization for property under capital leases was \$192,084 and \$159,794 as of September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2003	\$ 65,928	\$ 753,413
2004	122,650	570,471
2005	9,768	533,883
2006	16,606	489,393
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Total minimum payments	214,952	2,347,160
Less: Interest	27,145	
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Present value of minimum payments	<u>\$187,807</u>	<u>\$2,347,160</u>

Rent expense was \$759,242 and \$656,880 for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

10. Income Taxes

The Endowment is exempt from income taxes, except for unrelated business income activities, under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a).

11. Retirement Plan

The Endowment has a defined contribution annuity plan for all of its employees, under which the Endowment contributes a percentage of eligible employees' annual earnings to individually owned taxdeferred annuity contracts. The Endowment's contribution to the plan is based on 10% of an eligible employee's annual earnings. The employer contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, were \$333,077 and \$304,407, respectively.

12. Transfers to Government Agencies

Commencing in fiscal year 1987, the U.S. Government established a policy whereby recipients of federal funds are required to deposit grant funds in interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned in excess of \$250 per fiscal year must be remitted back to the U.S. Government. Total interest earned on federal funds in fiscal year 2002 and 2001 was approximately \$3,608 and \$6,222, respectively.

13. Letter of Credit

During fiscal year 1996, the Endowment obtained an unsecured letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 from Riggs Bank. There were no amounts outstanding under the letter of credit at September 30, 2002 and 2001.

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Schedule of Natural Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2002

(with comparative totals for the year ended September 30, 2001)

	USDOS Supporting Services & Other Activities	Other Supporting Services	Other Programs	2002 Total	2001 Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$4,606,918	\$4,358	\$148,666	\$4,759,942	\$4,398,700
Professional fees	626,579		7,803	634,382	334,442
Occupancy	738,734	1,512	18,996	759,242	656,880
Communications	247,852	411	31,637	279,900	310,239
Travel and transportation	297,373	2,290	65,098	364,761	817,339
Supplies and equipment	409,505	270	3,155	412,930	178,452
Insurance	31,530			31,530	30,757
Depreciation and amortization	294,867			294,867	219,250
Conferences and meetings	166,098		18,160	184,258	373,022
Other	52,356		39,606	91,962	79,876
Periodicals	107,476		1,766	109,242	100,879
	<u>\$7,579,288</u>	<u>\$8,841</u>	<u>\$334,887</u>	<u>\$7,923,016</u>	<u>\$7,499,836</u>
TOTAL					

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from the U.S. Department of State (USDOS) in the amount of \$36,612,367 and \$35,191,479 for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively, and \$45,000 in other program grants for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, as shown on the statement of activities and change in net assets as the related natural expenses are incurred at the subrecipient level.

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