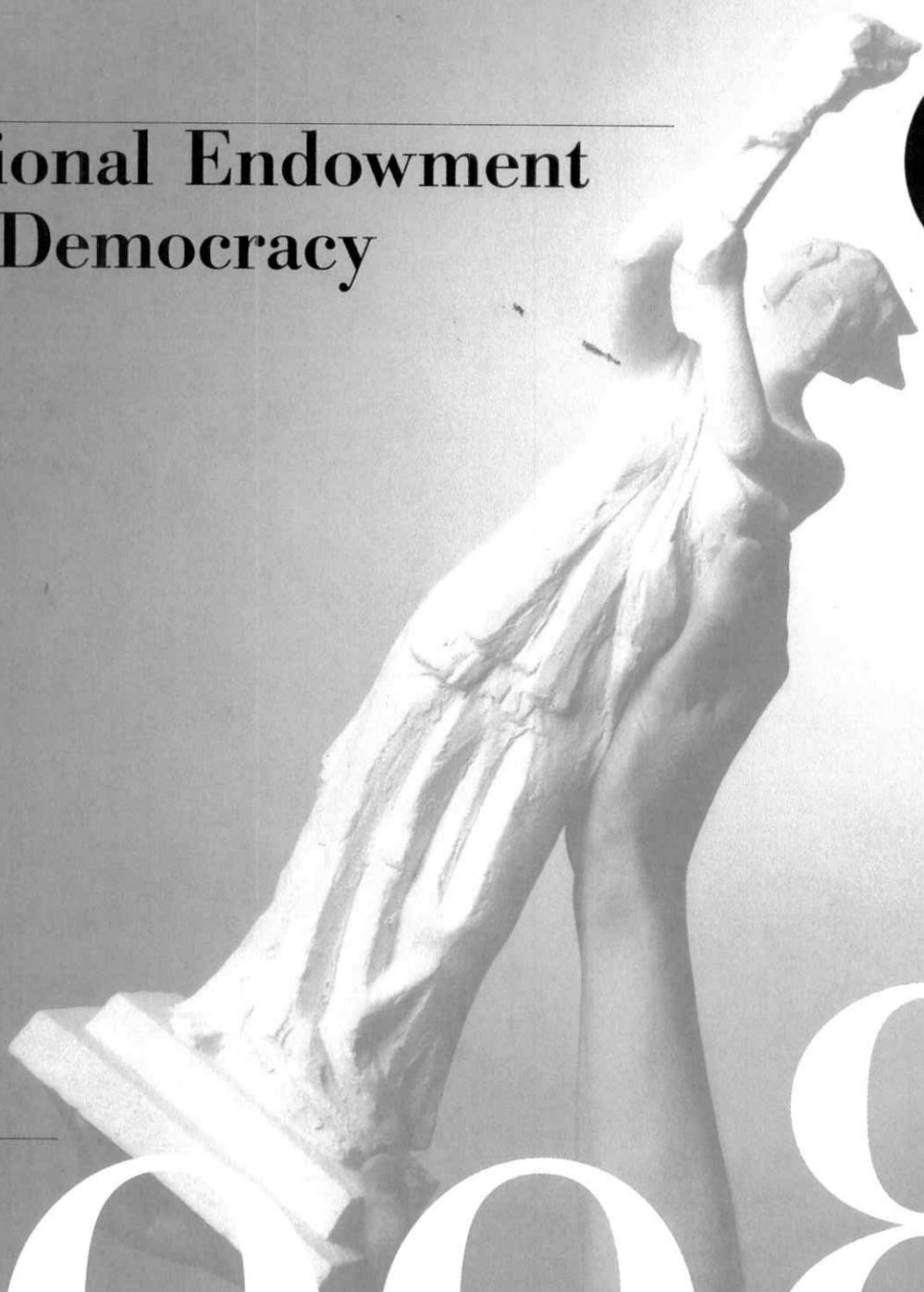


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## Goddess of Democracy: Symbol of Freedom Around the Globe

In 1987, NED presented its first Democracy Award to Congressman Dante Fascell. Since then 14 others from around the globe have been honored with the award for their courageous and monumental work in the areas of human rights and democratization.

The Democracy Award is a small-scale replica of the Goddess of Democracy that was constructed in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China during the student movement for freedom and democracy (pictured above). That movement was crushed by the Chinese government on June 4, 1989. The event has had an enormous impact on subsequent democracy movements around the world.

The original Goddess of Democracy was created at the Central Academy of Art in Beijing by art students and democracy demonstrators; it was unveiled in Tiananmen

Square on May 30, 1989. During the crackdown on June 4, the statue was destroyed by a tank—an event that was witnessed throughout the world.

“That image was inspiring to many people around the world who wanted to re-create the statue and what it represented,” said Thomas Marsh, the sculptor of the NED Goddess of Democracy award statuette. In 1989 Marsh led the project to re-create a 10-foot bronze replica of the original Goddess, which was unveiled in 1994 by Chinese dissidents and Rep. Nancy Pelosi in San Francisco. He later created smaller replicas of the statue to recognize those who have contributed to the movement for democracy. In 1991 NED President Carl Gershman asked Marsh for permission to use the statuettes as NED’s Democracy Award. For a full list of all 15 Democracy Award winners, please turn to page 76. ☺

## Chairman's Message:

Nearly a decade after the end of the Cold War and on the eve not only of a new century but a new millennium, the struggle for democracy continues.

In 1998, democratic advocates earned new victories.

In Northern Ireland, a mandate for peace was the result of votes in a referendum. The people of that troubled land put their trust in the practices of democracy.

In South Korea, the election of longtime democratic activist Kim Dae Jung to the presidency has appropriately been heralded as a momentous step towards freedom in that country.

In Indonesia, plagued for a generation by a corrupt, authoritarian regime, the fall of Suharto's regime has, despite economic, political and social unrest, opened the doors to democratic possibilities.

On the African continent, too, ripples of change have brought both crisis and hope for many. For example, the death of General Abacha, who had ruled Nigeria with brutal oppression since his illegal seizure of power in 1993, and subsequent promises by the new leader, General Abubakar, of free elections, mean that democracy has at least a chance in a nation ruled for years by military dictators.

The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, all formerly under Communist sway, are now members of NATO, lending further strength to the ranks of democratic nations.

Yet, as we look to the Year 2000, in almost every part of the world, the battle for free and fair elections, the rule of law, independent media, vigorous non-governmental organizations and the other components of a genuine democracy goes on.

In the People's Republic of China, the Communist Party-led state, in actions foreshadowing the 10th anniversary of the repression of June 4, 1989 in Tiananmen Square, is cracking down on academics, artists and the media and jailing leaders of pro-democracy movements.



In Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic ferociously resists pressure from the United States and Europe for democratic reforms. His assault on academic freedom at Belgrade University through bans on political activity by professors and students, tight control of faculty appointments and curricula and by other means, is the latest example of his determination to block any moves toward democracy. Meanwhile, the Yugoslav government's crackdown on the ethnic-Albanian majority in the province of Kosovo, and the violent response by the armed insurgents of the Kosovo Liberation Army threatens the stability of the Balkans as a whole.

In the former Soviet bloc countries of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia and Uzbekistan, corruption, crime, economic incompetence, and, in some places, the resurgence of Communist figures are all obstacles to the development of functioning democracies.

The contributions made by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) in 1998 to organizations in many parts of the world working for democracy are significant. As Americans, most of us believe we have a continuing responsibility to champion the institutions of freedom and democracy where they do not exist even as we seek to remedy the deficiencies in our own system of self-government.

Two eminent world leaders who spoke last fall under the sponsorship of the National Endowment for Democracy offered observations that bear repeating as NED and its supporters consider our efforts in the year ahead.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in an eloquent address on November 10, 1998 in Washington, D.C., as part of NED's "Democratic Invention" lecture series, made clear his rejection of the thesis of "some Asian leaders... that democracy and the freedoms that come with it are exclusive products of Western civilization."

Citing India as "an excellent example of an Asian country devoted to a democratic form of government..." the Dalai Lama concluded that "India proves that democracy can take root outside of the Western world. Similarly, our brothers and sisters in Burma, Indonesia and China are courageously raising their voices together in the call for equality, freedom and democracy."

Mário Soares, the distinguished former President of Portugal, speaking on December 1 to close the "Democratic Invention" lecture series, asserted that democracy "is a frail precious plant that needs care and permanent vigilance." As one of a generation that experienced dictatorship, Soares spoke of "a moral imperative that compels us to fight day after day to protect our democracy."

Soares insisted that "democracy should not focus exclusively on its political institutional requisites" such as free elections, separation of government powers and the rule of law, but said that democracy must do more, "and cannot ignore the basic economic, social, and cultural conditions in which the people live."

Fifteen years after its founding, NED remains dedicated to championing the cause of self-government. Essential to that cause, in our country as elsewhere, is the education of a democratic citizenry. Last December, at a conference in Seoul, South Korea, NED's President, Carl Gershman, speaking of that country's transition to democracy said that in addition to economic growth and political stability, "of no less importance" to Korea's future was "developing a vigorous democratic culture deeply rooted in the values of democracy and freedom."

President Gershman recalled that in its founding "Statement of Principle and Objectives," the Endowment placed education for democracy among its highest priorities. "Democratic political institutions," the statement read, "will not long endure unless they are buttressed by a strong civic culture and supported by a populace that is committed to such ideals as the rule of law, individual liberty, freedom of religion, free and open debate, majority rule, and protection of the rights of minorities. Nor will the demise of dictatorships give birth to genuine and lasting democracy where the citizenry has not already begun to understand and appreciate democratic values."

That statement will continue to guide NED into the century ahead and the millennium soon to begin. ~



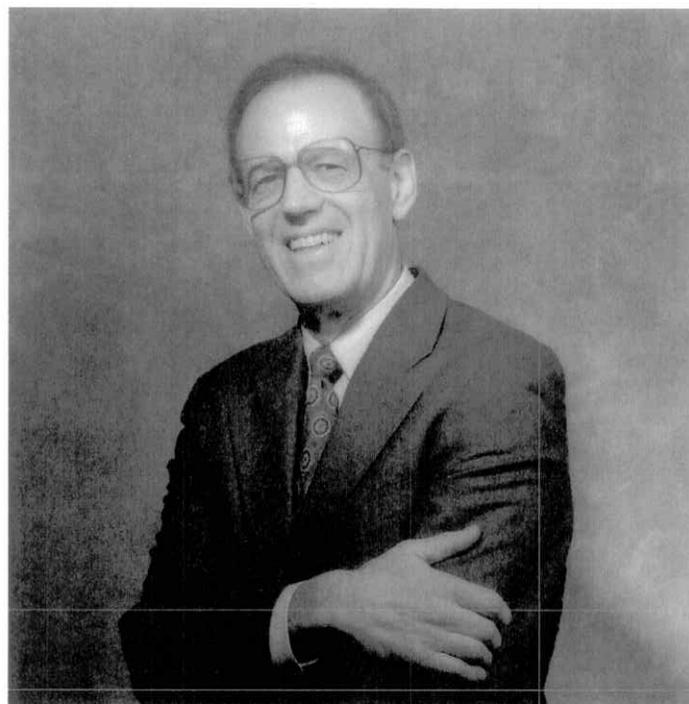
John Brademas  
Chairman  
December 1998

## President's Message:

This is the fifteenth Annual Report that has been issued by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) since it was founded in 1983. The occasion offers an opportunity to reflect upon the Endowment's most distinctive feature, which is its core relationship with four institutes representing the two major American political parties, the labor movement, and the business community. These institutes—the International Republican Institute (IRI), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)—are independent bodies that receive only part of their funding from the NED. Nonetheless, while NED and the institutes have changed significantly over the past fifteen years, the organic relationship between them has endured and is probably the principal factor accounting for the Endowment's stability and effectiveness. Understanding the reasons for this unique structure is especially important at this time when other democracies are considering how they might establish parallel efforts to foster democracy throughout the world.

The institutes are often referred to as “core grantees” of the Endowment, which is to say they each receive a designated share of the NED's annual congressional appropriation in the form of grants for democracy-assistance projects which they carry out in their respective fields of labor, business, and political parties. Each project must be reviewed and approved by the NED Board. The remainder of the appropriation, other than that which is needed for the administration of the Endowment, is used to make direct discretionary grants to aid non-governmental groups abroad in other fields, such as media, civic education, or human rights.

From the very moment the Endowment was first debated in the Congress, questions were raised about this structure. Was it proper to grant public funds to institutes associated with the Democratic and Republican parties? Was it fair to give all four institutes a favored status in relation to other groups, reserving a designated share of the NED budget for their projects and giving to each of them the responsibility of program development in their respective fields? Didn't the structure constitute “an unholy alliance” of erstwhile rivals united by the prospect of public funding? And didn't the parent bodies of these institutes have sufficient resources to fund their own activities without turning to the taxpayer? These, at any rate, were some of the principal objections raised to the NED idea in the early years and that occasionally still prompt questions in Congress.



The arguments defending the NED structure are not new.

Most, if not all of them, have been made repeatedly in the course of congressional debates. But their credibility has grown with the passage of time, as experience has confirmed the vision, practical wisdom, and political judgment of those who designed the original structure.

For example, in the beginning emphasis was placed upon the operational and political rationale for the NED structure. The institutes were operating arms that could draw upon the skills and energies of all the institutional sectors of American society that they represented. Within each of their respective fields, they were the natural instruments to foster what President Reagan, in his seminal Westminster address advocating the establishment of NED, had called the institutional “infrastructure of democracy.” They would also root the NED in broad American political and social institutions, thereby giving to this innovative global initiative a ballast-like stability, not to mention a solid political base.

What was perhaps not fully understood in the beginning, or at least not fully explained, was the connection between the NED's structure and its independence—that independence from the constraints of government bureaucracy and diplomacy being the aspect of NED most critical to its effectiveness and success. By representing within the NED framework national institutions with a public character, the institutes enabled the Endowment to be simultaneously private and public, the very essence of what was then called a “quango,” a quasi-autonomous non-governmental organization. There were, of course, other ways in which the NED was public, chiefly by virtue of its obligation to report to Congress and the president, which had to approve the NED budget. But the institutes built a public, representative dimension into the very structure of NED, legitimizing its role as the flagship institution responsible for fostering freedom and democracy.

The institutes also built bipartisanship and institutional balance into the political character of NED, a feature that was also reflected in the early period by institute representation on the NED Board. (Such representation has since been eliminated since it was seen to conflict with the objectivity needed for NED's oversight role. Nonetheless, the original political and institutional balance on the Board has been maintained.) Such balance reassured Congress that NED would not march off in a particular ideological direction. It also insulated NED from shifts in government policy or changes of Administration, thereby reinforcing NED's independence and enabling it to develop a consistent, long-term approach to democracy building under stable leadership. Since democracy can only develop over the long term, such an approach has proven to be both appropriate and effective.

The bipartisan, multi-sectoral structure has contributed in a different way to the effectiveness of NED's democracy-building strategy. As a system, democracy involves both conflict and consensus. It is a way to resolve conflicts peacefully according to rules that are fair and agreed upon by all. The institutes allow NED to support in a balanced way different participants in the political and economic contestation that constitutes the lifeblood of democracy. With the NED discretionary program complementing the work of the institutes with support to groups in civil society, the full NED grants program is able to assist real political actors in a way that invigorates the political process without biasing it in any particular direction.

Recent events have served to reaffirm in surprising ways the wisdom of the NED structure. For example, the Asian economic crisis, by highlighting issues of transparency, corporate governance, and the inter-relationship between democracy and development, has vindicated the decision to include a business institute (CIPE) in the NED structure, a step that so far has not been replicated by other countries that have established democracy foundations. Similarly, as the breathtaking transformations introduced by globalization have swept workers around the world into the global economy, sometimes at their peril, the NED's labor institute must address new demands for union representation and protection. The NED's party institutes must also respond to growing demands for assistance, as the collapse of old autocracies has put a premium on parties and elections as means of inclusion and for the legitimation of new forms of political authority.

I write these words only weeks after the death of former Congressman Dante Fascell, the NED Board's first Chairman and the person who did more than anybody, over the longest period, to bring the NED idea from conception to realization. Dante's modesty was exceeded only by his enthusiasm for democracy and his desire to see American values of freedom and equality spread around the world. Though he became Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he preferred to see himself as an institution-builder more than a policy-maker. Policies, important as they are, come and go, while institutions can evolve to meet new challenges and situations. They can also find ways to engage real people at the grassroots. That was Dante's vision, and the NED was his creation, as were many other institutions.

That vision has proven to be wise, perhaps beyond Dante's own dreams. He is now gone, but his creations endure, trying to change the world in ways consistent with his own deepest values and aspirations. As the NED looks to the future, its structure intact and its sights set high, it can only find renewed strength by recalling the simple virtues and common values that inspired Dante and made him beloved by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him and work with him. His friends can take some comfort in the thought that he left them with the tools needed to carry on the work of democracy to which Dante devoted his entire life. ~



Carl Gershman  
*President*  
*December 1998*

## 1998 Democracy Award and NED Events:

### Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan Receive 1998 NED Democracy Award

Two of China's premier democracy advocates, Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan, received NED's Democracy Award in 1998. Wei was the preeminent figure of the Democracy Wall movement of 1978-79, and Wang rose to prominence as a leader of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations. They both possess an unflagging devotion to freedom and universal human rights.

On February 4, 1998, hundreds of people gathered on Capitol Hill to watch Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) present the award to Wei, who had been released from jail and sent into immediate exile in November 1997. Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) presented Wang's award in absentia; Wang was still in China, serving an 11-year prison sentence for his democratic activities. Li Shuxian, also an active member of the Chinese pro-democracy movement, accepted it on Wang's behalf.

Wei was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 1979 for posting his famous democratic treatise "The First Modernization" on the Democracy Wall. He was released as a political gesture in 1993, then arrested once again and sentenced to 14 more years in prison. He was released again last November into exile in the U.S.

Wang was arrested in June 1989, having been marked number one on the government's "most wanted" list following the



*Above:*  
Representative Nancy Pelosi presents the 1998 Democracy Award to Wei Jingsheng, who had been released from jail and sent into immediate exile in November 1997.

military crackdown in Tiananmen Square. He, too, was released in a political gesture in 1993, in this case to influence the vote of the U.S. Congress on China's Most Favored Nation trading status. Like Wei, he resumed his advocacy of democracy and was arrested once again, and sentenced to 11 years imprisonment. On April 20 Chinese authorities released Wang and handed him over to American embassy officials in Beijing. During his visit to Washington, D.C. in May, Representative Cox presented him with the Democracy Award at a press conference on Capitol Hill, presided over by Reps. Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.) and Pelosi.

1997 Democracy Award winner Martin C.M. Lee asserted: "I can think of no better embodiment of democratic ideals and the courage of conviction than Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan. The vision of Wei and Wang—and the courage it has taken to pursue that vision—have inspired Chinese, both on the mainland and in Hong Kong, to nurture our own dreams of democracy and freedom. Their vision is an inspiration not just for the 1.2 billion citizens of China, but to the entire international community." ~

*Left:*  
NED President Carl Gershman and 1998 Democracy Award winner Wang Dan are pictured in May 1998 at a press conference on Capitol Hill where Wang received the award upon his release from prison.



NED Celebrates  
20 Years of Spanish Democracy

NED and the Spanish Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset celebrated the 20th anniversary of Spain's transition to democracy in September 1998 with a day-long conference and a Capitol Hill reception. Made possible by gifts from Lucent Technologies and Telefónica, a Spanish telecommunications company, the two events paid tribute to the vote by the Spanish people in 1978 to choose democracy over dictatorship.

Among those celebrating the 20-year anniversary were former Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo, u.s. Ambassador to Spain Edward Romero, Spanish Ambassador to the United States Antonio Oyarzabal, and u.s. Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.). Acclaimed operatic tenor Plácido Domingo was also on hand to help mark the anniversary, and gave a moving address about the significance of Spain's democracy.

The one-day conference, entitled "Managing Pluralism: Twenty Years of Spanish Democracy," explored the evolution of democracy in Spain. The conference featured a number of leading scholars from Spain and the United States.

"If the Spaniard's democratic attitudes of 1978 could be explained as a reaction to Francoism, the more than 80 percent of support that democracy enjoys now, after 20 years of democratic experience, is the consequence of the experience itself," said Emilio Lamo De Espinosa, Director of the Instituto Universitario Ortega Y Gasset, at the conference. "It's its efficiency and the merits of the Constitution, its capacity to channel and order political life, to control abuses of power, to guarantee freedoms, to increase equality, to manage pluralism and to provide roads to Spain's huge vitality, that explains today's wide acceptance of the Constitution."

In a salute to Spain's 20-year anniversary, Sen. Graham presented Calvo-Sotelo with a rubbing from the Constitution Monument in the Plaza de la Constitucion in St. Augustine, Fla. The monument honors the Spanish Constitution of 1812, and may be the only such monument still standing in the Western hemisphere.



*Above:  
Operatic tenor Plácido Domingo was on hand at a NED-sponsored Capitol Hill reception in September 1998 to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of Spain's transition to democracy.*

"The dictatorship that we left behind in 1977 was an apparently solid shore, and one might at first have thought that we would reach another equally firm shore after completing the crossing of the transition," said Calvo-Sotelo at the Capitol Hill reception. "But we now know that there is no shore ahead, that we do not have to reach any point beyond where we already are, that we will always remain on what Jefferson called the 'boisterous sea of liberty.'"

In conjunction with the conference, a photograph exhibit by the Spanish News Agency, EFE, chronicled the political, social and cultural history of Spain. The exhibit was on display in the Russell Senate Building on Capitol Hill, and later at the King Juan Carlos I Center at New York University, where the one-day conference on Spanish democracy was replicated. ∞

The following sections describe the Endowment's grants program in each of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and Northern Africa, and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Projects in the areas of worker rights, free-market institutions, and political development are funded,

respectively, through NED's four core institutes: the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS, formerly the Free Trade Union Institute), the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI).

## Africa:

NED's Africa Program moved forward on the front lines of democratic political development on the continent throughout 1998 not only through its grants program, but through a variety of other innovative initiatives.

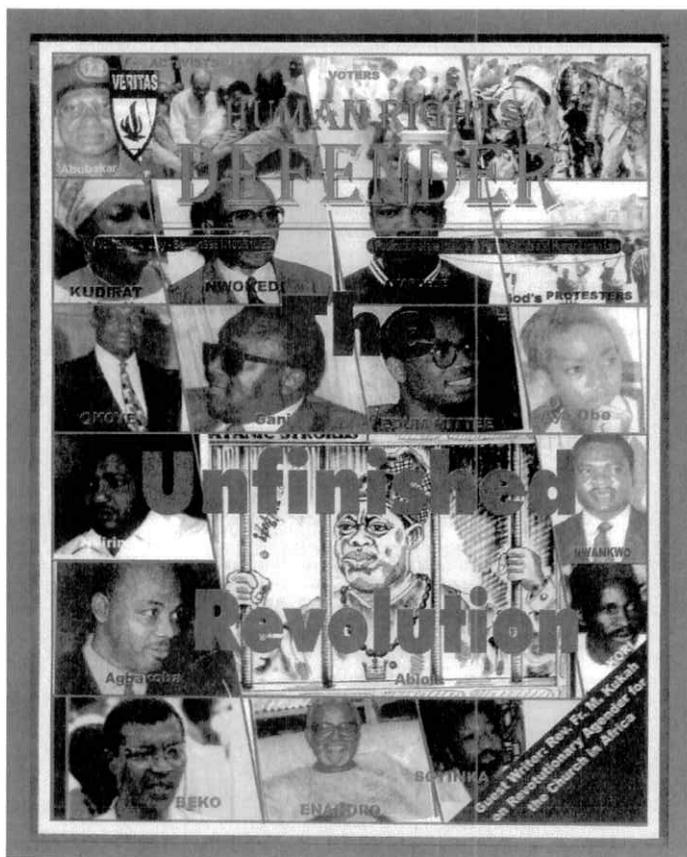
The grants program stayed abreast of Africa's two most difficult and important challenges: Nigeria and Congo. NED committed more than \$1 million to Nigeria in 1998, including 20 grants to human rights groups and independent press projects, and for women's political empowerment, conflict resolution, and democratic action training. Major programs were also conducted by two NED core institutes, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE).

The year began with many NED grantees in prison, in exile, or working underground. Two NED grantees participated in a new program of NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies to train human rights librarians on how to use the internet for their work; one of them was detained upon his return. But with the death of dictator Sani Abacha on June 8, 1998, NED grantees quickly mobilized to take advantage of the new opportunities that soon emerged, having prepared the way after years of struggling to keep the flame of freedom, human rights, and democracy burning. Most political prisoners were freed, including NED grantees Beko Ransome-Kuti and Malam Shehu Sani of the Campaign for Democracy (CD), Olisa Agbakoba of the United Action for Democracy, and trade unionists Frank Korkori and Milton Dabibi.

Grantees swiftly organized to monitor the series of elections that were called, including the first round in December 1998. Others pressed for changes in press laws, the annulment of pernicious security decrees, organization of a sovereign national conference, and reform of the security forces. NED hosted several meetings with Nigerian activists in Washington, including Abdul Oroh of the Civil Liberties Organization (CLO); Batom Mitee of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP); Beko Ransome-Kuti of the CD; Gani Fawahinmi, who successfully defended the Ogoni 20 with NED support; and Bola Ige, a leader of the National Democratic Coalition, NADECO. By year's end, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI), both NED institutes, were also moving to set up election observation missions.

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*As part of its overall goal to strengthen democracy and promote a greater understanding and respect for the rule of law and human rights in Nigeria, the Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law publishes a quarterly journal, Human Rights Defender.*



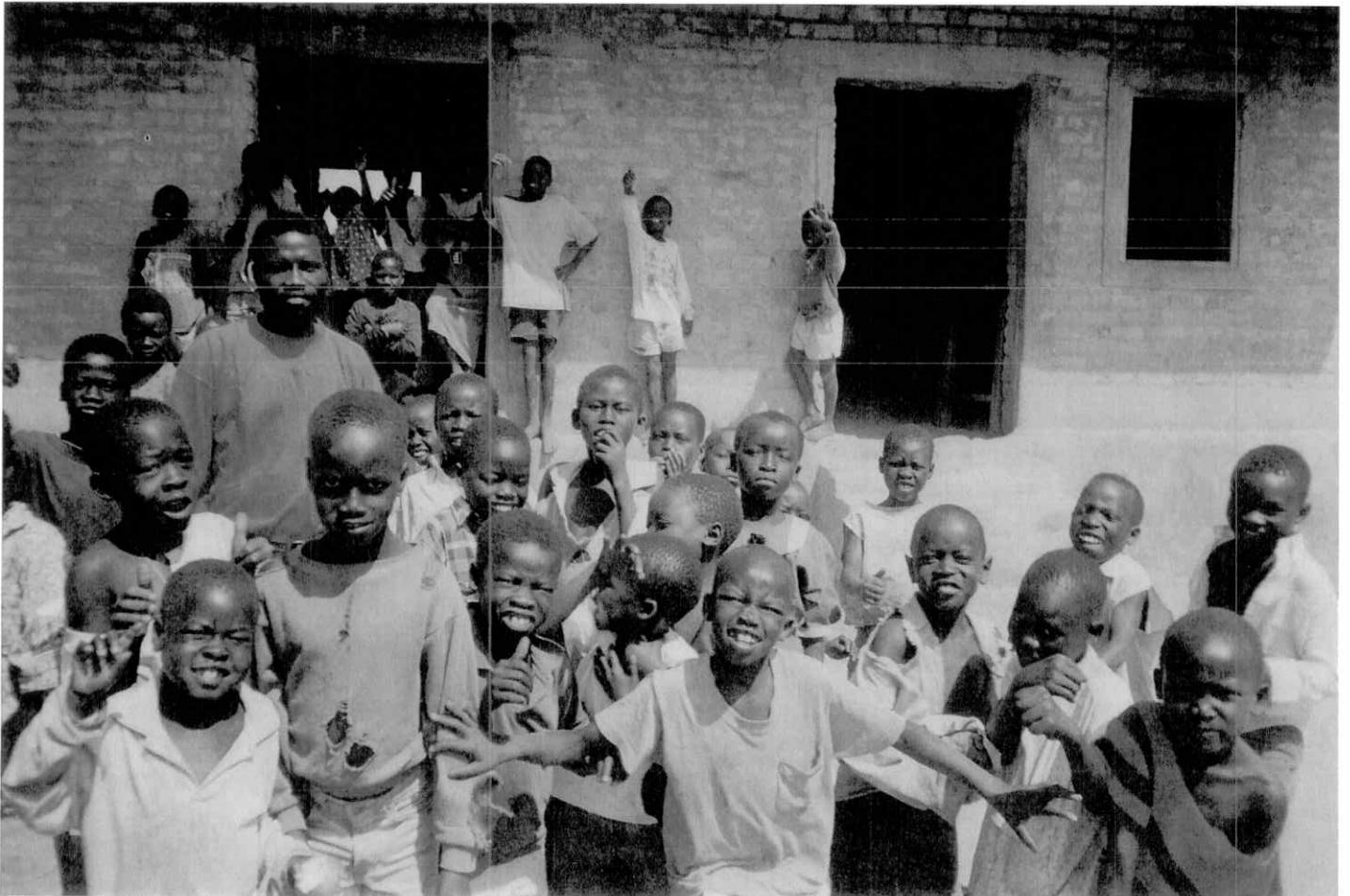
Congo, by contrast, slid from a process of steadily shrinking political space into civil war and a full-scale abrogation of human and civil rights. Two NED grantees, Paul Nsapu and Sabin Banza, were detained for several months, while others have been harassed and some forced into exile. Yet in 10 cities across Congo, Endowment grantees bravely continue monitoring human rights violations, calling for tolerance and peaceful political negotiations, promoting women's political participation, supporting independent media, and educating the Congolese public on its rights and responsibilities. In Kisangani, for example, NED grantee Groupe Justice et Liberation released the first comprehensive report on human rights violations in areas directly affected by the war. Two NED grantees, Voice of the Voiceless and the Friends of Nelson Mandela, collaborated to produce a weekly newsletter, *Human Rights Weekly*, which provides unbiased, current information on human rights developments. In Washington, the Endowment convened a series of informal meetings to build support for Congolese civil society; NED has become a key American rallying point for the Congolese democratic movement. Didier Kamundu Batundi, director of APREDICI, a NED subgrantee in Goma, won the 1998 Reebok Human Rights award, but has now been forced to work in exile.

NED grantees continued to play prominent roles in the human rights and democracy struggles in Liberia and Sudan, where NED has mounted significant programs. Grantees in the Republic of Congo released a major

human rights report in the aftermath of that country's civil war, and in Mogadishu, Somalia, the Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Center organized a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. NED grantee Gremeh Boucar of Radio Anfani of Niger won the Committee to Protect Journalists' 1998 award.

One of the year's highlights for NED's Africa program was the conference on "Democratization, Human Rights, and Good Governance in Africa: French, American, and African Perspectives," held in Washington on June 3 with the support of the Carnegie Corporation, and the Agence de la Francophonie and the Institut International d'Administration Publique of France. The meeting was the first of its kind ever held in the United States, facilitating an exchange among American, French and African representatives on how to promote democracy in Africa. ☞

*Below:  
The Sudan Human Rights Association (SHRA) monitors human rights, which entails field tours into Sudanese war zones and refugee camps in Congo, Uganda and Kenya. In December 1998 SHRA held meetings with Sudanese NGOs to determine their educational needs.*



## Angola

### Search for Common Ground (SCG)

\$50,000

To organize conflict resolution training and consensus-building workshops in Luanda, Bengo, and Huambo. Prior to the workshops, SCG will hold planning meetings to build a network of interested parties and introduce the principles of conflict resolution to potential participants.

## Chad

### Chad Non-Violence (TNV)

\$18,000

To support TNV local chapter activities. Chapters provide regular human rights reports in their communities, hold discussions and rallies for local people on conflict resolution and human rights, and respond to requests for mediation or the monitoring of violent situations.

## Democratic Republic of Congo

### Bureau d'Etudes, de Recherche et de Consulting International (BERCI)

\$25,500

To open three new BERCI branches in Kisangani, Mbuji-Mayi, and Lubumbashi and support three teams of specialists in each region. BERCI trains young Congolese as pollsters.

### Centre Chretien pour le Developpement des Paysans en Milieu Rural (CCDPR)

\$20,000

To promote peaceful coexistence among ethnic groups in the region in coordination with a network of Protestant churches throughout Sud Kivu, and to seek solutions to ethnic intolerance by conducting training activities in Uvira.

### Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Droit Humanitaire (CDH)

\$25,000

To implement a broad human rights education and information program targeted at local CDH chapter members. CDH will also conduct a Lumumbashi-based public education series, bringing together members of the public each month to discuss relevant human rights issues.

### Collectif d'Actions pour le Developpement des Droits de l'Homme (CADDHOM)

\$17,000

To raise awareness of the need for peace, reconciliation, and peaceful coexistence. CADDHOM organizes teacher trainings in human rights, conducts studies on the conflict in the Great Lakes region and the conditions of women in Sud Kivu, and provides assistance to victims of the war and mediation to prevent ethnic and other conflicts.

### Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme (FEDHO)

\$25,000

To conduct an education program on human rights advocacy and legal assistance. FEDHO activities include training workshops in Kananga, Ilebo, and Mueko; a media campaign including a television program on human rights and a quarterly newsletter; and a legal aid program to defend victims of human rights abuses in the courts.

### Grand Vision pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme

\$12,000

To publish *Agenda du Violateur*. The *Violateur* and other reports monitor human rights abuses and cover civic education, elections, and violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Nord Kivu.

### Groupe Justice et Liberation (GJL)

\$16,740

To conduct a program of human rights advocacy, education, and publications in the Kisangani region. GJL activities include train-the-trainer workshops on human rights theory, advocacy and monitoring, and special reports and newsletters on human rights.

### Les Amis de Nelson Mandela pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme (ANM)

\$30,000

To organize a human rights conference in Kisangani and a civic education program in the Eastern Province. ANM's civic education program includes public conference debates, human rights roundtables, and a human rights exhibition including newspapers, photos, films, and publications.

### Ligue des Electeurs (LE)

\$40,000

To train regional representatives on civic education and human rights. LE will conduct a training in Kinshasa for 15 representatives of 11 Congolese regions; participants will lead similar trainings in their own regions.

### National League for Free and Fair Elections

\$16,000

To publish two editions of *Le Scrutin (The Ballot)*, which will be distributed throughout Congo. The journal provides information on civic education and democracy issues.

### Promotion de la Femme Rurale

\$25,000

To implement a civic education project targeted at the rural population of Congo's Western Kasai region. The project trains trainers and organizes civic education training sessions aimed primarily at women.

**Voice of the Handicapped for Human Rights (VHDH)**

\$17,788

To encourage discussion of the cultural perceptions of handicapped people and address how to get them more involved in the political life of the country. VHDH activities include a radio program and a series of conferences.

**Voice of the Voiceless (VSV)**

\$72,000

To continue a program of human rights advocacy, education, and monitoring. VSV documents abuses, organizes roundtables, and publishes mission findings and an annual report on the state of human rights in the Congo. VSV, on behalf of the Comité Droits de l'Homme, Maintenant!, will also strengthen the communication and mobilization capacity of a network of human rights organizations through the purchase of walkie-talkies and a base transmitter.



**Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)**

\$24,000

To continue a human rights program that monitors five priority regions in Ethiopia, documents violations, provides assistance to victims, and disseminates information on human rights. The information provides documentation for EHRCO's general and special-topic reports on democracy, rule of law, and human rights in Ethiopia.

**HUNDEE**

\$23,779

To address the marginalization of women in Ethiopia. HUNDEE organizes train-the-trainer workshops for 30 women from the Oromia Regional State, and three "Rights Awareness" workshops for 300 women in the capitals of each woreda.

**Peace and Development Committee**

\$26,000

To organize training courses in three historically marginalized and underdeveloped regions of Ethiopia. Courses cover human rights; civil and political rights; freedom of the press; and the right to life, security, liberty, privacy, and integrity.

*Above:*

*Participants gather in Somalia for the Human Rights Day celebration, organized by the Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Organization.*

**Ethiopia**

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$91,314

To train senior staff and/or board members of business associations on key topics of association management, public policy and advocacy, and the role of business associations in democratic development. CIPE will organize an intensive, one-week training for 35 representatives.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$48,992

To promote public-private dialogue on economic reform, public policy, and governance. The Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce implements a program of nine "Business and Economic Development Roundtables" in Addis Ababa and three other cities.

**Ghana**

**Obrumankoma, Odapagyan and Oson Traditionals**

\$21,560

To organize popular theater performances on democracy and human rights themes in Ghana. The Traditionals present special programs targeted at junior and senior high school students, following up each with discussion sessions on various topics.

**Kenya**

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$106,962

To educate senior staff and board members from Kenyan business associations about association management, public policy, and the role of business associations in democratic development. CIPE provides the modern management skills necessary to participate effectively in Kenya's consolidation of democracy and the restoration of economic growth.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$61,105

To build consensus between the public and private sectors to advocate for legal structural changes that would expand opportunities for small entrepreneurs. Activities of the Committee for the Improvement of the Small Business Environment, coordinated by the Kenya Management Assistance Program, give business associations and the entrepreneurs they represent a voice in the democratic public policy process.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$195,467

To encourage increased political participation by women. NDI activities include legislative training for new legislators, their counterparts and staff; and a mentor-match program that matches women elected officials with women who will run for office and places women candidates who lost elections in positions with elected women in the parliament or municipal councils.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$75,000

To promote dialogue on constitutional reform by strengthening civic organizations that were in the forefront of advocating open and participatory national elections in 1997. NDI works with the Kenya Human Rights Commission, the National Council of Churches of Kenya, and the Kenya Catholic Justice and Peace Commission to help coordinate their efforts on behalf of comprehensive political reform.

Liberia

Association of Liberian Professional Organizations (ALPO)

\$22,800

To support a nonpartisan civic organization and its organizational and capacity-building activities. ALPO will organize capacity-building workshops for individual member organizations, two workshops on a variety of topics, a radio program, and a newsletter.

Center for Law and Human Rights Education (CLHRE)

\$40,000

To expand legal aid programs for residents of Liberia. CLHRE activities include a paralegal training seminar followed up by the establishment of legal aid centers in six counties, workshops and seminars targeted at government officials and representatives of human rights education, and human rights programs via shortwave and FM radio stations in local languages and English.

Liberian Human Rights Chapter (LHRC)

\$32,000

To support LHRC offices in Monrovia and Ganta. LHRC activities include seminars on human rights, democracy and conflict resolution; the newspaper, *Humanitas*; human rights research; and trainings for government officials and the police on international human rights standards and conflict resolution skills.

National Human Rights Monitor, Inc. (NAHRIM)

\$18,000

To conduct a program of human rights education using street theater and a weekly radio program. NAHRIM expanded its programs by opening a regional office in Sinje; the organization continues to research and document abuses that occurred during Liberia's seven-year civil war.

Press Union of Liberia (PUL)

\$32,000

To turn current PUL facilities into a fully functional communications center for use by local and foreign journalists, with an international direct telephone line, e-mail, and internet services. The PUL publishes a monthly newsletter; its Edward Wilmont Blyden Forum is the country's most important vehicle for free public discussion and debate.

Malawi

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$108,549

To strengthen Malawi's private sector and foster increased collaboration and coalition building among the country's associations and chamber of commerce. CIPE brings all Malawian business organizations together for basic-level business association management training.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$78,650

To improve economic opportunity for women. The National Association of Business Women involves women in the democratic, consensus-making process. Activities include regional forums to mobilize women in small business to advocacy, "Alerts" on small business issues, and a business directory.

Mali

Comite d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme (CADEF)

\$50,000

To promote women's and children's rights. CADEF opposes human rights abuses and works to improve legislation that affects women and children through non-partisan training programs on civic education, technical assistance to women candidates, and the promotion of women's participation in elections.

## Niger

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**  
\$104,105

To provide skills training and material support to the Front for the Restoration and Defense of Democracy and its allies, a coalition of eight pro-democracy political parties working to restore democracy in Niger. NDI helps the coalition develop its civic education and outreach capabilities.

**Radio Anfani**  
\$25,000

To support democracy education, political reporting, and general civic education. *Radio and Development*, a radio program that airs three times a week, once each in Hausa, Zarma, and French, includes a half-hour presentation on a critical political issue dealing with democracy and development and is followed by a two-hour call-in session.

## Nigeria

**African Centre for Democratic Governance (AFRIGOV)**  
\$25,000

To bring women scholars, activists, and civil servants together from around northern Nigeria to discuss the role of women in politics. AFRIGOV will hold three workshops to facilitate action-oriented discussions on the obstacles to women's participation and to challenge participants to create a plan of action.

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**  
\$370,631

To improve communications between labor activists and civil society organizations, increase coalition building between the two sectors, mobilize women union advocates, and expose union activists and others to a free, democratic atmosphere. ACILS activities include educational and advisory exchanges and workshops.

**Campaign for Democracy**  
\$46,607

To rebuild unity within Nigeria's democracy movement and improve efforts to press for an end to military rule. The Campaign for Democracy will convene a Pro-Democracy Summit with 100 delegates from a wide spectrum of pro-democracy groups to debate and deliberate on the military's plan for democratization.

**Center for Free Speech (CFS)**  
\$20,000

To bring the views and activities of rural citizens to the government and those living in urban centers. CFS implements a rural community reporting project that sends researchers to visit Nigerian communities to collect information on rural perceptions; information will be compiled and distributed to the media.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**  
\$121,000

To spearhead a "watchdog" monitoring function of Nigerian economic and business policies implementation. The Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture will create a "Policy Implementation Monitoring Unit," and organize a workshop on public policy implementation and advocacy.

**Center for Law Enforcement Education**  
\$25,000

To organize a three-day seminar entitled, "The Role and Functions of the Nigerian Police in a Post-Military Era." The seminar is organized in coordination with the National Human Rights Commission; participants include senior representatives from the Nigerian judiciary, police force, Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Justice, the press, NGOs, and academia.

**Channels Television**  
\$30,000

To produce and edit a new public affairs program called "Question Time." The weekly program takes an in-depth look at important political issues, and includes news reports, live interviews with relevant government officials, and live call-in questions from viewers.

**Civil Liberties Organization (CLO)**  
\$30,000

To launch an education program for united action against the military dictatorship. The program builds a link between democracy organizations and the trade union movement in cooperation with 26 other Nigerian democracy and human rights organizations; the CLO will also produce leaflets, posters, and newspaper advertisements.

**Committee for the Defense of Human Rights (CDHR)**  
\$45,000

To support the CDHR National Resource Center. The Center acquires books, stationery, journals, a television, and a VCR to document human rights violations; and continues publication of a quarterly newsletter, *Victims*, which is circulated locally and internationally. The grant also supports the seventh edition of the *Annual Report on the Human Rights Situation in Nigeria*.

**Human Rights Africa (HRA)**  
\$40,000

To support the Nigerianity Movement, a social movement for democracy and national pride. HRA holds meetings throughout Nigeria to design strategies for enlarging the pool of activists in the region and publishes a newsletter.

**Human Rights Monitor**

\$38,000

To design and conduct a training workshop on labor legislation, freedom of association, and corresponding aspects of the International Covenants. The Monitor publishes educational materials and the quarterly journal, *Equal Justice*; and conducts a study on the history of repression under the Abacha regime.

**Huri-Laws**

\$32,500

To expand a legal aid program for political prisoners. The project covers miscellaneous costs, and publicizes important cases in the media.

**Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (IHRHL)**

\$36,000

To continue development of SPANE, a network of community-based paralegals that works to strengthen democracy and promote a greater understanding and respect for the rule of law and human rights. IHRHL trains local residents to be paralegals, publishes a quarterly journal, *Human Rights Defender*, and establishes community-based Legal Advice Centers.

**International Human Rights Law Group (IHRLG)**

\$40,000

To strengthen and consolidate Nigerian civil society by organizing exchanges with South African civil society activists. IHRLG conducts workshops, training events, consultations, and exchanges drawing on the lessons of the South African struggle.

*Right:*

*Two Somali women participate in a program by the Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Organization. The group trains journalists and members of the Human Rights Taskforce of the Somali Peace and Human Rights Network on journalism and human rights issues.*

**League of Democratic Women (LEADS)**

\$20,000

To support a women's rights advocacy program. The program includes training, information dissemination, institutional support, and a two-day workshop for women activists and lawyers to compare customary law practices in northern Nigeria to the basic rights guaranteed in Nigeria's constitution.

**Media Rights Agenda (MRA)**

\$20,000

To monitor the fairness of broadcast media and the elections at the local, state, and federal levels during the transition process to a civilian government. MRA publishes its findings and observations.



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Preparing for  
**NATIONAL  
ELECTIONS**

**Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP)**

\$30,000

To reopen MOSOP's headquarters in Port Harcourt with a project coordinator. The grant equips the headquarters with basic office equipment, and purchases a motorcycle to better facilitate on-the-ground communications.

**National Democratic Coalition (NADECO)**

\$48,240

To strengthen the infrastructure of the coalition and conduct a one-year campaign to establish democratic civilian rule in Nigeria. A new office in Lagos coordinates activities and expands NADECO's base of support for a common non-violent platform to end military rule.

**Niger Delta Human Rights and Environmental Rescue Organisation (ND-HERO)**

\$20,000

To commission five field staff to visit strategic areas within the Niger Delta to monitor and investigate violations of human rights and press freedom; findings will be published in a monthly bulletin. ND-HERO produces a comprehensive annual report on violations of human rights and press freedom in the Niger Delta and offers legal assistance.

**Strategic Empowerment and Mediation Agency (SEMA)**

\$27,000

To provide institutional support for the Nigeria Peace Center. The Center publishes a 24-page quarterly newsletter and trains community leaders, law enforcement agencies, youth, and women in the Rivers, Delta, Oshun, and Kano states where communal violence has occurred.

**Women for Democracy and Leadership (WODEL)**

\$25,000

To develop a women's empowerment network composed of members of women's civic organizations in the Oyo State in Nigeria. The network supports two general meetings to consider the organization of a statewide women's network, and hosts monthly roundtables by different women's organizations.

**Women in Nigeria—Kaduna**

\$20,000

To conduct three empowerment workshops to raise awareness of women's issues in Nigeria's Kaduna State. Workshop participants will address the social status of women, women's participation in the government, and the fundamentals of democracy.

**Sierra Leone**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$81,714

To set up a national reconciliation process by initiating social dialogue and establishing a mechanism through which a wide portion of the citizenry will participate in the establishment of a democratic society. The program, with the Sierra Leone Labor Congress, addresses civic education, reconciliation, coalition building, and literacy through trainings, a national forum, and regional workshops.

**Somalia**

**Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Organization**

\$20,200

To train 30 members of the Human Rights Taskforce of the Somali Peace and Human Rights Network, and 30 Somali journalists on the promotion of journalism and human rights. The program includes training workshops, a Universal Declaration of Human Rights awareness and signature campaign, and release of the first comprehensive review of human rights ever published in Somalia.

**South Africa**

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**

\$62,325

To promote freedom, individual liberty, and democratic consolidation. IRI, with the Free Society Project, an adjunct program of the South African Institute of Race Relations, supports the protection of civil liberties and the consolidation of democratic government in South Africa by monitoring legislation and conducting an advocacy program.

**Sudan**

**Fund for Peace**

\$30,000

To publish the *Sudan Democratic Gazette* in London. About 5,000 copies are printed and disseminated; the gazette continues to increase distribution of the newsletter within Sudan.

**Fund for Peace**

\$45,000

To gather and disseminate news and information on human rights issues, conduct human rights workshops on topics of concern to the Sudanese, conduct programs to preserve non-Islamic Sudanese cultures, provide services to victims of human rights abuse, and advocate the revision of laws that do not meet human rights standards.

*Left:*

*The Constitutional Rights Project of Nigeria, supported by NED since 1995, produces the Constitutional Rights Journal as part of its human rights education campaign.*

**Mutawinat Benevolent Company**  
\$21,500

To support Mutawinat's legal aid program. Program activities include a legal literacy program for imprisoned women and community members, assessments of conditions in women's prisons, and a training program on human rights advocacy and reporting.

**Sudan Human Rights Association**  
\$20,000

To train human rights community outreach coordinators. Activities include workshops for activists from Sudanese refugee camps, and human rights monitoring and reporting, including field tours into two Sudanese war zones and refugee camps in Congo, Uganda, and Kenya.

**Zimbabwe**

**Foundation for Democracy in Zimbabwe**  
\$30,000

To promote increased political discussion on the future of the country. Foundation activities include regional roundtables to elicit ideas and the development of a strategy to enhance political participation by ordinary Zimbabweans.

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**  
\$141,712

To promote increased citizen involvement in Zimbabwe's legislative process. IRI, through its Zimbabwe Parliamentary Reform program, trains members of Parliament, civil society organizations, and the Zimbabwe public on constituency outreach; and conducts public opinion research and constituent outreach programs.

**Africa Regional**

**African Leadership Forum (ALF)**  
\$24,800

To produce and disseminate two editions of a new journal on democratization and leadership across the continent of Africa and beyond. ALF established a Resource and Documentation Unit to analyze information.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**  
\$124,612

To enhance participation by think tanks and civil society in their respective countries. CIPE organized a two-day workshop for think tanks on how to enhance the policy advocacy capabilities that allow them to contribute effectively to public debate on key economic issues.

**Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherche sur la Democratie et le Developpement Economique et Sociale**  
\$60,000

To consolidate democratic gains and mobilize civil society for increased democratic participation. The Group's activities include conferences, workshops, and election observation missions; its newsletter, *Democracy and Development*, is distributed over the internet.

**Mwelekeo wa NGO**  
\$25,000

To finalize publication of *Perspectives from Eastern and Southern Africa on Civil Society and Democratic Development*. Mwengo also will produce and distribute a video on Zimbabwe's constitutional reforms.

**World Organization Against Torture USA**  
\$41,000

To provide African human rights NGOs with computer skills and technical assistance. The Organization, in collaboration with African human rights networks, will enable several NED grantees to attend regional computer training sessions, and establish a clearinghouse in Burkina Faso to serve human rights and democracy NGOs.

**Eastern Africa Regional**

**Foundation for Human Rights Initiative**  
\$40,000

To continue a conflict resolution program. Program activities include a conference on preventive action and peace-building strategies, the exchange of experiences, and linking local NGOs with organizations experienced in conflict resolution.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**  
\$81,535

To promote linkages among East African women's groups. NDI conducts seminars on political participation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, allowing participants to share experiences and ideas.

**Southern Africa Regional**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**  
\$160,916

To support preparations for national elections in seven southern African countries in 1999 and 2000 and to strengthen democratic development through regional cooperation and dialogue. NDI publishes public opinion research and organizes a regional conference for southern African political leaders. ∞

## Asia:

As the Asian financial crisis continued to exact a heavy toll on societies throughout Southeast and East Asia, pro-democracy civil society actors pressed for democratic solutions to the fundamental problems of authoritarian governance, whether of the “hard” or “soft” variety. New political openness prevailed in a number of countries in the region. South Korea’s democratic transition passed a new milestone with the election of Kim Dae-jung, former dissident, as president. Unprecedented, widespread demonstrations calling for fundamental reform in Indonesia led to President Suharto’s resignation and a drawn-out, uncertain process of formulating a promised transition to a more democratic government. Malaysia, too, heard unprecedented calls for reform. Regionwide, the long-term demands from pro-democracy elements of civil society for openness and democratic reform were complemented by renewed international pressures for accountability, transparency, and good governance.

*Below:*

*The publisher and staff of the Tibet Times, (Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab), a Tibetan-language newspaper, pose in front of their office in Dharamsala, India.*

NED continued to fund programs that strengthen civil society and aid the consolidation of democracy in Thailand, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Support for human rights and legal aid programs were also continued for Vietnam and Pakistan, respectively. Responding to the challenge of the continued state-imposed isolation of North Korea, NED also developed its first programs designed to lay the groundwork for a democratic future there.

All four NED institutes—the International Republican Institute (IRI), the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)—maintained activities in Indonesia, having begun programs three or more years ago to support those forces in civil society pushing for reform and a democratic opening. The institutes’ ongoing involvement with counterpart institutions there, from independent think tanks to dissident labor leaders to the groundbreaking Independent Committee for Election Monitoring (KIPP), enabled them to respond rapidly to the dramatic political changes of mid-1998.



*Photo: Brian Joseph*

In Cambodia, Endowment-funded programs enabled IRI and NDI to monitor the highly contested lead-up to the July 1998 elections, in the wake of a coup less than one year before the scheduled polling date. One of the few positive legacies of this problematic election for Cambodia's political future is the coherence and commitment of domestic non-governmental election monitoring initiatives, which were supported over a three-year period by an NDI program. Continued NED assistance was directed toward the long-term task of strengthening civil society, in the form of support for human rights education, capacity building among the country's still-fledgling human rights groups, and a highly popular program in desktop publishing and journalism education.

The diversity and vigor of the Chinese and Burmese democracy movements made these, as in past years, the largest recipients of Endowment assistance in Asia, involving support for an extensive range of groups promoting human rights, civic education, political dialogue and democratic change. The struggle for democracy in China was also recognized in a February ceremony honoring Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan as co-recipients of the 1998 NED Democracy Award. Wei had just been released and exiled to the United States after 19 years in prison and Wang was still serving an 11-year sentence for his peaceful pro-democracy activities. Later in the year, in the spotlight of intense international pressure, Wang was also exiled to the United States.

NED grants continued to enable Chinese pro-democracy organizations to cut through official censorship and repression of independent voices. Endowment-supported programs sponsored a number of publications addressing issues currently proscribed or severely limited inside China, including several popular electronic mail and Web-based news services and opinion journals. Grantees also conducted research, circulated detailed studies proposing democratic solutions to intractable public policy problems, carried out human rights documentation and advocacy, and collaborated on programs designed to foster Chinese-Tibetan dialogue on long-term issues regarding the future of Tibet. The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) continued to support the efforts of labor activists to educate workers about their rights and document labor law violations. Endowment-supported programs enabled the circulation of a vast amount of timely and thought-provoking literature, in Chinese, Tibetan, and English, promoting the development of a democratic culture.

NED's institutes also continued to implement programs made possible by official Chinese reform policies. In the areas of local elections and economic liberalization, both IRI and CIPE continued their programs designed to extend and institutionalize promising areas of experimental reform. IRI continued its programs to strengthen legal protections for civil rights, to foster legislative independence, and to strengthen mechanisms conducive to transparent local-level elections. CIPE continued to support an extremely successful symposium series on public affairs in Beijing and independent research on economic and governance reform issues.

In Hong Kong, an NDI monitoring program leading up to the May 1998 elections helped support local efforts to increase voters' understanding of the new and arcane electoral system installed by the Beijing-appointed provisional legislative council. The persistence of determined political and civic leaders, including 1997 NED Democracy Award recipient Martin Lee, was rewarded with extremely high voter turnout and an unexpectedly strong showing for staunch proponents of full democracy in Hong Kong. The Endowment continued to support the city's leading legal and constitutional watchdog group, the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, and ACILS maintained its support for Hong Kong labor union programs to protect civil and worker rights.

In Burma, the standoff continued between the military regime and the democratic forces, as the military continued to deny any political role to the legitimate winner of the 1990 elections, the National League for Democracy and its leader, Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. Despite the nearly complete repression of all civil and political rights, democrats inside the country continued to organize and call for democracy and national reconciliation.

NED's Burma program continued to provide extensive support to the dynamic Burmese pro-democracy movement both inside the country and among ethnic minorities and exiled pro-democracy groups in Thailand, India, and other countries. NED's Burma program was enhanced for the second year by a grant from the Department of State (from funds earmarked by Congress for Burma). The additional funding allowed NED and its core institutes to support an array of independent media and information sources, human rights documentation, institution-building, and women's projects. NED supported the popular *New Era Journal*, a monthly Burmese-language newspaper with a circulation of more than 12,000 copies per issue, distributed by hand through remote regions of the country. The Democratic Voice of Burma shortwave radio program expanded ethnic-language programming, upgraded the professionalism of its field studios, and secured a third broadcasting frequency at a more powerful transmission facility, improving reception in Burma. The grant also enabled the Federation of Trade Unions-Burma (FTUB), in conjunction with ACILS, to continue its work to promote democratic values in Burma. ~



*Above:*  
In Vuthy, executive director of the Cambodian Human Rights Task Force, leads a training session for human rights educators.

**Burma**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**  
\$300,000  
DOS Funding

To support programs of the independent labor movement in exile, the Federation of Trade Unions—Burma (FTUB). The FTUB educates workers and other citizens inside Burma about labor rights and democracy and documents violations of internationally recognized labor rights.

**Associates to Develop Democratic Burma (ADDB)**  
\$40,000

To provide the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma with detailed analyses of international politics affecting Burma. The ADDB publishes English-language materials including fax sheets, policy briefing papers, and speeches, and promotes better communication among Burma's ethnic and pro-democracy groups.

**Burma Information Group (BIG)**  
\$18,000  
DOS Funding

To maintain BIG's extensive documentation and information center and continue to publish its English-language newsletter, *The Irrawaddy*. *The Irrawaddy* is a valuable resource both for the international community and for Burmese in exile who have limited access to other sources of credible information.

**Burma Lawyers' Council (BLC)**  
\$40,000  
DOS Funding

To promote the rule of law in Burma. BLC documents violations of human rights, publishes quarterly journals in Burmese and English, conducts seminars and training programs, and produces a series of legal rights programs for the NED-supported Democratic Voice of Burma radio program.

**Burmese Women's Union (BWU)**  
\$30,000  
DOS Funding

To bring together pro-democracy and ethnic women's groups and conduct a grassroots leadership training program for women from various organizations along Burma's borders. The BWU publishes a monthly newsletter and conducts research on the situation of Burmese migrant workers in Thailand.

**Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB)**  
\$150,000  
DOS Funding

To continue production and transmission of a daily shortwave radio program from Oslo, Norway, and to increase ethnic-language broadcasts. The DVB is working to produce better quality programming and further professionalize the program.

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Human Rights  
Documentation Unit

\$15,000

To publish 1,000 copies each of a Burmese-language human rights manual, a Burmese-language book on negotiation, and a Burmese-language political science primer for distribution among pro-democracy forces and ethnic groups. The National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma's Human Rights Documentation Unit is based in Bangkok.

Human Rights Foundation  
of Monland

\$12,500

To produce English-language human rights reports on conditions in Mon State and southern Burma and a bi-monthly Mon-language newsletter for citizens in Mon State and refugees along the Thai-Burma border. The newsletter, *Khit Poey (Our Era)*, provides an alternative news source for the Mon community in Burma.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$100,000

1993 Reprogramming

To assist the National League for Democracy/Liberated Areas and the Political Defiance Committee with pro-democracy organizing and information programs in Burma.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$250,000

DOS Funding

To foster democratic change in Burma. The National League for Democracy/Liberated Areas and the Political Defiance Committee continue their political organization work inside Burma and their work to strengthen grassroots support for democracy.

*Left:*

*The Thakin Pho Hla Gyi Journal, named for a revered Burmese leader, is published by the Democratic Party for a New Society as part of its pro-democracy campaign.*

Karen Information Center

\$8,230

To produce *KIC News*, an English, Karen, and Burmese language newsletter that provides an alternative news source for the Karen community in Burma and among refugee populations.

Lahu National Development  
Organization (LNDO)

\$20,000

To educate members of the Lahu, Pa-O, and Palaung ethnic groups of Shan State, Burma about democracy and human rights. The LNDO will provide opportunities for these groups to participate in the national dialogue among the democratic opposition concerning the future of Burma.

National Coalition for  
Democracy

\$165,200

DOS Funding

To support the continued presence of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCCUB) in the U.N. fora where they have been successful in sustaining nearly a decade of consensus resolutions supporting the restoration of democracy in Burma. The grant also provides operating expenses for three NCCUB offices.

National Coalition for  
Democracy

\$65,000

DOS Funding

To support the work of the National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB) to promote unity among the pro-democracy forces in Burma and along Burma's borders. The NCUB will continue its "National Reconciliation and Political Solidarity Program," sending delegations to several previously-visited ethnic areas to solidify cooperation and encourage commitment to common goals among the ethnic and pro-democracy groups.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$83,905

To enhance the advocacy skills of Burmese democrats, promote the Burmese democracy movement internationally, develop a Burmese democracy support network in Asia, and encourage greater dialogue and cooperation among Burmese democratic forces. NDI works with the National Coalition for Democracy.

National Health and Education  
Committee (NHEC)

\$6,800

To coordinate health and education programs for refugee populations in Thailand and ethnic populations inside Burma. The Thailand-based NHEC will send committee members and staff to refugee camps and NHEC project areas to improve monitoring and reporting of ongoing projects.

*The New Era Journal*

\$135,000

DOS Funding

To provide an alternative source of news and information to Burmese living under the State Peace and Development Council military regime. *The New Era Journal*, a Burmese-language monthly newspaper, provides information on the struggle for human rights and democracy.

Nonviolence International (NI)

\$90,000

To provide strategic planning and coordination advice and training to the Democratic Party for a New Society on the Thai border and the Committee for Nonviolent Action in Burma, a pro-democracy coalition operating in New Delhi and along the India-Burma border. These two organizations distribute publications, cassettes, calendars, and other materials; conduct phone and fax campaigns to deliver news and information to a variety of recipients inside Burma; and channel information about the situation inside Burma to the outside world.



Photo: Louise Coan

**Cambodia**

**American Assistance for Cambodia (AAC)**  
\$20,000

To train students and working journalists on desktop publishing techniques and the fundamentals of credible, responsible journalism. The training program focuses on publishing and disseminating independent news and information using desktop publishing computer software.

**Cambodian Human Rights Task Force**  
\$50,000

To establish a comprehensive "train the trainers" program for human rights NGOs. The program will refine the training skills of 29 trainers working for local human rights NGOs, and assist in revamping the curricula and teaching materials used in current programs.

**Khmer Students Association (KSA)**  
\$30,000

To increase students' exposure to democratic principles, provide opportunities for them to express their views, and encourage them to take a more active role in their schools and communities. KSA programs include production of a monthly newsletter of news and opinion, a public affairs and democracy lecture series, the creation of a library, leadership and management training courses, and computer and skills training courses.

**China**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**  
\$343,778

To help the China Labor Bulletin, the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, and Hong Kong-based labor rights groups promote worker and union rights in the greater China region.

*Above:*

*As part of its mandate, the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor sends representatives to observe demonstrations, like this one in June 1998, to help prevent police abuse or intimidation and to serve as a credible independent source of information in case of confrontation or prosecution.*

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**  
\$83,974

To bring international experts and practitioners together with Chinese scholars and government officials to discuss the economic and social principles of a new social welfare system appropriate to China's emerging market economy. The Chinese Economists Society organized a high-level policy forum in Beijing during the summer of 1998 to address the link between social welfare reform and continued transformation of the state sector.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$133,100

To enable the China Center for Economic Research to establish a national electronic network to serve as an information center on economic reform, and a Short-Term Economics Training Program to provide short courses for young economics faculty members in Chinese colleges and universities.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$70,103

To enable the Unirule Institute of Economics to conduct a biweekly symposium series to discuss key issues related to China's transition to a market economy. The series brings together private entrepreneurs, academics, government officials, and journalists for discussions and debate on economic reform and other topics.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$96,710

To improve the ability of the managers and staff of the Tibet Federation of Industry and Commerce (FIC) to promote and protect the interests of Tibet's nascent entrepreneurial community. CIPE's training program will include modules on public policy advocacy, membership development and retention, the legal and organizational structure of chambers of commerce, financial management, business ethics, and communications.

Center for Modern China

\$55,000

To continue publishing *Modern China Studies*, a Chinese-language quarterly journal. The journal exposes policy-makers and intellectuals in China to independent social science analysis and policy recommendations relevant to China's transition to democracy.

China News Digest International (CND)

\$30,000

To replace CND's aging equipment, allowing it to continue its publications. CND, an important independent news source for the pro-democracy movement in China, produces the popular weekly Chinese-language Internet news service, HXWZ (Hua Xia Wen Zhai, or "China News Digest"), the English-language news digest *CND Global*, and four region-specific digests that are distributed internationally.

Chinese VIP Reference

\$40,000

To publish two Chinese-language Internet news services: *Dacankao* (*Big Reference News*), a weekly digest of information; and *Xiaocankao* (*Mini Reference News*), a daily compilation of news stories. Both news services distribute news and information not available in China and are distributed free of charge.

Democratic China

\$75,000

To publish a Chinese-language monthly Internet magazine on politics, society, and culture. The pro-democracy magazine continues to expand its free electronic mail subscription service to reach more readers in China.

Foundation for China in the 21st Century

\$80,000

To conduct a research and publications program, including publication of a journal and several books on democracy, constitutionalism, and federalism in China. In addition, the Foundation will also provide modest financial support to fledgling pro-democracy groups in China.

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor

\$45,000

To draw local and international public attention to areas of Hong Kong law which fail to safeguard human rights. Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor projects include human rights reporting, casework, campaigning, and public education.

*Below:*

*Staff and volunteers of LEOS, the Mongolian NGO known in English as the Liberal Women's Brain Pool, meet to plan a program.*



Photo: Louisa Coan



**Human Rights in China (HRIC)**

\$210,000

To support the efforts of human rights advocates in China to publicize human rights violations committed by the Chinese government, and continue human rights education programs aimed at facilitating and strengthening the activities of human rights advocates. HRIC assists individuals who are persecuted and imprisoned, collects information on China's human rights situation, and disseminates news and in-depth reports to the international media.

**International Campaign for Tibet**

\$30,000

To conduct a program of meetings, symposia, speeches, publications, and articles designed to improve communication between Tibetans and Chinese concerning a democratic future for China and Tibet.

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**

\$875,000

To support electoral reform at the village level, legislative reform at the provincial and national levels, and legal reform at the municipal and provincial levels. IRI continues to work with the Association of Towns and Townships, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and the Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies to promote democratic elections at the village level by training local election administrators, and will support legislative research and training missions on economic laws.

**Laogai Research Foundation**

\$75,000

To support a database that stores and tracks information about China's forced labor prison camps (*laogai*). The project includes interviewing former prisoners and publishing materials on the *laogai* for dissemination in China.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$141,877

To monitor the state of civil and political liberties in Hong Kong and its progress toward a genuinely democratic electoral system. NDI supported a democratic assessment team that analyzed the political environment and technical preparations for the May 1998 polls.

**Press Freedom Guardian**

\$48,000

To provide a forum for the free exchange of news and ideas about democratization in China. *Press Freedom Guardian*, a Chinese-language newspaper edited in California, is also distributed on the Internet.

Left:

With support from the Solidarity Center and the National Health and Education Committee, a teachers' association in one of Burma's ethnic states is organizing a variety of activities in support of democratization. Here, teachers prepare textbooks in the local language.

#### Princeton China Initiative

\$40,000

To produce the English-language monthly publication, *China Focus*. Princeton China Initiative, an independent center for Chinese dissident intellectuals in exile, also supports a program of information collection and analysis.

#### Tibet Fund

\$30,000

To support the Tibet Voice Project. Project activities include production and distribution of audio and video cassettes that address political and social issues affecting the future of Tibet; an electronic media workshop for Tibetan journalists; and a bi-monthly Chinese-language news magazine about Tibet.

#### Tibet Times

\$15,000

To publish the Tibetan-language newspaper, *Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab* (*Tibet Times*). The newspaper is distributed throughout the Tibetan community-in-exile and in Tibet.

#### Tibetan Youth Congress (TYC)

\$20,000

To convene TYC's 10th General Body Meeting and four regional planning and implementation workshops. The forums provide an opportunity for TYC members to participate in a democratic decision making process.

#### Wei Jingsheng Foundation

\$16,400

##### Private Funds

To enable the Wei Jingsheng Foundation to assist workers and labor organizers in their efforts to promote free trade unions and workers' rights in China.

### Indonesia

#### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$145,112

To enable the Institute for Social and Economic Research, Education and Information to research and recommend policy improvements to the internal structures of private business associations and the legislative framework defining their status under the law.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$259,668

To support key political and civil society leaders at the national level in their efforts to promote peaceful political change. NDI provides advisory assistance to the Independent Election Monitoring Committee, encourages dialogue among young civilians and military leaders, and assists pro-democracy groups working to strengthen civil society cooperation in support of the democratization process.

### Mongolia

#### Liberal Women's Brain Pool (LEOS)

\$35,000

To support the development of democracy, pluralism, and respect for human rights in Mongolia. LEOS projects include national and regional conferences, skills training, research and publication projects, advocacy and public awareness campaigns on legislative issues, and radio broadcasts.

### Nepal

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$101,000

To build the capacity of members of parliament and government institutions to promote public integrity and to develop and sustain a parliamentary women's caucus. The program includes assistance to the parliament to set up a system of coordination with the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA), a specialized training session for the CIAA, and a workshop for the parliamentary women's caucus.

### North Korea

#### Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University

\$18,700

To convene a workshop in Seoul to initiate discussion among Koreans and others concerning the prospects for social, political, and cultural change and economic reform in North Korea. The workshop is designed to encourage innovative proposals on how organizations outside North Korea can positively impact the situation there.

#### Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

\$45,000

To conduct research on the human rights situation in North Korea and the plight of North Korean refugees in other countries who are still subject to or vulnerable to continued abuse. Minnesota Advocates will produce an authoritative compendium of credible information for those seeking to alleviate the extreme repression in North Korea.

## South Korea

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$125,753

To strengthen the ability of unions and other cooperating organizations to formulate economic policy approaches to the current economic crisis. ACILS will help unions and NGOs campaign for adherence to international labor rights and standards at Korean-run plants abroad in order to prevent an undermining of international norms.

## Sri Lanka

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$23,304

To support the People's Action for Free and Fair Elections, a domestic election monitoring coalition. The coalition supports NGO efforts to ensure the integrity of Sri Lanka's electoral process, and strengthens NGO institutional capabilities in the area of election and referendum monitoring.

### People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL)

\$15,000

To build a peaceful and responsive civil society. PAFFREL continues its effort to create a curriculum for a grassroots civic education and participation project.

## Thailand

### International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$135,001

To support the work of the Thai Women in Politics Institute to promote women's political and leadership development. Activities include train-the-trainers and candidate training programs.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$100,510

To strengthen the capacity of Thailand's independent election monitoring organization, the Pollwatch Foundation. NDI will help the Foundation improve Thailand's parliamentary elections by improving its ability to organize training programs and create a regional network of capable trainers, and by developing its organizational capacity as a permanent and independent election monitoring body.

## Vietnam

### Association of Vietnamese Overseas

\$90,000

To bring uncensored news and the discussion of democratic ideas into Vietnam through its bi-monthly Vietnamese-language magazine, *Que Me (Homeland)*. The Association also distributes 50,000 monthly mini-bulletins on urgent human and workers' rights concerns for distribution in Vietnam, and thematic reports on violations of human rights and religious freedoms for international distribution.

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$76,230

To enable the Georgetown University Center for Intercultural Education and Development to improve the reporting skills of business and economic journalists in Vietnam. The training is intended to allow journalists to become less dependent on government information and encourage a better public understanding of economic issues.

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$61,025

To strengthen the ability of the self-funded Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) to become an independent voice representing the private sector. CIPE will provide an intensive training program on association management techniques and the role of private business associations for senior representatives of the VCCI.

## Asia Regional

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$378,534

To stimulate the development of information on countries affected by the economic crisis as a means to enable dialogues regarding the relationship between economic progress and democratic reform. The ACILS will conduct seminars in Thailand and Malaysia on labor reform, leadership and advocacy, and four multi-country experts meetings involving participants from Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Thailand.

## Central and Eastern Europe:

In 1998, the countries of Central Europe continued to consolidate their democratic and free-market transitions. Poland continued to lead the region's efforts to rejoin Europe. Its government, led by the trade union Solidarity, oversaw an important local government reform initiative, and its economy again posted gains that are among the best in Europe. A left-right coalition brought a measure of stability to the Czech Republic, which had been plagued by political and economic turmoil in 1997. In Hungary, a center-right coalition led by a former NED grantee came to power. All three countries continued to prepare for their entry into NATO and the European Union.

The most dramatic development in the region occurred in Slovakia, where a democratic coalition won a decisive election victory over the authoritarian government of Vladimir Meciar. The Endowment and its institutes played a leading role in assisting the democratic opposition. NED provided support to Civic Campaign '98 (OK '98), a nonpartisan, independent initiative of more than 100 NGOs that is credited with boosting voter turnout to record levels. Two NED grantees, the Foundation for Civil Society (NOS) and the Association in Support of Local Democracy, played a leading role in OK '98. Other NED grantees, including the Permanent Committee of the Civic Institute (SKOI), the Jan Hus Educational Foundation, the Presov Civic Forum, and the Milan Simecka Foundation also conducted election-related programs coordinated by OK '98.

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), helped to create, train and support two important monitoring organizations that assisted OK '98. MEMO '98 monitored the pre-election coverage of Slovakia's media and helped to level the playing field by exposing the pro-Meciar bias of Slovak State Television. OK '98 led a nationwide poll-watching program that helped to insure free and fair elections. The International Republican Institute (IRI), complemented this effort with an interna-

*Right:*

*"What does the new mayor want?" was the title of a candidate forum organized by the Presov Civic Foundation. The Foundation organizes nonpartisan candidate fora for national, parliamentary, and local elections.*

tional election observation mission. The Center for International Private Enterprise's (CIPE) two programs, with MESA 10 and the Center for Economic Development, exposed the corruption and economic mismanagement of the Meciar government. From its regional office in Warsaw, Poland, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) organized training programs; supported economic, legal, and occupational consultations; published trade union documents; offered expert assistance; and provided direct support to the Lithuanian Workers Union and the Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions.

The Baltic states continued their impressive transitions in 1998. Two NED grantees, the Democracy Advancement Center and the Latvian Center for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies (LCHRES), carried out civic education and advocacy programs designed to promote tolerance and the integration of Latvia's Russian minority. For its work, the LCHRES was awarded the prestigious U.S.-E.U. Civil Society and Democracy Award. In 1998, NED also began its first democracy-building program in Kaliningrad.

**Diskusné fórum kandidátov na funkciu primátora**

9. decembra 1998  
17. Čierny orol  
Moderuje: Michal HUDÁK

**Organizuje:** OK '98

**kandidáti:**

Ing. Michal BALOG csc.	SOP, SDSS
MUDr. Peter BIROŠ	nezvisly
Ing. Emil BLIČKA	HZDS, SNS
Ing. Juraj KOPČÁK	KDH, DU, DS, SZS
Ing. Viliam SOPKO	SDĽ, RSS
Ing. Robert SÖRGER	HTC

**ČO CHCE NOVÝ NOVÝ PRIMÁTOR?**

**Príďte si vybrať budúceho primátora.**

In 1998, the Endowment continued to be a leader in supporting innovative crossborder and regional programs. Many of these initiatives use the experience, skills and materials of long-time Central European activists to assist democrats further east. NED grantees in the Czech Republic assisted NGOs in Belarus and Central Asia; a Slovak grantee organized workshops for local media activists from the Balkans, and a grantee based in Hungary conducted conflict resolution training in the Caucasus. The majority of these “East to East” programs continue to be carried out by Polish grantees.

The Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe/Warsaw (IDEE/Warsaw), is one of only a very few foreign organizations working in Crimea. With NED funding it has organized 90 internships for Crimean Tatars and Ukrainians in Poland and assisted over 30 Tatar and Ukrainian NGOs in Crimea.

Southeastern Europe continued to be an area of extensive work for the Endowment in 1998. Widespread instability and setbacks to democratization characterized the Balkan region, which experienced interethnic violence, the entrenchment of ex-communists in positions of power, the increasing influence of ultra-nationalist political forces, and chronic economic decline. NED sought to address these deep-rooted problems with programs promoting the resolution of interethnic conflict, greater political pluralism and economic reform, the development of independent media, and the strengthening of independent organizations necessary to consolidate civil society in the region.

The republics of the former Yugoslavia, particularly the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (currently configured as Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo), continued to be an area of particular interest for the Endowment. In 1998, NED supported Serbia’s independent media sector, which continued to disseminate vital information in a society that remained tightly controlled by the Milosevic regime. Endowment funding enabled newspapers, radio and TV stations to purchase desperately needed supplies and equipment, including newsprint and broadcast transmitters. Grantees in 1998 included the important newspapers *Nasa Borba*, *Vreme*, and *Danas*, the prominent news agency BETA, Serbia’s best source of independent information, and the Association for Independent Electronic Media, a wide network of affiliated non-governmental broadcasters. NED programs in Serbia also encouraged the political participation of Serbia’s youth. With NED funding, CIPE enabled the European Movement of Serbia (EMS) and the C-17 group of independent economists to promote economic reform legislation and conduct research programs to identify barriers to private sector development at the local and federal levels.

In 1998, NED assistance helped Montenegro’s only independent daily newspaper continue providing timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments in the republic and throughout the

former Yugoslavia. In neighboring Kosovo the Serbian government’s crackdown on the ethnic Albanian majority in the province and the violent response by the armed insurgents of the Kosovo Liberation Army threatened the stability of the South Balkans during 1998. Endowment funding enabled Kosovar pro-democratic forces to establish the province’s first independent think-tank focusing on policy development and the promotion of civil society.

Despite the signing of the Dayton Peace accords which ended the armed conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, democratic progress was thwarted in 1998 by the continuing dominance of ultra-nationalist politicians who sought to control all sources of information. In light of this negative situation, the Endowment supported the Bosnian independent media that provide unbiased information to the country’s beleaguered population. The Croatian-based STINA news agency received renewed NED funding to improve its information gathering capacity in the Croat-controlled area of Bosnia known as “Herceg-Bosna”; STINA expanded the only independent network of correspondents which exists in the statelet. The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in *Republika Srpska*, a prominent human rights organization based in Bijeljina, received Endowment funding to monitor the human rights situation in the Serb Republic, disseminate otherwise unattainable information on human rights abuses to local residents and the international community, and educate residents of the Serb Republic on their basic human rights.

NED continued to support the democratic transition in Romania during 1998. Despite the resounding victory of democratic forces in the November 1996 general elections, the country’s progress toward developing strong democratic institutions and a vibrant civil society was slow in 1998 due to continuing instability in the governing coalition and the persistent influence of extremist parties on the far right and far left. Endowment programs sought to counter these negative trends by developing the leadership and organizational skills of Romania’s non-governmental sector, and strengthening the institutions which facilitate cooperation and information exchange within the third sector.

Unlike its neighbors, Bulgaria exhibited a stable democratic government, a modestly growing economy, good relations with its neighbors, and domestic interethnic peace. In 1998, NED assisted the Balkan Forum Civil Association in strengthening the capacity of citizens to participate in public affairs and effect changes at the local level. In addition, the Democracy Foundation received an Endowment grant to organize a series of Youth Forums that encouraged young people to participate in the political process and taught them about economic and political reform. To enhance the transparency of legislative processes and increase effective communication between citizens and their elected representatives, NDI continued to develop a constituency liaison program for parliamentarians in the Bulgarian National Assembly. ☺

**Albanian Center  
for Human Rights (ACHR)**

\$28,000

To develop a human rights curriculum for secondary level education in Albania. The ACHR program establishes a task force to oversee project development, collects materials and information that will serve as the basis of the curriculum, and trains high school teachers on how to use the curriculum.

*Below:*

*The Presov Civic Foundation conducts nonpartisan candidate fora for national, parliamentary, regional, mayoral, and local city council candidates during the 1998 parliamentary and local election campaigns, including this forum for mayoral candidates.*

**American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)**

\$19,745

To organize programs on workers' rights and the labor movement's role in democratic consolidation for leaders from both major confederations in Tirana. The first program provides information and practical ideas on how the labor movement can play a role in the transition from a centrally-planned to a free-market economy; the second program addresses obstacles to developing inter-confederation cooperation on broad issues such as cooperation between competing unions.

**American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)**

\$50,684

To expose unionists to democratic values and organizational skills. The ACILS hosts five three-day institution building programs including interactive, small-group workshops.

**American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)**

\$93,000

To strengthen democratic structures and improve unionists' understanding of the role trade unions play in a pluralistic society. ACILS organizes seminars and workshops for Bosnian trade unionists from both entities of the country on methods for improving democratic procedures within their organizations, issue development, and building membership.

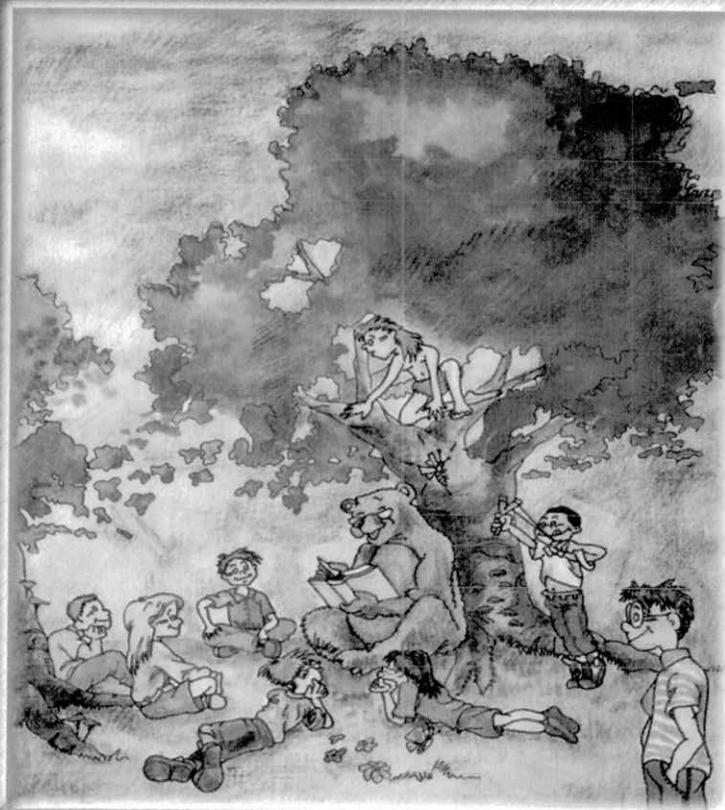


Center for  
Civic Cooperation-Livno  
\$23,400

To promote interethnic reconciliation between Muslims and Croats at the grassroots level in Bosnia. The Center provides training to local citizens on conflict prevention and dispute mediation, responsible journalism, micro-enterprise development, and local public administration.

*Below:*

*The Foundation for Education for Democracy produced a fun-to-read booklet entitled, "A Story for Children About the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."*



**A story for children about  
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**Оповідання для дітей про  
Загальну декларацію прав людини**

**Balalar için ikâye  
Halqara İnsan Aqları Beyannamesi**

Helsinki Citizens Assembly-  
Tuzla  
Helsinki Citizens Assembly-  
Banja Luka  
\$25,000

To promote the development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening the nascent youth organizations of Bosnia at the grassroots level. Program activities include workshops, roundtables, publications, and a national conference to foster cooperation and information exchange between these youth groups and to develop their organizational and leadership skills.

Helsinki Committee for Human  
Rights in Republika Sprska  
\$25,000

To monitor the human rights situation in the Serb Republic, disseminate information on human rights abuses to local residents and the international community, and educate residents in the Serb Republic on their basic human rights. The grant allows the Committee to establish a legal aid office that provides citizens a place to obtain information on international human rights standards, to report human rights abuses, and to seek assistance in dealing with those abuses.

International Crisis Group (ICG)  
\$39,000

To encourage Bosnian constitutional and legal experts to participate directly in the country's reform process. icg works closely with the Sarajevo-based Center for the Protection of Minority Rights to reform key aspects of Bosnia's political and legal system by establishing an experts commission to develop reform proposals and developing draft legislation for presentation to the Office of the High Representative.

NTV Zetel  
\$30,000

To broadcast unbiased news and information to the citizens of the Zenica region. The assistance allows the station to pay its staff of professional journalists and technicians and to purchase much-needed studio equipment. This project ensures the station's survival, and helps break the stranglehold of government-dominated media in Bosnia by strengthening an influential source of objective information.

Radio Drina  
\$24,797

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to the inhabitants of the eastern half of the Serb Republic. NED assistance allows Radio Drina, the only independent radio station in the eastern Serb Republic, to purchase much-needed studio equipment.

Right:

The "Rock the Vote" campaign was part of Nadacia Pre Obciansku Spolocnost's "Citizen's Campaign '98." The campaign is part of an initiative to get Slovakian citizens to vote in the 1998 parliamentary and local elections.

#### Radio Zid

\$26,700

To continue broadcasting accurate information in the war-torn city of Sarajevo. NED assistance improves the quality of Radio Zid's programming by providing adequate salaries for its journalists, upgrading its studio equipment, and developing its marketing and advertising capabilities.

#### Studio "N"

\$26,198

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to the inhabitants of the so-called "Herceg-Bosna" region. The grant covers staff salaries and part of Studio "N's" operating costs; it is the only independent radio station in "Herceg-Bosna."

#### Tuzla Citizens Forum

\$40,000

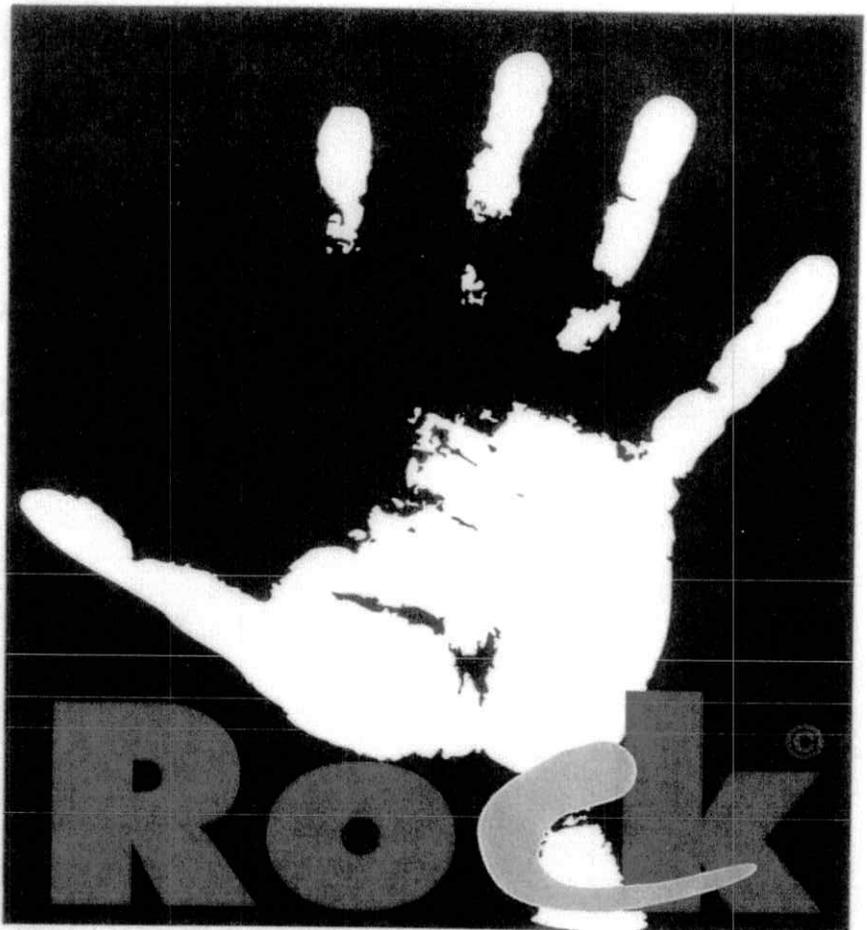
To promote the development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening nascent NGOs at the grassroots level. Forum activities foster cooperation and information exchange between NGO groups and help develop the organizational, networking, and conflict resolution capabilities of those groups through workshops, roundtables, publications, and a national conference.

#### Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia

#### STINA News Agency

\$30,000

To ensure the free flow of independent news and opinion in the "Herceg-Bosna" region. The grant will allow the Agency to expand its strong network of news correspondents in the statelet, improve the quality and quantity of its information, and break the information monopoly of the ruling Croatian Democratic Union.



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#### Bulgaria

#### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$99,971

To expand the role of the Civic Action Network (CAN), an NGO with close ties to the Podkrepa trade union confederation, in fostering trade union participation in the government's current democratic and economic reform process. The grant allows ACILS to train organizers and activists of CAN; to work to enhance CAN's skills in developing broad-based community coalitions; to improve their external and internal communications capabilities; and to assist CAN in promoting a reform-oriented legislative agenda and youth involvement in politics.

#### Balkan Forum Civil Association (BFCA)

\$22,758

To strengthen the capacity of citizens to participate in public affairs and effect changes at the local level in Bulgaria. The grant enables BFCA to establish regional centers in four cities that conduct town meetings and seminars which bring together local authorities, political party representatives, business and union leaders, journalists, and civic activists to discuss the fundamental concerns of local residents.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$102,850

To promote democratic market values and the rule of law in key areas of the economic reform process. The Center for the Study of Democracy conducts a research, advocacy, and public education program to support the Bulgarian government's initiative to create the regulatory framework and social consensus necessary for the economic reform process. The program includes opinion polls, policy forums, workshops, quarterly newsletters, media outreach, and consensus building.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$18,150

To increase Bulgarians' understanding of corporate governance values and principles. Activities of the Center for Economic Development include introducing the business, public policy, and NGO sectors to these issues through training seminars and further developing a strategy for corporate governance education.

**Center for Liberal Strategies**

\$34,483

Private funds from American Standard Corporation, Inc.

To launch a new initiative to consolidate a modern, law-based and transparent Bulgarian economy. The grant allows the Center to bring together think tanks, representatives of the Bulgarian government, the non-governmental sector, and foreign corporations to develop an agenda for combating corruption and promoting foreign investment in Bulgaria. American Standard Corporation is encouraging other companies to get involved in the effort to promote transparency and accountability in Bulgaria.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$153,112

To conduct a six-month program to improve the constituent liaison skills of Bulgaria's members of parliament. The program seeks to improve their responsiveness to citizen concerns and their public communication techniques, building on a NED-funded constituent liaison program initiated in September 1997.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$93,673

To implement a new phase of NDI's constituent liaison program with the Bulgarian National Assembly, which aims to increase the legislature's credibility by improving the public outreach and communication capabilities of members of parliament.

**Lithuania**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$188,810

To help independent trade unions promote democratic reform. ACILS, with the Lithuanian Workers Union (LDS), oversees a trade union education program and helps the LDS to establish a Consulting and Negotiating Bureau; the grant partially supports an ACILS office in Warsaw.

**Association for Civic Education (ACEL)**

\$35,000

To continue ACEL's "Education for Democracy in Lithuania" program. The third phase of ACEL's program includes an international planning seminar, teacher training and civic education workshops, train-the-trainer workshops, and further development of civic education curricula and teaching materials.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$165,996

To help local officials in three cities to establish practices that promote citizen participation in municipal government and to ensure that these procedures become a permanent feature of community decision making. In addition to drafting a handbook on citizen participation for local officials, NDI advises municipal governments on establishing citizen advisory committees to respond to specific community problems.

**Macedonia**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$22,000

To encourage dialogue and coordinated strategic planning among union organizations in Macedonia. The ACILS program trains unions on media outreach, improves communications within unions, and promotes the sharing of information and experience among unionists of neighboring countries, particularly Albania and Bulgaria. At a follow-up roundtable, participants will assess the training program and determine future activities.

**Poland**

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**

\$148,563

To improve the exchange of information between the partners of Poland's governing coalition, the coalition's constituent parties, and the Polish electorate. IRI helps ministry working groups build support for reforms through public fora and the training of government spokespersons, organizes training programs for the government's Information Center, and holds a series of focus groups.

Assistance Center for Nonprofit Organizations (CENTRAS)

\$35,000

To encourage the development of a strong NGO sector in Romania. CENTRAS conducts a multifaceted technical assistance program that includes a series of training seminars on NGO organizational and leadership skills and programs to increase cooperation and information exchange among Romanian civic groups.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$96,800

To encourage the participation of independent business associations in the economic reform process. The grant enables the International Center for Entrepreneurial Studies (ICES) to conduct a research and advocacy program in coordination with the Strategic Alliance of Business Associations (SABA). ICES and SABA work together to produce policy papers that promote the interests of private businessmen in Romania and push them through the legislative process.

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$44,743

To improve the understanding and application of modern corporate governance concepts in Romania. CIPE, in cooperation with the Romanian American Enterprise Fund and the State Ownership Fund of Romania, is building a private/public consensus on the need for a strategy to strengthen corporate governance policy and education.

International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$279,417

To train senior level staff of Romanian cabinet ministers on media strategy, working with other ministries to present a unified government message on its accomplishments to the public, and improving public access to government information. Endowment funding allows IRI to conduct six parliamentary workshops for Romanian legislators and staff on the legislative process and effective representation.

**ERASMVS**  
**ČASOPIS ZA KULTURU DEMOKRACIJE**

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 Goldstein, Grubiša  
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*Left:*  
The Erasmus Guild organized a three-day roundtable in Zagreb that brought together representatives of major political parties and prominent NGOs, and journalists to analyze elections and the future of Serb-Croat relations.

Lawyers' Association for  
the Defense of Human Rights  
(APADO)

\$38,100

USIA funds for the Balkans

To provide pro bono advice to victims of human rights abuses. APADO's program sensitizes legal professionals and citizens to the importance of human rights protection, and pressures political leaders to create a legal framework which respects civil liberties. APADO also documents human rights infringements and brings them to the attention of Romanian authorities.

Pro Democracy Association  
(PDA)

\$36,333

USIA funds for the Balkans

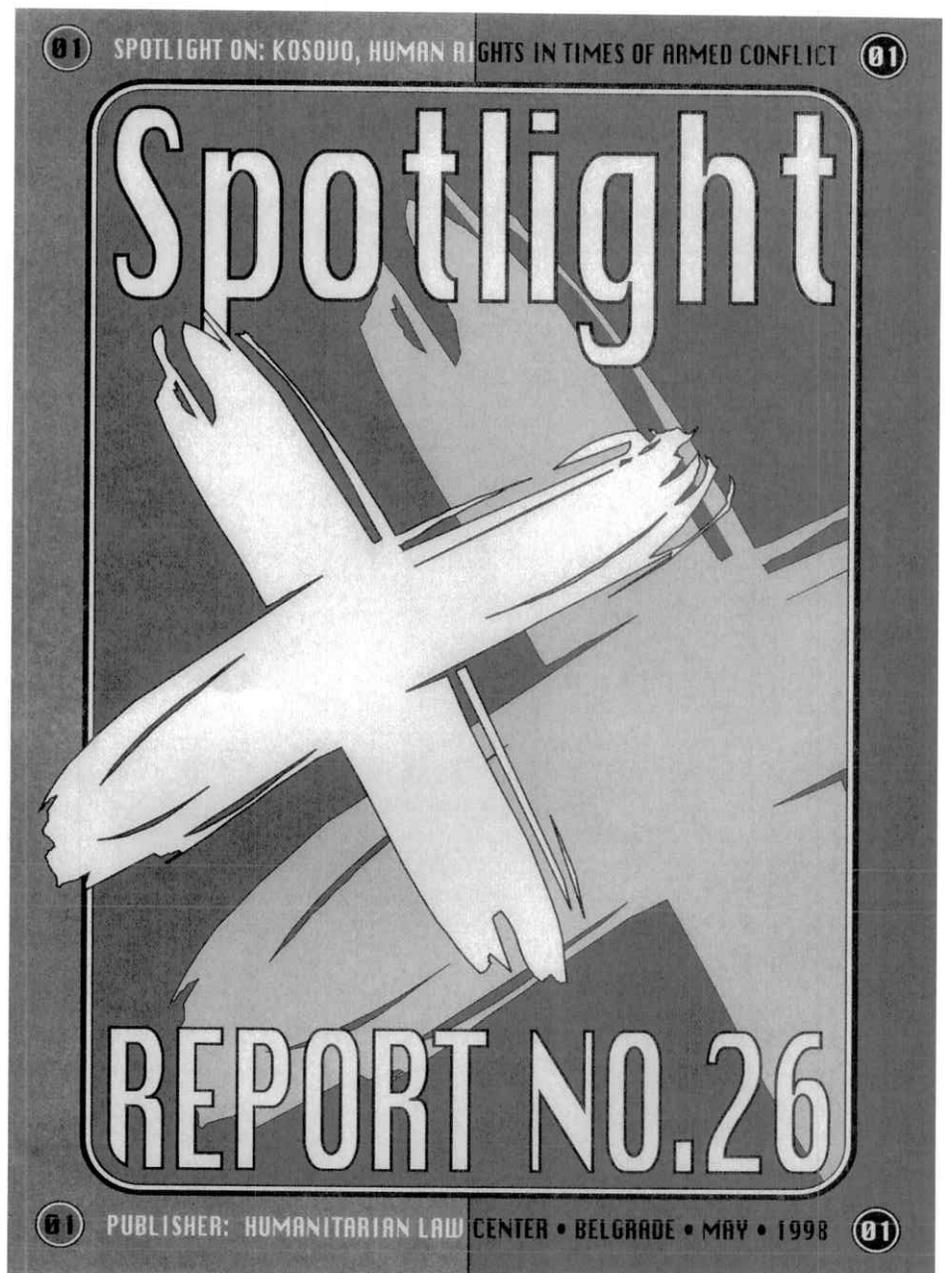
To strengthen the capacity of citizens to participate in public affairs and effect changes at the local level. Endowment funding enables PDA to host a series of town hall meetings and teach citizens how to solve their own problems through constructive cooperation and participation in the local decision-making process.

## Slovakia

American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)

\$70,441

To increase support for democracy within the Slovak labor movement. ACILS is training newly-elected regional leaders of Slovakia's Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (KOZ) in political action, membership mobilization, and non-partisan campaign techniques. ACILS helps KOZ mount a labor get-out-the-vote campaign featuring billboards, newspaper advertisements, and voter guides.



Association in Support of  
Local Democracy (ASLD)

\$20,000

To help ASLD establish a web page and e-mail network to disseminate information on voter education and election-related initiatives throughout Slovakia in a more timely and coordinated fashion. This program is part of the Citizens Campaign '98 (OK '98), which informs citizens about the country's 1998 parliamentary and local elections and encourages them to vote.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$81,312

To highlight shadow economic activity and corruption, as well as their social and economic costs, in the Slovak economy under Vladimir Meciar, and to propose legislative and regulatory reforms to discourage such activity. The Center for Economic Development continues its research and advocacy program through seminars, publications, and national media outreach.

Left:

*The Belgrade-based Humanitarian Law Center monitors Yugoslavia's human rights situation and publishes reports on it in documents such as Spotlight.*

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$81,847

To train senior staff and/or board members of business associations on key issues of management, public policy advocacy, and the role of business associations in democratic development. CIPE, with the Bratislava-based Center for Economic Development, will organize an intensive, one-week training seminar.

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**

\$120,102

To conduct an international election observation mission for Slovakia's September 1998 parliamentary elections.

**Jan Hus Educational Foundation**

\$21,636

To support the operating costs of, and a small grants democracy-building program conducted by, the Foundation's office in the eastern city of Kosice. Activities organized by the Kosice office and/or supported by the small grants program include NGO training workshops, seminars and university courses on citizen education, human and minority rights projects, rule of law programs, and election-related projects.

**Milan Simecka Foundation**

\$40,000

To introduce human rights and civic education into Slovak schools. The Foundation is organizing workshops throughout the country to train local teachers on how to introduce human rights issues into classrooms and curricula. In 1998, an election year, the program will be expanded to train student leaders and members of the media in nonpartisan, election-related activities.

**Nadacia Pre Obciansku Spolocnost (NOS)**

\$35,000

To administer the "Citizen's Campaign '98" (OK '98). This nonpartisan, non-governmental initiative conducts nationwide citizen education programs, get-out-the-vote activities, and independent monitoring efforts for the 1998 parliamentary and local elections in Slovakia. Support partially covers the costs of the meetings of the campaign's coordinating council, seminars and training workshops, office space, and communications.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$234,956

To strengthen the integrity of the 1998 parliamentary elections as free and fair political exercises that reflect the informed will of the Slovak voter. NDI conducts a nine-month program that will help to even the playing field for the government and its opposition by organizing and carrying out media-monitoring and poll-watching programs.

**Permanent Committee of the Civic Institute (SKOI)**

\$38,300

To expand its network of 50 grassroots civic clubs that hold regular meetings throughout the country on Slovakia's democratic transition. SKOI assists these clubs in organizing town meetings, workshops, seminars, trainings, and other pro-democratic activities. During the 1998 election year, the clubs will also conduct a number of nonpartisan programs designed to inform Slovakia's electorate.

**Presov Civic Foundation**

\$14,236

To conduct nonpartisan candidate fora for national, parliamentary, regional, mayoral, and local city council candidates during the 1998 parliamentary and local election campaigns, as well as a local "get out the vote" campaign, including leaflets, brochures, and posters adapted from U.S. campaign materials.

**Yugoslavia**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$350,000

To organize seminars led by experienced U.S. labor organizers to train organizers of the trade union *Nezavisnost*, regional shop stewards, and local union leaders. Other project activities include continued assistance to *Nezavisnost's* network of branch offices located throughout Serbia and Montenegro, and the publication of *Nezavisnost*, a bi-weekly trade union publication.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$84,267

To identify barriers to private sector development at the local and federal levels in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and to push for legislative change. The European Movement in Serbia conducts a research program, works with local communities to develop strategies for private sector growth with open competition and public/private cooperation, and publicizes its activities and recommendations through debates, seminars, and media outreach.

**Yugoslavia (Kosovo)**

**Center for Strategic and International Studies**

\$42,458

To convene a two-day Kosovo Democracy and Policy Forum in Prishtina. The forum brings together democratic activists to identify priority areas for developing a democratic society in Kosovo and to promote cooperation and communication between civic organizations. In addition, the forum helps launch and develop Kosovo's first independent think tank focusing on policy development and the promotion of civil society.

**Council for Defense of  
Human Rights and Freedoms**  
\$30,000

To monitor the human rights situation in Kosovo. The Council disseminates information to the international community on human rights abuses, publishes information bulletins, and organizes lectures and workshops on human rights for local activists.

**Humanitarian Law Center (HLC)**  
\$40,000

To continue operation of the Belgrade-based HLC's branch office in Prishtina. The office monitors the region's human rights situation and investigates and documents human rights abuses. Results from the monitoring are published in bulletins and disseminated internationally and throughout the former Yugoslavia.

**Koha Ditore**  
\$50,000

To encourage Kosovar academics, journalists, and civic activists to participate in the search for a peaceful resolution to the Kosovo crisis. Endowment funding allows *Koha Ditore*, an independent daily newspaper in Prishtina, to establish an expert commission to address fundamental issues affecting Kosovo, draft practical recommendations for resolving the ongoing conflict and promoting democracy, and develop practical policy advice for the Kosovar Albanian leadership.

**Yugoslavia (Montenegro)**

**Vijesti**  
\$30,000

To provide timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments in Montenegro and throughout the former Yugoslavia. Endowment funding allows *Vijesti*, Montenegro's only independent daily newspaper, to purchase desperately needed newsprint.

**Yugoslavia (Serbia)**

**Association for Independent  
Electronic Media (ANEM)**  
\$49,320

To expand the high quality news programming of ANEM's network of 30 affiliated radio stations which broadcast throughout Serbia/Montenegro. The grant allows ANEM to augment its staff of professional journalists and technicians and purchase much-needed studio equipment.

**Belgrade Center for  
Human Rights**  
\$30,000

**USIA funds for the Balkans**

To encourage Serb academics, journalists, and civic activists to participate directly in the formation of policy for Serbia's democratic opposition. NED funding allows the Center to establish a Legislative and Constitutional Policy Group which will address critical issues affecting Serbia's future through a series of seminars, working groups, roundtables, and policy papers.

**BETA News Agency**  
\$45,350

**USIA funds for the Balkans**

To continue coverage of important political and economic developments in the former-Yugoslav region. The grant enables BETA to enhance its political and economic news service by upgrading its technology and expanding its English-language service. In addition, the grant covers the BETA subscription costs of five independent radio stations in the Bosnian Serb Republic who would not otherwise receive this information.

**Center for Anti-War Action  
(CAA)**  
\$57,060

To promote the development of an independent civil society in Serbia by fostering civic activism in the country's larger towns and cities. NED assistance enables CAA to strengthen nascent NGOs at the grassroots level by establishing regional offices in four Serbian cities. The offices organize town meetings and education seminars that encourage cooperation and information exchange among local NGOs and further develop their organizational and conflict resolution skills.

**Danas (Today)**  
\$34,000

**USIA funds for the Balkans**

To establish a news bureau in Prishtina, Kosovo's capital. The bureau improves the independent daily newspaper's ability to gather up-to-date information on developments in the province.

**Democracy Center Foundation**  
\$20,100

To organize a seven-day School for Democracy for 60 secondary and university students in Serbia. The school develops participants' leadership skills by engaging them in in-depth discussions on fundamental issues affecting Serbia's future including basic principles of political and economic reform.

*Right:*

NED was one of several sponsors of the Third International Human Rights Conference held in Warsaw, Poland in October 1998. The conference was organized by the Foundation for the Defense of Human Rights.

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

USIA funds for the Balkans  
To continue operation of the  
Committee's Legal Aid Office in  
Belgrade. The office provides  
a place where citizens can report  
human rights abuses and seek  
assistance in countering these  
violations. NED assistance also  
allows the Committee to research,  
document, and publicize cases  
of human rights abuse.

*Vreme*  
\$30,000

To continue providing timely and  
objective information on political,  
cultural, and economic develop-  
ments in Serbia and throughout  
the former Yugoslavia. NED  
funding allows *Vreme* to purchase  
critical supplies of newsprint.

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Center for Civic Education  
Poland-Belarus (CCE)  
\$35,000

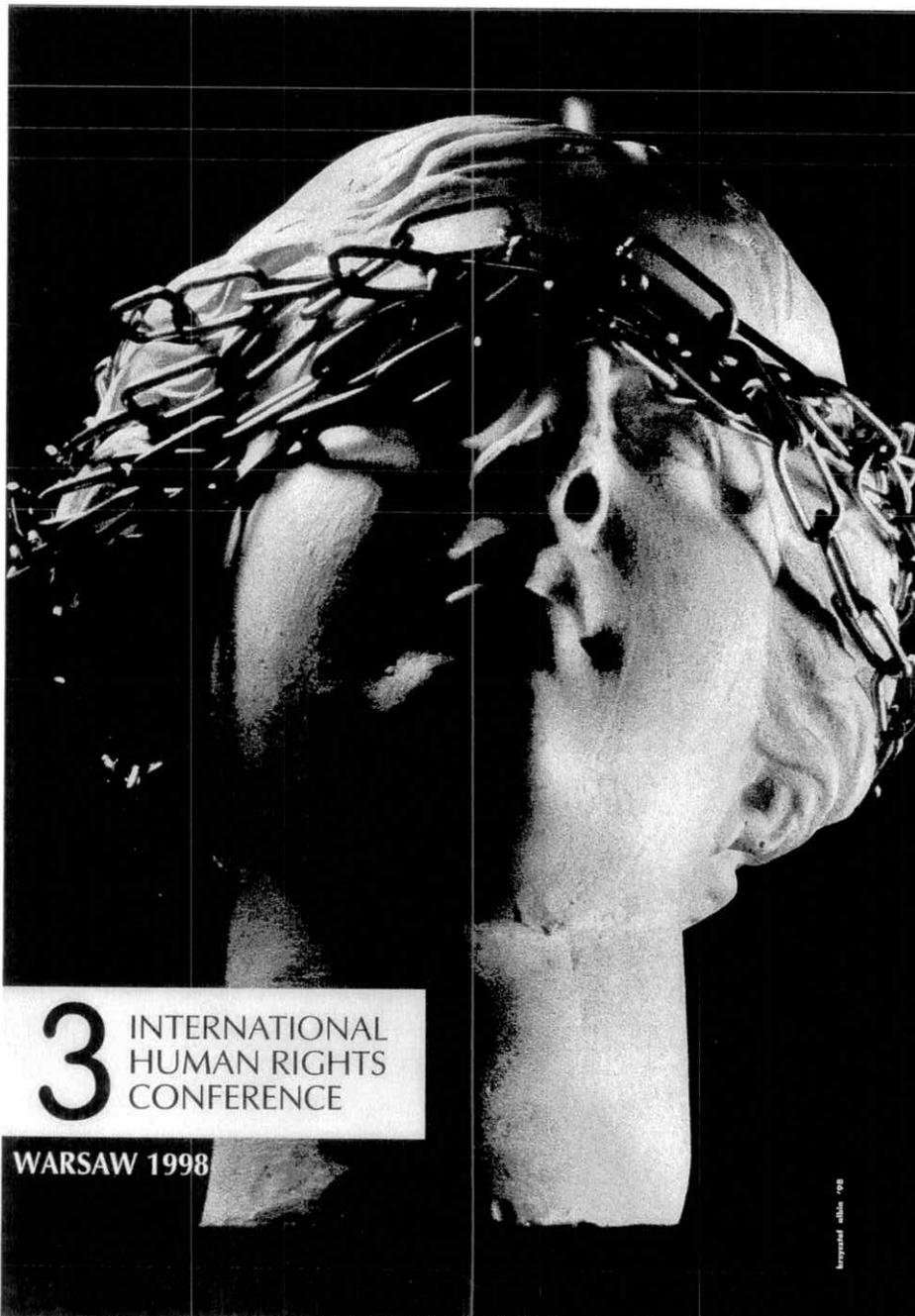
To assist the Minsk-based "Spring '96"  
Center for Human Rights to  
establish and support a network of  
eight rural human rights offices  
in Belarus. The Poland-based CCE  
trains local activists to staff these  
offices. Both organizations will  
organize a major conference on  
human rights in Belarus and issue  
a report on the country's human  
rights situation.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)  
\$60,500

To bring together international business,  
government, and NGO leaders  
to examine corporate governance  
issues, such as community  
economic development, corporate  
citizenship, outreach programs,  
philanthropy, and ethical  
standards. CIPE is organizing  
a two-day regional conference of  
specialists in establishing "corpo-  
rate citizenship" standards in  
Bucharest, Romania to examine  
these issues and to explore  
how they can be expanded in  
Eastern Europe.

Educational Society of  
Malopolska  
\$28,080

To establish a regional resource center  
to assist nascent rural NGOs  
along the Polish-Slovak border.  
The grant covers the center's  
operational costs and supports a  
series of training workshops on  
NGO management and the  
promotion of democratic values.



**3** INTERNATIONAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
CONFERENCE

WARSAW 1998

**Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe/Warsaw**

\$50,000

To foster the development of pro-democratic NGOs in Ukraine, with a focus on Crimea. The program provides training workshops on independent media, civic education, human rights, women's issues, and NGO development; facilitates training and consultative visits by Ukrainian and Polish NGO representatives to Crimea; and supports a series of internships and networking visits of Tartar activists to Kyiv, Lviv, and Warsaw.

**Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (IDEE)**

\$290,000

To support and expand IDEE's Centers for Pluralism (CfP) program. The grant supports seven newly-established centers in the NIS and former Yugoslavia; strengthens the CfP network of 17 NGOs in 15 countries by providing targeted assistance and supporting two CfP regional meetings and the CfP's Network of Independent Journalists; publishes four issues of the Centers for Pluralism Newsletter; and maintains a database of NGOs in Eastern Europe and the NIS.

**Institute for Southeastern Studies**

\$20,000

To improve Polish-Ukrainian relations in Przemysl, along the Polish-Ukrainian border. The Institute's civic education outreach program promotes ethnic, religious, national, and cultural tolerance and understanding through public lectures, seminars for secondary school youth, cross-border exchanges between pro-democratic scholars and activists, research, and publication of materials on ethnic and minority topics.

**KARTA (Charter) Center Foundation**

\$70,000

To expand the Foundation's "Common Ground" civic education program. Working with "Memorial" Center in Russia, the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group in Ukraine, the Euroforum Association in Belarus, the "Academia Civica" Foundation in Romania, and the "Atmintis" Association in Lithuania, the Foundation's program continues to chart the history of opposition movements in the region, to document the crimes of totalitarianism, and to educate citizens through publications, exhibitions, seminars, and youth programs.

**Kaunas Municipal Training Center**

\$39,000

To establish a cross-border training program for local government and NGO activists in Kaliningrad, Russia. The program conducted by the Lithuania-based Center includes seminars, workshops, and roundtables aimed at building the institutions necessary to guide positive political and economic development.

**Partners for Democratic Change (PFDC)**

\$40,000

To build a regional network from indigenous conflict resolution centers previously established by PFDC in Eastern Europe and the NIS. The network will draw on the expertise and experiences of more advanced PFDC national centers to increase the skills and capabilities of newer, less-developed centers; provide successful program models, training courses, and materials to other countries that do not have such a network; and promote efforts to make the centers sustainable.

**People in Need Foundation (PINF)**

\$34,650

USIA funds for Belarus

To assist democratic activists in Belarus, the PINF organizes a series of training workshops, seminars, and other events for Belarusian activists; provides small grants for seed funding and infrastructural support to Belarusian NGOs; and facilitates internships at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for young Belarusian journalists.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation**

\$21,000

To provide practical training internships in Poland for representatives of the independent media in the NIS, with an emphasis on those from Belarus. In addition, the Warsaw-based Foundation organizes a series of media-related seminars and other meetings to introduce participants to important Polish organizations, legislators, and public officials.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation**

\$62,000

To provide desktop publishing computer skills and equipment to independent, pro-democracy NGOs in the NIS. The program trains 50 activists (including about 25 from Belarus); equips 25 pro-democratic NGOs; and facilitates working visits to some of Poland's newspapers and publishing houses and meetings with important political figures. ☞

## New Independent States:

Russia's financial crash and subsequent economic crisis was the pivotal event in the NIS in 1998. Ukraine also suffered a series of financial setbacks in its transition to a market economy, as did several other NIS republics. While economic developments dominated the headlines, NED programs continued to support the emergence of civil society throughout the region, funding numerous human rights, rule of law, civic education, and NGO development projects in an effort to maintain a vibrant third sector in these countries.

In many ways, the full impact of Russia's economic crisis on the country's nascent democratic institutions has yet to be determined. In the short run, however, Russia's non-governmental sector showed extraordinary resilience, continuing to work under very difficult conditions. In 1998 the Endowment paid particular attention to the development of regional human rights groups, including NED-supported local groups in Nizhnii Tagil, Snezhinsk, Kazan, Irkutsk, Ekaterinburg and Saratov. The Endowment supported both a small grants program by the Human Rights Foundation for Civil Society for regional human rights groups, and efforts by the Union of Councils and the Moscow Helsinki Group to help establish regional human rights commissions in five provincial cities.

Another major area of NED activity in the Russian Federation was civic education. NED provided renewed support for the Development Through Education Foundation in Togliatti, which conducted a series of seminars for local civic education teachers. The Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture also received additional Endowment funding to develop alternative human rights curricula for secondary schools, and the Russian Association of Civic Educators was awarded a grant to conduct the third annual Civics Olympiad. The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), a NED institute, continued to focus on Russia's wage arrears, the widespread non-payment of wages, which increased by 54.6 percent from January 1 to August 1, 1998. ACILS programs taught Russian trade unions and workers how to protect their rights, get to the negotiating table, and address the serious issues confronting workers today, including trade union education, public interest legal clinics, and a thematic program devoted to resolving the wage arrears crisis.



*Right:  
The Belarusian Association of Journalists  
produces a journal that informs  
people about the violation of  
journalists' rights.*



The most important political event in Ukraine in 1998 was the March parliamentary elections, which had a high voter turnout (70 percent). Results indicated that Communist and left-wing parties remain the strongest political force in the country. NED programs supported several election initiatives in Ukraine: the International Republican Institute, a NED core institute, sent a 15-member delegation to Ukraine to monitor the electoral, voting, and counting processes in 11 districts; the Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies helped prepare women candidates for the elections; and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America developed a series of commercials aimed at increasing voter participation among young people. NED funds also supported an innovative television program, *Five on Five*, which provided a forum for Ukrainian political parties to debate and advocate their views before a national audience.

In Belarus, President Alexander Lukashenko continued his flagrant attacks against the democratic opposition and virtually all elements of civil society. Nevertheless, the Belarusian third sector continued to grow, and the Endowment provided considerable support to the country's regional NGOs and the independent press. In addition, thanks to supplemental funding from the U.S. Department of State, NED was able to significantly increase its funding for East-to-East projects; these projects provide important cross-border support to Belarusian democrats from neighboring East European countries. Belarusian journalists, for example, received practical training through internships at Polish newspapers, publishing houses and radio and television stations. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), a NED institute, teamed with the Independent Institute for Socio-Economic and Political Studies, a media research organization, and the Factory of Information Technologies, the producer of an economic television program, to challenge the Belarusian government's monopoly on information and media.

Relative calm still prevailed in the southern Caucasus region of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan in 1998. Nevertheless, the aftermath of civil wars in Georgia (South Ossetia and Abkhazia) and the long-simmering Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Karabakh continued to be an obstacle to democratic development. NED funding reflected the diverse concerns of this volatile region: the Azerbaijan Fund for Democracy Development continued, through its educational and advocacy programs, to promote greater public awareness of democratic processes; the A.D. Sakharov Armenian Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights promoted human rights concerns by advocating, among other things, the legal rights of the country's refugees; the INAM Center for Pluralism offered political education seminars to regional party activists in Azerbaijan; and the Association of Women with University Education fostered civic activism among Armenian women through its network of 22 regional centers.

Central Asia continued to suffer the burden of increasingly authoritarian governments, geographic isolation, a variety of serious human rights concerns, and impoverished populations. Work with young people, particularly through civic education programs, was a major focus in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. For example, the Ilim School fostered greater community and parental involvement in the Kazakhstan educational system, while the Tashkent Public Education Center trained teachers who conducted civic education seminars in various parts of Uzbekistan. Environmental groups were another focus of NED funding, particularly in countries with extremely repressive governments. By continuing assistance to the Dashkovuz Ecological Club, approved in 1997, NED became one of the few Western organizations which supported programs in Turkmenistan. ~

*Below:  
This bulletin published by the  
Youth EcoCenter Young Leaders  
School (Tajikistan) provides lesson  
plans on civic education.*



## Armenia

### Association of Women with University Education

\$27,134

To promote cooperation among women's organizations and better equip Armenian women to pursue their agendas. The Association organizes meetings and seminars on women's issues, advocacy, organization skills, and cooperation building.

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$79,882

To build a broader base of support for democratic and economic reforms in Armenia. The Union of Manufacturers and Businesses of Armenia publishes a weekly business economic bulletin, *Business Week*, in the Armenian language, and organizes monthly roundtable discussions with government officials, businessmen, and journalists.

### Sakharov Foundation

\$25,958

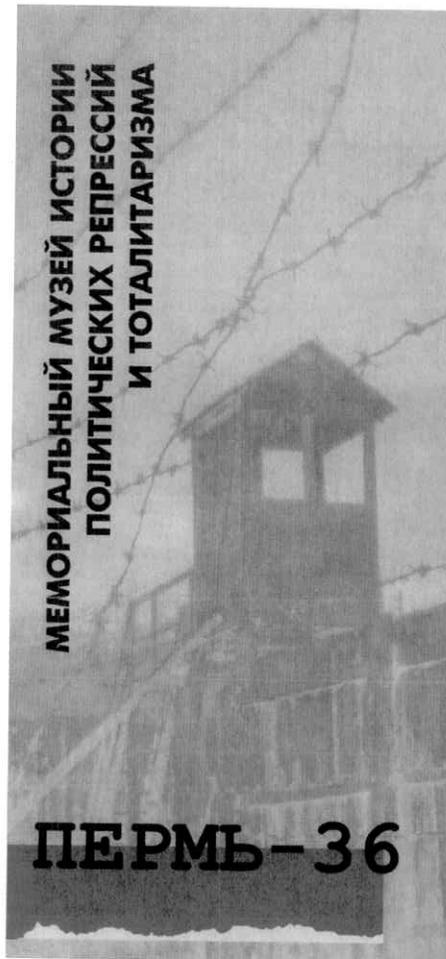
To continue operation of the Foundation's network of regional human rights centers in Armenia's capital, Yerevan, and the regions of Shirak, Sevan, and Siunuk. Center activities include monthly local radio programs, and eight television programs on human and civil rights legislation; the Foundation publishes a monthly bulletin that analyzes Armenian and international legislation on human and civil rights.

## Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$250,001

To educate trade union leaders and activists from Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia on democratic trade union structures, trade union education, collective bargaining, safety and health, and organizing. The ACILS conducts education programs, including a recent health and safety seminar taught by American trade unionists for their Caucasus colleagues.



## Azerbaijan

### Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy

\$51,000

To increase fair election coverage by the Azeri media. The Foundation provided funds for newsprint to two leading newspapers, *Azadlyq* and *Ayna/Zerkalo*; the two newspapers will increase their frequency and size, and devote one-third to one-half of their space to issues relating to the presidential elections.

### Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy

\$45,000

To continue the Foundation's broad range of activities through the Foundation's five centers. The Foundation worked with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, for example, to organize a series of public workshops on the legal and organizational issues associated with the presidential elections.

Left:

*The Museum of Political Repression and Totalitarianism (Russia) will expand its education program on the history of the Perm-36 gulag camp.*

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$90,750

To adopt anti-corruption measures and build support for market-based reforms in Azerbaijan. The Entrepreneurship Development Foundation (EDF) publishes 12 monthly parliamentary bulletins, provides basic business start-up information packets in the Azeri language, monitors media coverage of corruption, conducts a poll on corruption, and publishes a report of its findings.

### Yeni Nesil

#### Journalists Association

\$12,127

To encourage the government to promote the public's right to information and to respond to requests made by journalists. The Association formed a Freedom of Information Commission consisting of leading public figures and journalists that reviews relevant cases monthly, assists journalists who are requesting information from government agencies, and provides written materials and advice on access-to-information laws to journalists.

## Belarus

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$175,014

To enlighten trade union members on human and worker rights and to promote a broader understanding of trade unions in a democratic society. The Belarusian Congress of Democratic Unions (BKDP) conducted a tri-level trade union education program including 10 regional trainings. A support grant enables BKDP to provide legal and economic assistance to independent trade unions and their members.

**Belapan Information Agency**

\$29,700

To continue providing news to important local and regional independent newspapers in Belarus. Belapan is an independent Belarusian news agency.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$88,075

To support the establishment of a network of private television stations by the Factory of Information Technologies that produces the economic news program, "The Economist." The show is broadcast weekly on private television stations throughout Belarus.

**Children of Chernobyl  
Gomel NGO Resource Center**

\$34,392

To encourage the development of independent organizations in the Gomel region. The Resource Center conducts a seminar series for established NGOs, young NGO leaders, teachers, entrepreneurs, and regional NGO activists.

**Foundation for Education for Democracy (FED)**

\$30,000

To expand the Foundation's civic education and NGO training program in Belarus. FED's program includes an advanced train-the-trainer course, civic education and NGO training workshops, and NIS-Eastern European foreign exchange internship programs.

**Glasnost Defense Foundation (GDF)**

\$29,006

To defend and promote freedom of the press in Belarus. GDF's program includes trainings and conferences on how to conduct press monitoring programs, the legal aspects of operating independent newspapers, and how to improve the business aspects of newspaper management. GDF also organizes week-long internships at Moscow newspapers for young Belarusian journalists.

**Gomel Civic Initiatives Association**

\$15,143

To create a regional publishing center to meet the printing needs of independent media and NGOs in eastern Belarus. The Association conducts training seminars on independent publishing for NGOs and on the local media in Gomel.

**Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe/Warsaw (IDEE/Warsaw)**

\$78,679

USIA funds for Belarus

To promote and strengthen the NGO sector in Belarus. IDEE/Warsaw conducts a grants competition that awards small grants for projects that encourage local activism in civic education, third sector development, independent publishing, youth programs, and leadership training.



**International Republican  
Institute (IRI)**

\$135,795

To support democratic political parties in Belarus. IRI supports the creation of a unified coalition of pro-reform organizations that can more effectively coordinate national democratic activities.

**“Ratusha” Civic Association**

\$29,200

To promote civil society in the Grodno region of western Belarus. Ratusha, in coordination with the Information Support Center, the Youth Press Club, and the Association of Young Intellectuals, conducts a series of human rights and democracy-building activities. These activities include roundtable discussions, the publication of a human rights bulletin, and training seminars for local NGO activists.

**Vitebsk Foundation for  
Democratic Reforms**

\$23,000

To establish, equip and administer three local NGO service centers in Vitebsk that promote the development of pro-democracy NGOs in the region.

*Left:*

*Spravedlivost, a human rights NGO based in Kyrgyzstan, runs a public legal assistance center for individuals whose rights have been violated.*

**Central Asia Regional**

**Tsentral'naya Aziya**

\$34,600

To maintain this publication's two-month print cycle and to increase its circulation. *Tsentral'naya Aziya* is a journal of news and commentary on Central Asia; in 1999 it will also cover the Caucasus. The journal maintains an in-country representative in each of the relevant countries.

**Georgia**

**Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$69,115

To enable the Georgian Association of Business Women (GAWB) to train its staff and strengthen its advocacy skills. Activities include in-country technical strategic training assistance, creation of a GAWB Economic Bulletin, and translation of two issues of the CIPE publication, *Economic Reform Today*.

**Kazakistan**

**Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$46,908

To teach Kazakistan journalists how to assess the reform process and the accuracy of government and private information on economics and business. The International Business School conducts journalism training seminars and sets up internships for regional journalists; a network for journalists from various regions has been established.

**Information and Research  
Centre for Civic Education**

\$16,493

To publish educational materials on incorporating civic education into teacher training institutions for Kazakistan's authorities. The Centre organizes seminars on the teacher's manual and textbook; distributes the materials to institutions across the country; and assists in integrating the feedback on materials into the state-mandated curricula for university-level teacher training institutions.

**Association  
of Young Leaders (AYL)**

\$29,376

To continue AYL's extensive teacher training program on civic education. The program organizes civic education training seminars in 16 regions; develops and publishes a teacher's manual, *Teaching Democracy to Children*; produces "24 Hours-A-Day Civic Education," a program involving school children's parents in civic education programs; and organizes a conference that addresses these issues.

**Kyrgyzstan**

**Youth Human Rights Group**

\$13,664

To educate and involve Kyrgyzstan youth in the international human rights movement. Activities include weekly human rights lessons in schools throughout the academic year, a teacher's guide with human rights lesson plans, a video cassette of those lessons, and a weekly radio show on issues affecting Kyrgyzstan's youth.

**Ilim Educational Complex (IEC)**

\$17,145

To teach the organizational skills needed by parents, teachers, and students to spearhead educational reform efforts in their communities. IEC will expand its high school civic education program into three key ethnically diverse regions and will develop methods to further involve parents in educational processes.

**Institute for Regional Studies**

\$26,316

To conduct teacher training seminars on civic education. Coordinated with regional state-run education institutes, the seminars focus on the role of civil society in building democracy, the importance of rule of law, the rights set forth in Kyrgyzstan's constitution, and interactive teaching methodologies. The Institute also publishes textbooks encouraging critical thinking and understanding of Kyrgyzstan laws, human rights, and political science.

Kyrgyz Committee  
for Human Rights (KCHR)

\$26,750

To provide legal assistance to individuals and groups on human and civil rights issues. The KCHR advocates changes to Kyrgyzstan's laws; monitors Kyrgyzstan's overall compliance with international human rights norms; and publishes a summary of monthly human and civil rights violations and an analysis of their causes and methods for redressing them.

Russia

American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)

\$296,022

To provide Russian workers with information on workers' rights and address how they can handle wage arrears. The ACILS conducts research and collects data on these issues; results will be published and used at regional conferences.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$40,972

To institutionally strengthen a nationwide grassroots network dedicated to legitimate business and economic reforms. CIPE and the Russian Chamber of Commerce & Industry provide organizational training to Russian businessmen using CIPE's *Business Association's for the 21st Century* manual.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$100,423

To examine the rise of crony capitalism in Russia and the danger it poses to democracy and economic reform. CIPE will convene a two-day conference in Moscow for 35 business associations and think tanks; a collection of papers on conference discussions and strategies for developing institutional economic and democratic reforms will be published.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$56,647

To provide former and current CIPE grantees with an opportunity to form networks among themselves and to cooperate on regional projects. The grant funds monthly roundtable discussions on key reform issues, a newsletter, policy papers, and a think tank database.

Snezhinsk Human Rights  
Defense Group

\$16,578

To publish a monthly human rights newspaper in the formerly closed city of Snezhinsk. The newspaper addresses human rights and environmental issues in the region.

Committee for the Defense of  
Human Rights in Tartarstan

\$25,000

To establish a human rights information center in Tartarstan. The center monitors the local human rights situation, prepares reports, reviews legislation, and informs the local population about the Committee's human rights activities.

Development Through  
Education Fund

\$37,947

To develop new civic education materials and courses for local schools in Togliatti. The fund also organizes training seminars for local teachers on democracy, prepares new civics materials, and adds to the civic education collection in its resource library.

*Express Chronicle*

\$70,000

To continue publication of *Express Chronicle*, Russia's only weekly human rights newspaper.

Freedom Channel

\$41,170

To establish an electronic legal database on the most common legal aid issues in the Russian Federation. This database will be of special interest to human rights groups that provide legal assistance to the local population.

Glasnost Public Foundation

\$22,500

To address current legislation and its impact on the Russian security services. The Foundation also provides legal assistance in cases involving human rights violations by the security services.

Human Rights Publishers

\$36,000

To publish three issues of *Human Rights Defender*, a quarterly journal of analytical articles on human rights.

Human Rights Foundation  
for Civil Society

\$59,880

To continue a small grants program aimed at strengthening local human rights groups. This year's grants will help establish legal aid offices, defend children's rights, inspect prisons, and monitor the army's living conditions.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$100,001

To promote the development of federalism in Russia. IRI will establish working groups of governors, elected regional officials, and members of the national government in an effort to develop clear, long-term guidelines on the interaction between national and regional governments.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$41,012

To continue programs of the League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg. The League publishes a monthly newspaper; training sessions and consultations were conducted for women candidates of the December 1998 City Duma elections.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$213,929

To train newly-elected, local self-government officials in Russia's regions on how to be effective representatives. IRI conducts a year-long training program in a variety of regions including Novgorod, Ivanovo, Murmansk, and Novosibirsk.

**International Republican  
Institute (IRI)**

\$106,647

To teach newly-elected, local, and regional women parliamentarians how to be effective representatives for their constituents. IRI conducts regional training programs and a national training conference for women parliamentarians.

**Educated Choices Heightened  
Opportunity**

\$35,000

To increase local civic participation in Siberia through the establishment of the Krasnoyarsk Center for Community Partnerships. The Center involves students, teachers, parents, and the community at large in civic education activities.

**Liuboslavskii Charitable  
Foundation for the Defense of  
Human Rights**

\$22,500

To establish the Irkutsk Human Rights Center. The Center supports a network of local human rights groups, provides legal assistance, publishes a human rights bulletin, and compiles reports on the local human rights situation.

**Moscow Helsinki Group**

\$30,000

To provide direct assistance to local human rights organizations through a series of human rights seminars for regional activists. These seminars address a broad range of topics including how to strengthen relationships between human rights groups and the regional power structures, fund raising, and the preparation of local human rights reports for regional commissions.

**Museum of Political Repression  
and Totalitarianism**

\$31,450

To expand the museum's public education program concerning the history of the Perm-36 gulag camp.

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Karta

# КАРТА

РОССИЙСКИЙ НЕЗАВИСИМЫЙ ИСТОРИЧЕСКИЙ И ПРАВООЩИТНЫЙ ЖУРНАЛ

RUSSIAN INDEPENDENT HISTORICAL AND HUMAN RIGHT DEFENDING JOURNAL



**National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$137,837

To help key Russian democratic activists build their parties into broad-based organizations by organizing two study missions to the United States. One mission includes regional activists from the Yabloko party, and the other consists of activists from both Our Home is Russia and Democratic Choice of Russia.

*Above:*

*The Ryazan Regional Branch of the Memorial Society publishes Karta, a leading Russian human rights publication.*

**Panorama**

\$50,000

To study the composition and specific political divisions of 20 regional Russian parliaments. Panorama studies the current legislative activities of these parliaments, paying particular attention to the potential conflicts between regional laws and the Russian Constitution.

**Center of Social Projecting  
"Vozrozhdeniye"**

\$26,940

To publish a series of regional surveys on leading political figures in the Pskov oblast. The surveys will be used to promote public dialogue on regional politics and to encourage local politicians to take public opinion into consideration.

**Nizhnii Tagil  
Human Rights Library**

\$31,850

To support the Nizhnii Tagil Human Rights Library and its public education program. The library also conducts a legal assistance program and broadcasts a weekly human rights radio program.

**Russian Association for  
Civic Education**

\$36,000

To hold the third annual Russian Civic Olympiad. The Olympiad encourages students from all levels to test their knowledge and understanding of democracy through a series of written essay questions.

**Ryazan Regional Branch of the  
Memorial Society**

\$35,000

To publish four issues of *Karta*, a leading publication in the Russian human rights movement.

**Saratov Legal Reform Project  
(SLRP)**

\$35,000

To promote legal reform in the Saratov oblast by providing legal assistance to people who otherwise would be unable to obtain professional legal counsel.

**Strategy Center**

\$48,000

To examine the evolution of self-government in St. Petersburg and northwest Russia. The Center conducts regional seminars for newly-elected representatives and other local activists on developing local democracy.

**Sutiashnik**

\$40,000

To provide legal assistance to local individuals and NGOs in the Sverdlovsk oblast.

***Uchitel'skaia gazeta***

\$32,730

To publish *Citizen Education (Grazhdanovedenie)*, a weekly newspaper devoted to civic education. *Uchitel'skaia gazeta* also distributes primary source materials and creative lesson plans to teachers across the country.

**Union of Councils for  
Soviet Jews**

\$50,000

To test the viability of local human rights tribunals established in 1996 by Presidential decree. The Union of Councils, working with the Moscow Helsinki Group, will teach local activists how to write human rights reports and integrate them into a larger national study of the human rights situation in the Russian Federation.

**Urals Foundation for Social  
Innovations (UFSI)**

\$40,000

To conduct pilot projects in the city of Rezh (Sverdlovsk oblast) on the introduction of local self-government and its relationship to regional economic development. The UFSI also conducts seminars on the role of local self-government in education, culture, health care, unemployment and other social issues.

**Youth Center for Human Rights  
and Legal Culture**

\$53,690

To continue developing the Center's human rights curriculum. The Moscow-based Center is expanding its outreach through the establishment of five regional offices and the publication of a special volume of human rights materials.



## Tajikistan

### Asia Plus News Agency

\$19,815

To expand coverage by the Agency's bi-weekly journal. The *Asia Plus* journal will cover current issues more thoroughly, including political developments in Tajikistan, the reintegration of refugees, the peace process, and economic reform; solicit longer analytical pieces; and increase its circulation.

### Coordinating Child Center for International Development of Tajikistan (CCCIDT)

\$20,558

To produce a series of texts to be approved by the Ministry of Education as a part of a state mandated course on civic education. Other CCCIDT activities include 20 workshops on civic education for both school educators and department of education officials.

### Sharq Information and Analysis Center

\$19,073

To establish an election center to educate the public on election procedures. Sharq activities include public discussions on election issues, candidate debates, briefings by electoral commission officials, bulletins on election issues, and brochures on Tajikistan's election law.

*Left:*

*The board of the Association of Women with University Education poses at a meeting. The Association organizes fora on women's issues, advocacy, and organization skills in Armenia.*

*Right:*

*The Lev Sapieha Foundation of Belarus produced a basic primer on citizens' rights.*

### Youth EcoCenter

#### Young Leaders School (YEYLS)

\$15,652

To improve the organizing skills of newly-created youth and student groups in Tajikistan, particularly through self government. YEYLS builds on past activities, training about 700 young people on organizing, providing seminars and roundtables on civic education, and producing interactive lesson plans on civic and legal education and a monthly bulletin.

## Turkmenistan

### Dialogue Turkmen

#### Youth Leadership Center

\$22,962

To complete production of a teacher's manual entitled *The Law Which Unites Us*. The center produced six inserts for Turkmenistan's monthly *Teacher's Gazette* on civic education and model lesson plans; it is working to get its teacher training program included in the National Institute of Education's curriculum plan.

## Ukraine

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$78,963

To identify important election issues by conducting a poll of Ukrainian workers and publishing the results. As part of this project, ACILS organizes one-day roundtable meetings in four cities for trade union and democratic political leaders to discuss electoral issues.

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$28,284

To build coalitions between national and regional business associations from various Ukrainian regions. The project is coordinated by AET Infobusiness in Ukraine.



### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$71,559

To increase the flow of information critical to the economic and democratic transformation process by publishing a Ukrainian edition of *Economic Reform Today* and organizing quarterly economic roundtables. The project is coordinated by the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research.

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$46,912

To organize six seminars on economic reform, transparency, and the rule of law. This project is coordinated by Youth Alternative.

### International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$246,438

To conduct an international election observation mission for the March 29, 1998 parliamentary elections in Ukraine. IRI sent a delegation to observe the electoral voting and counting processes in 11 oblasts.

### Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies

\$40,000

To support the Center's Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics program. The program encourages women to participate in politics and nco development.

Kharkiv Human Rights  
Protection Group

\$41,290

To expand and strengthen the Group's human rights work in Ukraine. Activities include the continued publication of its human rights journal, *Prava Ludy*, and seminars for regional activists in Ukraine.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$135,226

To organize study missions to the United States for Ukrainian democratic activists. The first mission includes 10 party activists from two democratic, pro-reform political parties. The second mission includes 10 leaders from the nonpartisan Committee of Voters of Ukraine.

Smoloskyp

\$43,285

To educate young people on building democracy. Activities include regional workshops on building democracy and publication of a monthly bulletin on Ukraine's transition to democracy.

Ukrainian-American Bureau  
for Human Rights

\$35,000

To continue the Bureau's human rights monitoring program. Activities include the analysis of minority rights, extremist organizations, prisoner's rights, general legal reform, and other important topics. The Bureau also publishes manuals on the fundamental rights of journalists and the rights of the disabled.

Ukrainian Center for  
Independent Political Research  
(UCIPR)

\$23,550

To inform the Ukrainian public about the political parties taking part in the March 1998 parliamentary election by providing a forum for them to debate their various views on an innovative TV program, *Five on Five*.

Ukrainian Center for  
Independent Political Research  
(UCIPR)

\$99,000

To provide the Ukrainian public with crucial information on political issues and to influence draft legislation in the parliament through a three part program. UCIPR's activities include continuation of its weekly *Fifth Corner* television program; support for its Democracy Advocacy Group, which monitors draft legislation related to democratic institutions and civil society and encourages parliament members to advocate the views of pro-democratic groups; and the publication of the second in a series of Democracy Yearbooks.

Ukrainian Congress  
Committee of America

\$35,000

To provide information and encourage younger voters to participate in the March 1998 parliamentary elections. Committee activities include pre- and post-election opinion polls and a series of television programs for Ukrainian television.

Ukrainian Memorial Society

\$20,808

To disseminate information on Ukraine's recent history, particularly its struggle for political and religious freedom. The Society also compiles the publication, *A Book of Remembrance*, which is available on the Internet along with other materials in the Memorial's archives.

Youth Alternative (YA)

\$47,250

To support the "Students for Parliament" program. YA selects 40 student interns to work in the Ukrainian parliament for various committees and members. It also publishes a newsletter and other materials for program alumni.

Uzbekistan

Tashkent

Public Education Center

\$29,677

To introduce civic education into current school programs. Program activities include civic education seminars for educators around the country, a quarterly newsletter on civic education, and a teacher's manual within the state curriculum.

Public Research Center

\$15,076

To provide advice to individuals whose human rights have been violated. The Center operates a free legal consultation center in Karakalpakistan; produces monthly pamphlets on various legal topics including the structure of Uzbekistan's legal system, and consumer and human rights; and produces radio and television programs explaining individual rights such as the right to vote and the right of assembly.

NIS Regional

Ukrainian Center for  
Independent Political Research

\$20,000

USIA funds for Belarus

To promote civil society in Belarus by developing closer contacts between Belarusian and Ukrainian activists. The Center conducts training seminars in Kyiv for Belarusian NGO leaders, journalists, and trade union representatives.

## Latin America and the Caribbean:

The last year has presented the Endowment with a unique series of challenges and opportunities in Latin America. With the exception of Cuba, every country in the hemisphere is governed by an elected regime. The endurance of democratic elections in the region in itself represents progress, and in every country regular elections have afforded greater possibilities for political accountability and participation. However, many of the region's democracies still face the difficult tasks of broadening political representation, ensuring access to justice and the rule of law, and improving the accountability of government at all levels. Election results in Paraguay and Venezuela in 1998 demonstrated the growing frustration that many voters feel towards their governments. Throughout the region, public opinion polls reveal an alarming deterioration of trust in many of the institutions of democratic government. For many citizens of Latin America, an inclusive, representative democracy based on the rule of law remains an abstract goal.

In light of these challenges, NED's 1998 priorities for the region focused on three areas: expanding political participation, promoting human rights and access to justice, and furthering the adoption of reforms intended to encourage government transparency and efficiency.

In 1998, NED focused on increasing the political participation of women and youth. In Peru, Endowment funds supported a Peruvian NGO, *Organización de Mujeres Indígenas de la Amazonía Peruana*, and its efforts to foster the political participation of indigenous women as candidates and voters in the municipal elections of October 1998. In Venezuela, the International Republican Institute (IRI), one of NED's core institutes, worked with

*Below:  
The Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon works with women from different ethnic groups to encourage awareness of their indigenous heritage and promote their participation in Peru's political system.*



*Fundación Participación Juvenil* and *Fundación Pensamiento y Acción* to mobilize young voters for the 1998 congressional and presidential elections. In Mexico, NED funded *Equidad y Genero*, a women's organization, and *Presencia Ciudadana*, a youth movement, to develop and promote legislative proposals concerning the participation of women and youth.

NED also expanded its support for legal reform and access-to-justice programs in 1998. Justice of the peace and conflict mediator training programs were funded in Colombia, Peru and Venezuela. The Endowment also supported, through the *Asociación Civil Primer Justicia*, a Venezuelan television program that explains recent judicial reforms and how to gain access to the legal system.

A variety of NED-supported programs promoted government transparency and efficiency. *Fundación Espiral*, a Colombian NGO, received Endowment support to promote the implementation of resolutions from the 1991 constitution that would allow citizen monitoring of municipal budgets and public services. In Venezuela, *Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular* organized similar monitoring activities through a series of candidate forums with local politicians during the 1998 campaigns. IRI continued to support a Nicaraguan NGO, *Hagamos Democracia*, and its efforts to improve constituency relations with Nicaragua's national legislators. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), also a NED core institute, continued to support legislative advocacy programs in Mexico, Haiti, Venezuela and Paraguay, to promote analysis and discussion of legislation concerning economic reform in those countries.

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), CIPE, and NED supported several anti-corruption activities in the region. NDI complemented its regional anti-corruption activities with a project in Paraguay that included a radio media campaign and a program to teach local officials how to combat corruption. In Ecuador, CIPE supported a comprehensive analysis of state corruption, covering current legal statutes, procurement procedures and customs, and recommended specific reform measures; recommendations by CIPE and the National Association of Entrepreneurs were recently incorporated into Ecuador's national constitution.

Mexico, Cuba and Colombia were priority countries for NED's 1998 Latin America program. In Mexico, the new majority bloc of opposition parties in the lower house of Congress has brought greater openness to the legislative process and has begun to serve as a check on the power of the executive. NED supported efforts by groups such as *Equidad de Genero*, ANCIFEM, *Presencia Ciudadana*, the Mexican Confederation of Employers, and the Citizen's Movement for Democracy, to provide channels for citizen participation in Mexico's legislative process, including monitoring and promoting legislation affecting youth, business and women. These projects were made possible with support from the Endowment, CIPE and IRI.

Pope John Paul II's visit to Cuba in January 1998 brought a message of inspiration to the Cuban people and helped to reinvigorate the church. Despite hopes that the visit would spark a political opening, political repression continues on the island. Dissident groups have been joined by independent associations of journalists, doctors and artists in their opposition to the regime, and increasingly, the dissident movement has spread outside of Havana to other parts of Cuba. The Endowment's strategy has been to support and promote these diverse, incipient forms of civil society by providing independent sources of information to various groups and increasing awareness of their efforts outside of Cuba. For example, NED supported publication of *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana*, a quarterly humanities journal edited by esteemed Cuban writer Jesus Diaz, which receives written contributions from academic and cultural intellectuals on the island and is widely circulated inside and outside of Cuba. Another Endowment grantee, CubaNet, supports independent journalists on the island and independent media associations by publishing and distributing their articles via the Internet. CubaNet also helps Cuban groups such as the recently-founded independent farmers' cooperatives and independent workers' unions connect with like-minded foreign and Cuban groups.

Ongoing armed conflict and congressional and presidential elections made Colombia another priority for 1998 NED programs. The Endowment funded a variety of projects to support the Colombian peace process, including efforts by the Colombian Commission of Jurists to promote international humanitarian law as a basis for initiating the peace negotiations and activities of the *Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía* to disseminate and refine proposals developed during the July 1998 Permanent Civil Society Assembly for Peace. Despite international and national pressure for peace, human rights violations and political violence continued unabated. In response, the Endowment supported efforts by Colombian organizations to promote legal access and a democratic culture based on tolerance and the fundamental respect for human rights. ~

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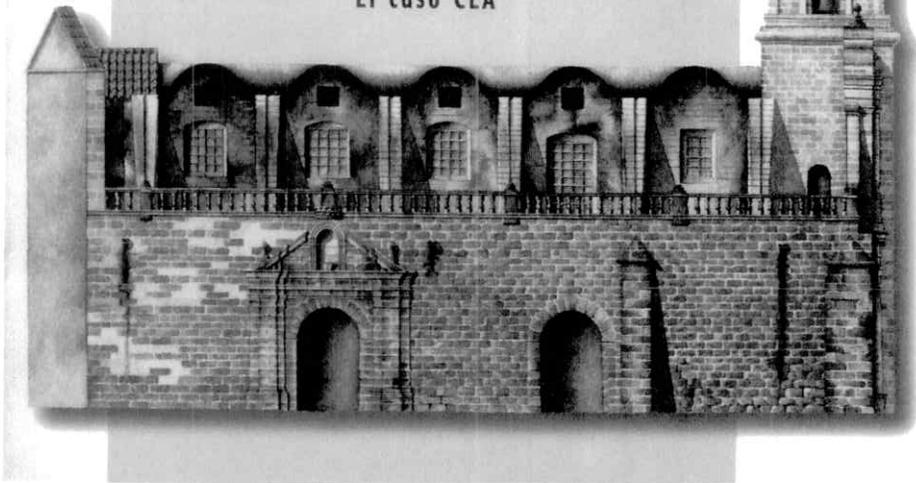
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**MARIFELI PÉREZ-STABLE**

*El caso CEA*



Left:  
One of the goals of the independent Cuba-Spanish journal *Encuentro* is to provide a forum for writers and intellectuals to discuss and rediscover Cuban history and culture, as in the issue below dedicated to Cuban historian Manuel Moreno Fraginals.

**Network for Communal Justice and Conflict Mediation**

\$65,000

*Red de Justicia Comunitaria y Tratamiento del Conflicto*

To promote a culture of dialogue, conciliation, tolerance, and respect for human rights. *Red de Justicia* conducts conflict mediation training with municipal officials and community leaders of municipalities in the violent, guerrilla-dominated region of Cesar. The program includes the development of a training manual, training workshops, and an information campaign.

**Region Association**

\$48,460

*Corporación Región*

To strengthen and encourage the use of non-violent mechanisms for resolving disputes in Medellín. Through a series of educational workshops and community forums, *Corporación Región* trains community leaders on conflict mediation and trains local judges and administration of justice officials on ways to improve citizens' access to the judicial system.

**Spiral Foundation**

\$44,246

*Fundación Espiral*

To improve local government administration. The project trains community leaders to monitor government implementation of municipal projects, and to develop and advocate alternative project proposals. *Espiral* also conducts community forums and disseminates citizen monitoring materials to encourage community participation in local government.

### Colombia

**Center for Research and Popular Education (CINEP)**

\$70,000

*Centro para la Investigación y Educación Popular*

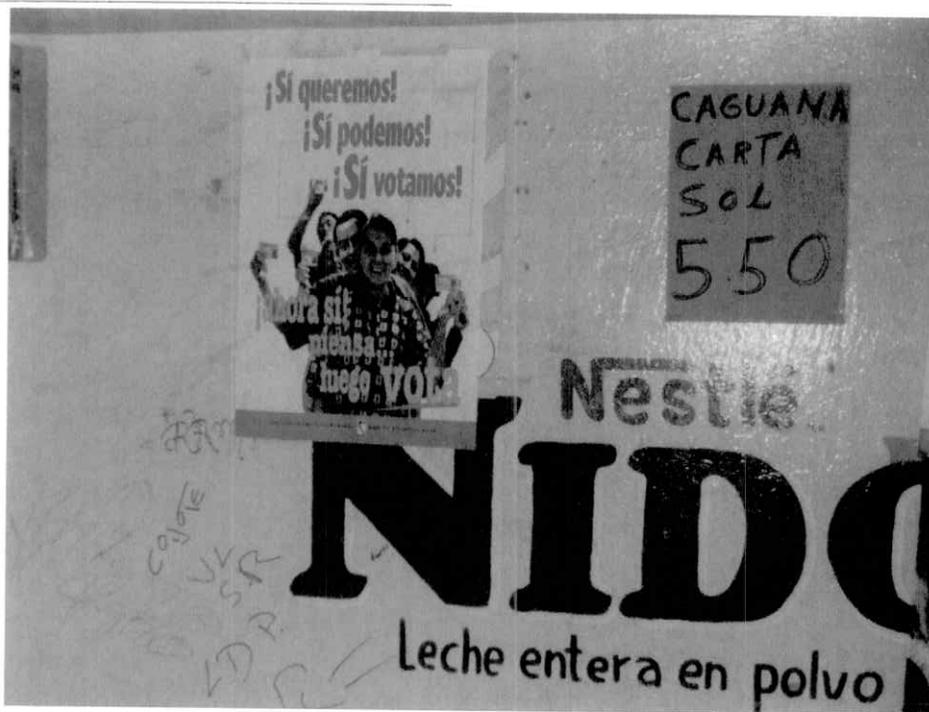
To promote peace, tolerance, and respect for human rights among Colombian youth. CINEP, in collaboration with regional chapters of the teachers' union, FECODE, trains teachers to use the recent educational reform "Institutional Educational Projects" to develop new curricula and classroom methods that encourage peace, tolerance, and respect for human rights.

**Colombian Commission of Jurists (CCJ)**

\$60,000

*Comisión Colombiana de Juristas*

To defend and promote human rights and current peace initiatives. With Endowment support, CCJ conducts educational, advocacy, and legal assistance activities that promote the adoption of an international humanitarian agreement in Colombia's civil war and increase Colombians' awareness of human rights and international humanitarian law.



*Left:  
For the federal elections of 1997 and the state elections of 1998, Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia conducted a media campaign to mobilize Mexican youth to participate in the elections.*

**Up with Citizenship Association**  
\$50,000  
*Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía*

To improve the leadership skills of community leaders and encourage increased civic participation in regional development. The Association operates Democratic Leadership Training Schools in seven regions, which offer specialized training courses on topics related to political reform and regional development. These courses are designed to foster grassroots and sectoral participation in the legislative reform process.

**Up with Citizenship Association**  
\$30,000  
*Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía*

To analyze and disseminate peace proposals that were developed during the July 1998 National Assembly of the Permanent Civil Society Assembly for Peace. The Association developed and distributed educational pamphlets on the role of the Permanent Civil Society Assembly for Peace, the new peace proposals, and produced 10 national television spots that highlighted positive peace construction experiments.

### Cuba

**Center for a Free Cuba**  
\$15,000

To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to political prisoners and their families and members and families of the pro-democracy movement who are under government attack in Cuba.

**Cuban Committee for Human Rights**  
\$65,000

To promote the cause of human rights and democracy in Cuba. The grant covers operating costs and program activities of the Committee's Miami office, which collects and distributes information on the human rights situation in Cuba, provides humanitarian assistance to political dissidents and prisoners of conscience on the island, and collaborates with the U.N. Human Rights Commission. The Committee also publishes *Siglo XXI*, a human rights magazine which is distributed internationally and on the island.

**CubaNet**  
\$74,000

To maintain the CubaNet web site, which publishes articles by Cuban independent journalists to a worldwide audience and distributes them to residents of the island. Updated daily, the web site includes news reports from independent journalists in Cuba and international news agencies, editorials, and analyses of the economic and political situation in Cuba.

**Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico**  
\$60,000

To promote the free flow of information in Cuba and provide dissidents and human rights activists within Cuba an international forum for their views. The grant covers the publication costs of *El Disidente*, a monthly journal that prints articles from activists living in Cuba, dissidents living in exile, and international news organizations.

**Information Bureau of the Human Rights Movement in Cuba**  
\$65,000

To promote the development of civil society and human rights in Cuba. The grant supports the activities of the Miami-based Information Bureau, which collects information on the human rights situation in Cuba and the activities of dissident groups, publishes this information, and distributes it among human rights activists on the island and internationally. The Bureau also provides humanitarian assistance to activists, political prisoners, and their families.

"Meeting of Cuban Culture"  
Magazine  
\$80,000  
*Revista Encuentro de la  
Cultura Cubana*

To provide a common forum for all Cubans, both inside Cuba and among the diaspora, to share and discuss Cuban art and culture. NED supports production and distribution of the quarterly journal, *Encuentro*. The journal provides a forum for intellectuals and writers in Cuba to publish their work and serves as a vehicle for outside information and ideas to reach Cuba.

Guatemala

Institute for Sustainable  
Development Education  
\$40,000

*Instituto de Enseñanza para el  
Desarrollo Sostenible*

To increase understanding and discussion of the 1996 peace accords within indigenous populations. The Institute disseminates educational materials about the peace accords in indigenous languages, and conducts workshops with community officials and educators on the content of the accords.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)  
\$228,531

To train political parties on how to develop broad-based platforms that incorporate ethics and accountability and improve their communications with the electorate.

Myrna Mack Foundation  
\$50,000

To contribute to the development of the democratic process, civic participation, and rule of law in Guatemala through a human rights and legal education project. The project, which targets indigenous communities in the western highlands of Guatemala, supports human rights legal workshops for community leaders and/or organizations, the development of educational materials, and a weekly radio show.

Haiti

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)  
\$42,350

To strengthen private sector organizations in Haiti and improve their proposal development and advocacy skills. The Center for Private Enterprise and Democracy hosted a five-day training program for business association executives. The project taught skills that will enable participants to meet the growing demands of the business community and advance Haiti's transition to a more politically and economically open society.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)  
\$54,365

To disseminate information on the importance of economic reform in Haiti. The Center for Private Enterprise and Democracy is expanding its economic advisory program to reach a broader audience. The program conducts cost-benefit analyses on important economic issues and produces and broadcasts television and radio programs that encourage debate on these issues.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)  
\$51,761

To encourage reconciliation and communication among Haiti's political class. The grant covers a series of visits by South African leaders to Haiti to follow up on an earlier study mission of a Haitian delegation to South Africa. Haitian participants (political and civic leaders) meet with South African leaders to discuss South Africa's transition to democracy and its process of reconciliation.

*Below:*

*1998 was the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and several grantees used the occasion to promote greater awareness of human rights and to discuss ways to improve their protection.*



**Declaración Universal  
de los Derechos Humanos**

## Mexico

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$34,032

To improve the government relations and advocacy capabilities of key private sector business organizations. In collaboration with the Mexican Confederation of Employers (COPARMEX), CIPE conducted a technical assistance program for various Mexican business associations on issues such as financial sustainability and congressional relations.

### Citizen's Movement for Democracy

\$70,000

#### *Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia (MCD)*

To strengthen citizen participation in federal, state, and local governments. MCD trains community leaders in civic skills and organizes forums that bring civic leaders and state representatives together to discuss reform initiatives and develop proposals to present to state legislatures and the media.

### Citizen's Presence

\$60,000

#### *Presencia Ciudadana*

To increase the civic participation of Mexican youth in three regions of Mexico. Through local youth Coordinating Committees, *Presencia* conducts issue-based forums to discuss how to increase women and youth's political participation, tracks recent state and federal legislative initiatives concerning women and youth, and prepares regional committees for their role in organizing and moderating the regional forums.

### Gender Equity: Citizenship, Work and Family

\$52,000

#### *Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia*

To increase women's participation in the legislative process. *Equidad de Género* analyzes past and current issues that affect women's civic participation, publishes a newsletter, and brings political party leaders, public officials, and civic activists together in state forums to discuss pending legislation.

### International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$252,489

To foster the participation of women in the Mexican electoral process and promote accountability in Mexican politics. With assistance from IRI, the National Women's Civic Association (ANCFEM) conducts national and municipal legislative monitoring programs, public forums, community discussion groups, and workshops for female political candidates and campaign staff.

### Mexican Commission for the Defense and Protection of Human Rights

\$50,000

#### *Comisión Mexicana para la Defensa y Promoción de Derechos Humanos*

To improve access to justice for human rights victims. The Mexican Commission provides legal assistance to victims of human rights abuses, raises awareness of human rights in Mexico, tracks and reports cases of human rights abuses in Mexico, and provides training and technical assistance to local human rights groups.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$86,935

To support and strengthen the Mexican legislature. In collaboration with Mexican organizations, NDI brings legislators from around the world to Mexico, to share their expertise and experience with their counterparts in the Mexican legislature.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$108,898

To improve government accountability and performance. NDI provides technical assistance to the Civic Alliance network on anti-corruption programs to help the Alliance members monitor local, state, and federal governments and administration.

## Nicaragua

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$18,150

To increase women's understanding of and participation in the political process. Pro Mujer, a non-profit whose mission is to empower women, educates women entrepreneurs in the Nicaraguan informal economic sector on empowerment, business skills, and communal banking.

### International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$294,246

To increase the accountability of Nicaraguan legislators to their constituents. *Hagamos Democracia* conducts town hall meetings and organizes grassroots committees in Nicaragua to develop and monitor the implementation of proposals by the National Assembly and to improve constituent-representative relations.

## Paraguay

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$36,300

To foster business sector and public sector support for specific market reforms. The Federation of Production, Industry and Commerce educates legislators, policy-makers, and members of the private sector on options for market reform legislation and produces bulletins on critical economic issues.

**Andean Commission of Jurists**

\$35,500

*Comisión Andina de Juristas*

To strengthen the justice of the peace system. The Commission supported a series of research projects to study the status of justices of the peace in Peru and to propose measures to strengthen their mandate and operation.

**Institute of Political and Strategic Studies**

\$65,000

*Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Estratégicos*

To improve civil military relations. The project trains civilian leaders on military issues to enable effective civilian oversight of military affairs and trains military officers on democracy and human rights to create a more professional, democratic army.

**Legal Defense Institute**

\$50,000

*Instituto de Defensa Legal*

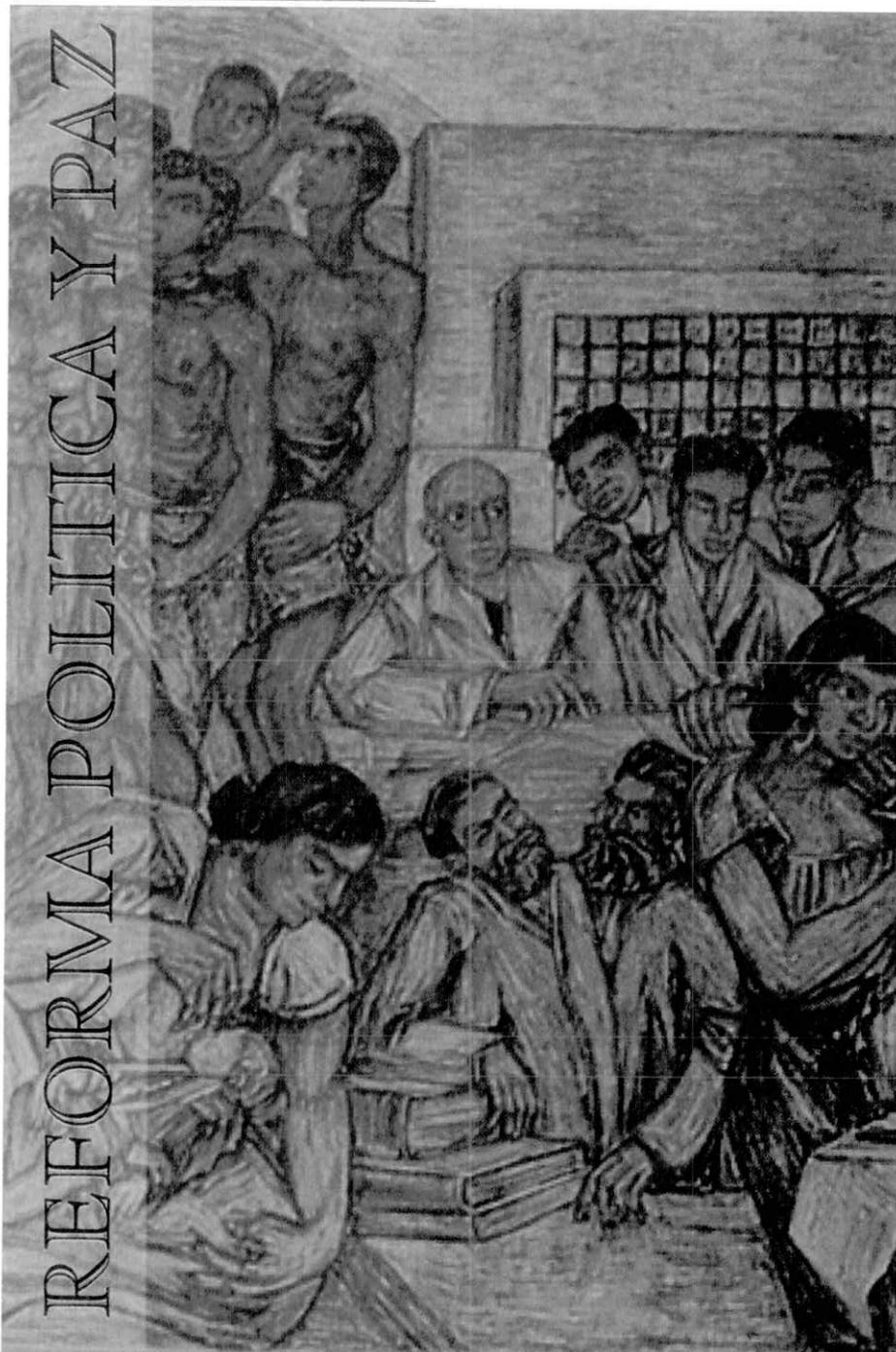
To promote decentralization and improve citizen access to justice in communities affected by the guerrilla war in Peru. The project trains local authorities and community leaders on local governance, community justice, and conflict resolution; provides legal assistance; and conducts documentation campaigns to register voters.

**Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon**

\$33,200

*Organización de Mujeres Indígenas de la Amazonía Peruana (OMIAP)*

To foster greater participation of indigenous women in community activities and local elections. OMIAP conducts leadership training for indigenous women in the Peruvian Amazon region. In 1998 the training focused on women's participation in the October municipal elections (as both voters and candidates).



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*A brochure promotes a forum on political reform and peace organized by Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía.*

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The monthly publication of the Peruvian Instituto de Defensa Legal (Legal Defense Institute) warns readers about the dangers of a draconian anti-crime law that was passed in 1998.

**Press and Society Institute**

\$40,000

**Instituto Prensa y Sociedad**

To protect journalists in Peru from politically motivated harassment. The Institute is developing a national communications network that will connect journalists from all over Peru. The network alerts national and international media of attacks on journalists and other infringements of press freedoms.

**Rural Educational Services**

\$69,969

**Servicios Educativos Rurales (SER)**

To strengthen local government and local leadership in Peru. SER has established a school that provides training and offers technical assistance to local elected officials and community leaders. Participants are trained in conflict resolution mediation, the mechanisms of local democratic participation, strategic planning, and municipal management.

**Venezuela**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$54,289

To strengthen the Venezuelan National Labor Center's (cnv) union institutions and enable them to assume a greater role in political and economic debates in Venezuela. ACILS will provide technical assistance to the cnv leadership for an evaluation and planning meeting, a forum on sectoral reorganization, and a conference on social security reform.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$67,655

To build support for economic reforms in Venezuela. The Center for Dissemination of Economic Information (CEDICE), in collaboration with the Venezuelan Federation of Chambers and Associations of Commerce and Production, conducts a consensus-building and legislative advocacy program. CEDICE publishes and distributes cost-benefit analyses of priority legislation pending in the Congress, and organizes roundtables with government and private sector leaders on important economic reform issues.

**Center for the Service of Popular Action**

\$57,990

**Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular (CESAP)**

To support decentralization and encourage government accountability. CESAP conducted forums in 8 states at which local political candidates and civil society leaders worked together to develop common action agendas.

**Civic Association Justice First**

\$58,800

**Asociación Civil Primero Justicia**

To improve citizen's access to justice in Venezuela. *Primero Justicia* produces a weekly television program, "Justice for All," that educates Venezuelans on the court system and legal procedures, including justice of the peace tribunals and commercial arbitration.

**Civil Association for Social Development—New Dawn**

\$55,000

**Asociación Civil para el Desarrollo Social—Nuevo Amanecer**

To strengthen local judicial systems and improve access to justice in Venezuela. *Nuevo Amanecer* provides training and technical assistance to aid the establishment of the Justice of Peace tribunal system in the state of Zulia.

**International Republican Institute (IRI)**

\$150,799

To increase the participation of Venezuelan youth in the December 1998 elections. In collaboration with *Fundación Participación Juvenil*, IRI conducted a "Get Out the Vote" media campaign. With *Fundación Pensamiento y Acción*, IRI organized candidate forums that brought candidates together with Venezuelan youth.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$118,901

To increase civic participation in the 1998 Venezuelan elections and promote fair elections. NDI provided technical assistance to the NGO *Queremos Elegir* regarding voter education activities, train-the-trainer workshops, and an electoral observation effort for the December presidential elections.

**Organizing to Improve the Quality of Life**

\$45,000

**Agrupación Pro Calidad de Vida**

To educate Venezuelan citizens and public officials about corruption and the role they can play in combating it. The Association conducts a national anti-corruption campaign that includes "train-the-trainer" workshops on anti-corruption issues, a quarterly bulletin, and the establishment of a "National Institute for Ethics and Good Citizenship" in the industrial sector of Valencia.

**Synergy**

\$47,900

**Sinergia**

To develop a legal and fiscal framework favorable to strengthening civil society in Venezuela. *Sinergia* researched current laws affecting civil society, educated civil society organization leaders on these regulations, and worked with legal experts to develop new proposals for legislative reform.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$93,557

To revitalize the economic reform process in Latin America. CIPE conducted a two-day workshop to discuss second generation economic reforms and ways in which the business community can play a greater role in their promotion and implementation.

**Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)**

\$20,000

To support and strengthen the Inter-American system of human rights. CEJIL trains new human rights attorneys and provides technical assistance to regional human rights NGOs.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$43,189

To promote ethics and accountability in Latin American governance and politics. In collaboration with *Agrupación Pro Calidad de Vida*, NDI conducted ethics training workshops in Paraguay for political party leaders and civic organizers, and publicizes corruption control strategies via radio spots that are broadcast on community radio stations throughout the region.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

\$19,880

To promote the exchange of information and expertise among a network of civic organizations throughout the hemisphere. The "Civic Network" and its Internet home page provide instant access to a clearinghouse of thousands of "how to" documents ranging from get-out-the-vote posters to guides on organizing "town meetings."

**Tulane University**

\$50,000

To support the development of a library network in Latin America and the Caribbean. Tulane helps libraries in the region organize their materials, plan their collections, and establish a network to exchange bibliographic materials. ☺

## The Middle East & Northern Africa:

In 1998, NED support assisted democratic activists struggling to reverse the anti-democratic trends which have taken root in many of the countries of the Middle East and Northern Africa. Facing obstacles from both repressive government actions and anti-democratic opposition forces, NED activists continued to carry on with such initiatives as popularizing democratic values, strengthening civil society, and protecting press freedoms.

In Algeria, where continued political unrest and tightening government restrictions made it increasingly difficult for NGOs to operate, one organization succeeded in involving thousands of young Algerians throughout the country in peaceful and educational activities. Rally for Youth Action (RAJ) carried out dozens of activities, ranging from peace rallies to human rights awareness campaigns. RAJ provided alienated and marginalized Algerian youth a vehicle for self-expression and a sense of inclusion in a civil society, even during times of severe violence and terror.

In neighboring Morocco, there was cause for some optimism. For the first time in the country's history, there are signs of a gradual process of democratization, such as the launching of anti-corruption campaigns, the release of political prisoners, and the appointment of the head of the largest opposition group as Prime Minister. Taking advantage of this opening, NDI designed an eight-month program for Moroccan legislators and party representatives that focused on the role of the party caucus, coalition building among parties in parliament, and computer software as a tool for political organizing. By combining efforts specifically aimed at the functioning of political parties within the parliament with a project designed to improve communication within political parties, NDI succeeded in presenting ideas and strategies

*Below:  
Young Algerians mobilize for peace  
during a rally organized by the  
Rally for Youth Action.*



to pro-democracy figures that addressed current challenges in the Moroccan political system. The Endowment also supported groups promoting women's political participation, the institutional capacity building of NGOs, and publications on such topics as Islam, modernization and democracy.

Citing the need to marginalize and quash the violent opposition in Egypt, the Egyptian government imposed several new laws restricting the freedom of expression and dissemination of information. The government also promulgated a draft law on civil associations without any consultations from civic organizations. In response to this draft, which many groups saw as imposing greater government control over associations, three NED grantees mobilized dozens of democratic activists, parliamentary deputies, researchers, and the media in an effort to confront the government and demand that civil associations be included in any discussion of the law. Similarly, in Jordan, the passage of new restrictive legislation targeting the freedom of the press and media prompted two NED grantees to organize an educational and outreach campaign bringing together journalists, parliamentarians, lawyers, and other activists to draw attention to the issue. These campaigns became important landmarks in holding back both governments from imposing further restrictions.

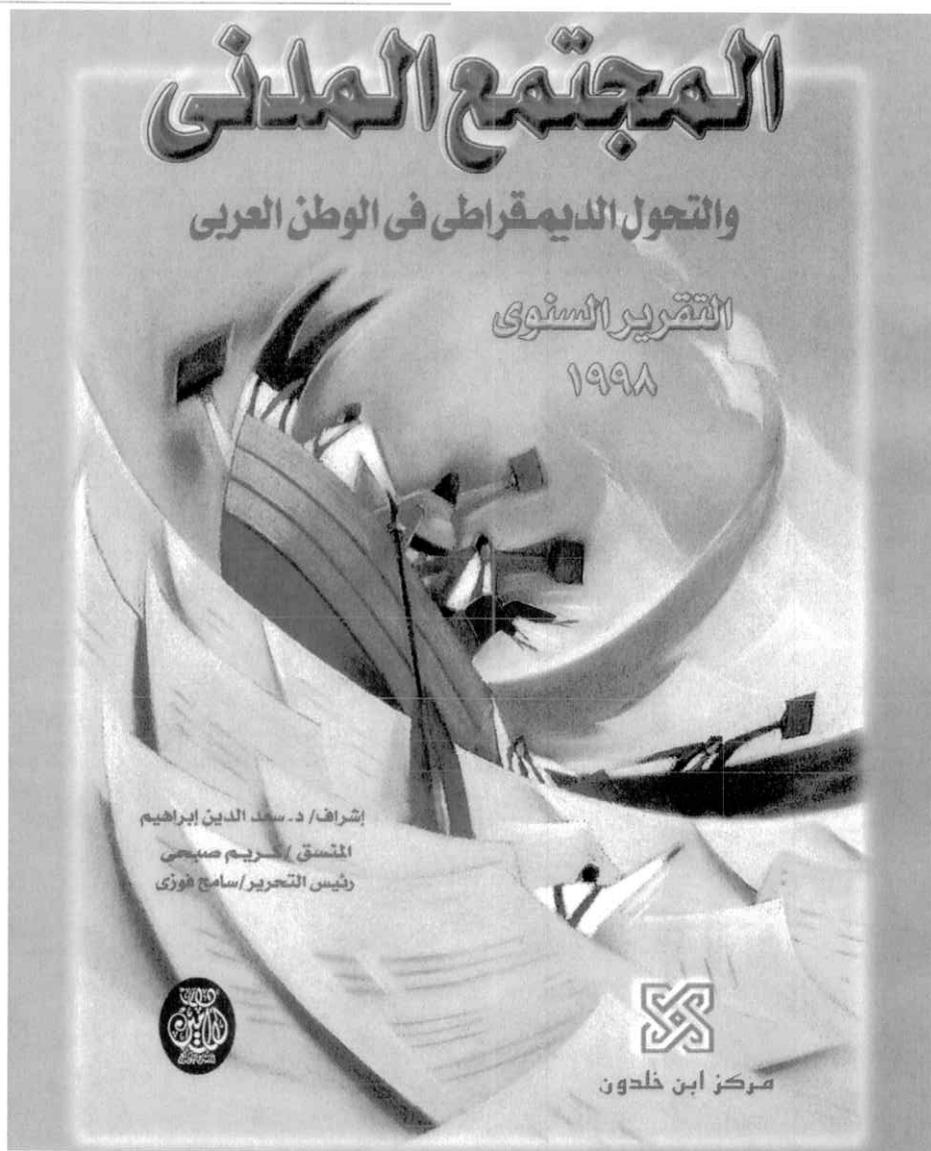
Ushering in a new phase in its reconstruction, Lebanon held its first municipal elections in 35 years and recently initiated an anti-corruption campaign. Contributing to the struggle for accountability, the Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace (LFPCP) received NED support for a project which seeks to make public services more accessible to citizens and strengthens accountability of public officials responsible for administering public services.

Based on the Foundation's recommendations, several public information offices were established in ministries and universities. NED support was also provided to groups educating the Lebanese people about their rights and obligations as citizens and promoting an understanding of rights.

After months of deadlock, Palestinians and Israelis finally reached an interim peace accord in October known as the Wye Plantation agreement. The situation back home, however, remained bleak, with many Palestinians being subjected to arbitrary arrests, press restrictions, and other repressive measures. Despite an atmosphere of despair, exacerbated by lamentable economic conditions, Palestinian democrats in the West Bank and Gaza persisted in their efforts to disseminate democratic values. One such NED-supported effort was the Palestinian Center for Helping to Resolve Community Disputes, established with assistance from Search for Common Ground. The Center conducted workshops and training sessions in the Gaza community to raise awareness of conflict resolution as a means for resolving problems and reducing violence. The Endowment also provided support to groups promoting democratic values, particularly among Palestinian youth and women's organizations working to consolidate civil society.

Almost two years after the formation of a new government dominated by major secularist parties, Turkey was once again confronted with a political crisis. Plagued by widespread government corruption and a failure to adopt fundamental reforms, the government headed by Mesut Yilmaz collapsed. Too weak to mobilize effectively to check the government's power and ensure that citizens' rights are respected, the civic sector could only play a marginal role in preserving the country's fragile democratic process. Nevertheless, the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly continued its efforts to encourage civic participation by raising the profile of NGOs throughout the country. In addition, NED supported initiatives which encourage respect for the rights of women and ethnic minorities, and promote better governance and democratization within political parties.

NED funds were also used by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) to increase public awareness about the compatibility of Islam, democracy, and the market economy. In this effort, CIPE, in cooperation with the Association for Liberal Thinking, conducted regional workshops and meetings, and held an international conference in Istanbul. ☺



Left:  
The Ibn Khaldoun Center's 1998 Annual Report describes the state of civil society and democratization in the Arab world.

#### Algeria and Morocco

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

\$202,620

To organize training courses on organizing, collective bargaining, internal union building, and communication and leadership skills, in coordination with the Union Marocaine du Travail. ACILS also conducts training for women trade union members on issues such as democratic advocacy in the workplace and how to strengthen civil society through networking and coalition-building.

#### Egypt

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$60,500

To achieve a more sophisticated level of economic reporting. The Egyptian Society for Economic Journalists trains journalists on basic computer skills and Internet research skills. Activities also include a conference for 50 journalists on the East Asian and Mexican debt crises, and production of an Arabic-language glossary of commercial and economic terms, and a directory of economic journalists and others involved in economic policy-making.

#### Afghanistan

**Afghanistan Information Center**  
\$24,000

To continue publishing *Afghanistan*, a quarterly magazine dedicated to the promotion of open discourse and the concept of democracy, conciliation, and human rights among Afghans living inside Afghanistan and abroad. The magazine, published in Pashtu and Dari, is distributed free of charge to Afghans in Afghanistan and abroad.

**Afghanistan Study Center**

\$24,000

To publish and distribute a series of booklets in both Pashtu and Dari that provide Afghans with accurate and reliable information about the principles of human rights, democracy, civic participation, and pluralism in Afghanistan.

#### Algeria

**Rally for Youth Action**

\$52,000

To involve young Algerians in activities focused on democracy and human rights to encourage their role in civic life. The group conducts civic education workshops on and organizes campaigns for press freedom, human rights, and women's rights.

**Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR)**

\$33,000

To support the Center's legal education program for women. Activities include 12 educational workshops to raise women's awareness, legal aid and family counseling to women, and four legal aid booklets targeting women in several of Cairo's poorer districts.

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR)

\$40,000

To support EOHR's efforts to monitor the human rights situation in Egypt. Program activities include an annual report, a bi-monthly newsletter, and four human rights and democracy forums that bring together NGOs, human rights activists, legal experts, and intellectuals.

Group for Democratic Development (GDD)

\$50,000

To continue GDD's Parliament Watch program, which monitors and evaluates the People's Assembly. Program activities include workshops on proposed legislation and reports and guides on parliamentary activities.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$153,485

To develop a more politically active civil society. A six-month, follow-up project with the Group for Democratic Development and the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR), works to increase the public's democratic awareness, encourage political participation, and bolster the effectiveness of Egyptian civic organizations.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$157,589

To promote civic involvement in coordination with the Group for Democratic Development (GDD) and the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights. Activities include Friends of Democracy, an on-going GDD project designed to encourage citizens to vote and engage in dialogue with their elected representatives; and Support the Political Rights of Women, an ECWR program that encourages illiterate women in poor areas of Cairo to vote.

Iraq

Free Iraq Foundation

\$112,000

To promote the concept of liberal democracy among Iraqis living in Iraq and abroad. The Foundation publishes *Iraqi Issues*, maintains an Internet site on Iraq, and is in the process of creating a computerized database system to catalogue important Iraqi documents.

Below:

*The Center for Palestine Research and Studies recently completed a high school civics textbook on human rights and democracy.*

Jordan

Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center

\$30,000

To strengthen democratic institutions in Jordan. The Center publishes works on civil society and public life in Jordan that promote a better understanding of the nature of civil society institutions, the relationship between these institutions and the government, and the regulations and constraints under which they operate.

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Right:

The Group for Democratic Development (GDD) recently completed a study on the Egyptian Parliament.

**Arab Media Institute**

\$51,000

To promote freedom of the press and democratic debate. The Institute, which provides a forum for researching and monitoring journalistic practices in Jordan and the Arab world, holds seminars and roundtables, and conducts surveys.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

\$72,600

To encourage cooperation on economic issues between Jordan's private and public sectors. Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center activities include research projects and workshops for private and public sector leaders to discuss current economic proposals that are under consideration by government policy-makers. The grant also funds a quarterly report of information, analysis, and recommendations on Jordan's economic development.

**Women's Union in Jordan (WUJ)**

\$45,000

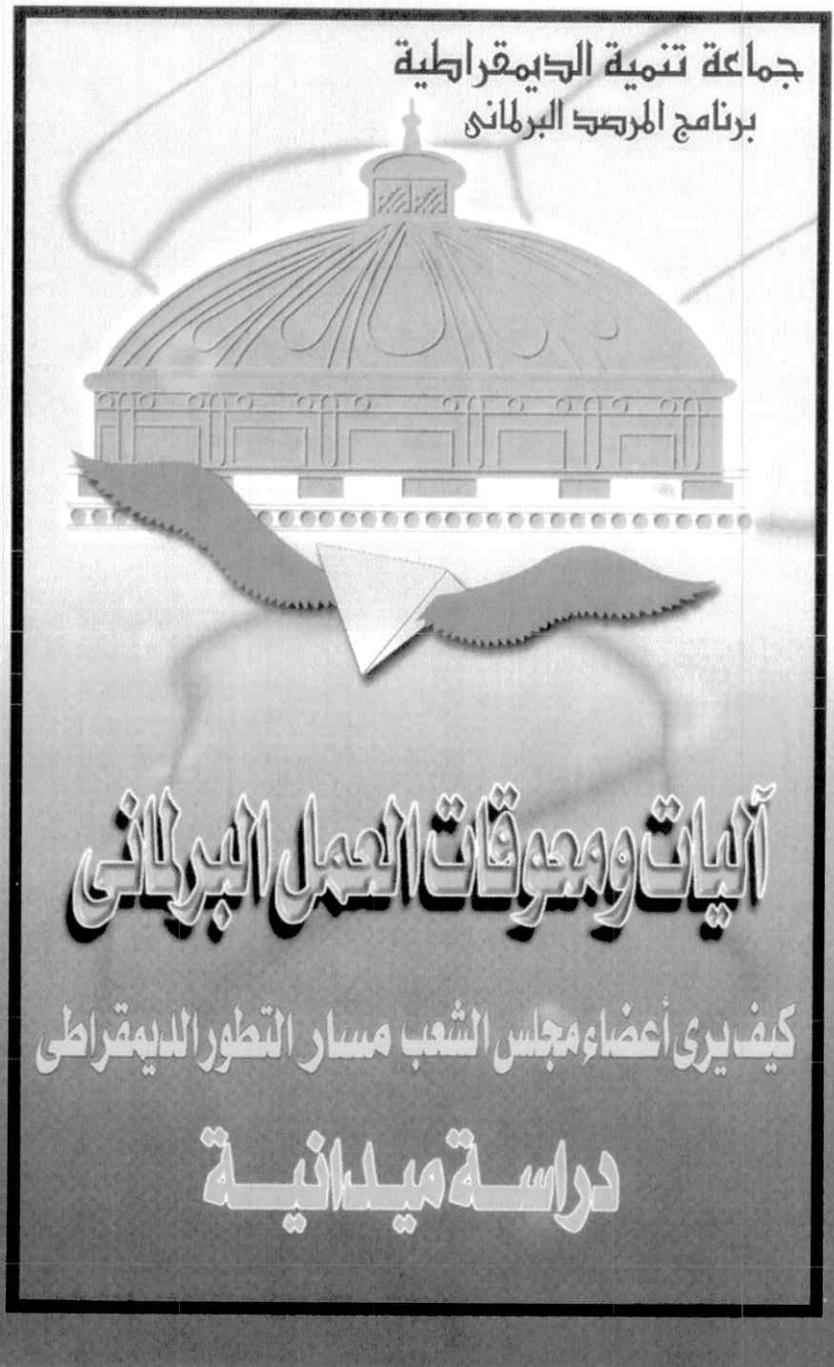
To implement a legal education program for Jordanian women. WUJ conducts legal education workshops for women throughout Jordan, and continues to strengthen its institutional capacity by upgrading its equipment and services.

**Lebanon**

**Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace**

\$40,000

To inform citizens of their rights and duties in municipalities by finalizing a three-volume collection entitled "You and the Law." The Foundation solicits input from researchers, lawyers, administrators, teachers, journalists, and students to develop a guide entitled, "Relations Between Citizens and Municipalities."



**Philanthropic Amlieh Association**

\$40,000

To promote women's human rights education. The Association incorporates women's rights education into a literacy class for 60 mothers from poor Shiite communities and into a curriculum for girls at the middle and high school levels, using a manual developed by Sisterhood is Global, a NED grantee.

**Rene Moawad Foundation**

\$51,670

To support the Foundation's Center on Research and Education on Democracy. The Center's activities include publishing *Hurriyat (Freedoms)*, a magazine that advocates democracy and human rights; organizing a workshop to sensitize teachers to their roles as democratic educators; and publishing and distributing proceedings of a conference on women in Lebanon.

## Morocco

### Democratic Association of Moroccan Women (DAMW)

\$50,000

To support DAMW's Center for Women's Leadership. The Center prepares women activists to take on greater positions of responsibility and decision making in the public sphere through workshops, seminars, and research studies.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$149,311

To improve the capacity of Moroccan political parties to organize effectively in Parliament and communicate party policies to the Moroccan public. Technical assistance is provided through workshops, post-workshop consultations, and written resource materials in Arabic and French.

### Network Recherche Action Civique (NetRAC)

\$30,000

To support NetRAC, a newly-established network of civic organizations. Activities include a directory of NetRAC's member organizations, internet training sessions, and proposal writing and communications workshops aimed at improving the outreach capabilities and strengthening the role of NGOs.

## Prologues

\$60,000

To publish *Prologues*, a literary review journal in both Arabic and French. *Prologues* seeks to expose Muslims to the plurality of ideas and concepts debated internationally, and prints articles on Islam, democracy and modernization.

## Turkey

### European Center for Common Ground

\$42,000

To foster a democratic culture based on the principles of democracy, tolerance, and pluralism on behalf of the Foundation for Research of Societal Problems. Activities include producing and broadcasting 20 bi-weekly Radio Democracy programs and publishing its program transcripts in book form.

### Helsinki Citizens' Assembly— Turkey

\$31,000

To strengthen the Assembly's institutional capacity and improve its ability to influence civic initiatives. The Assembly continues to develop its technical expertise, promote its activities, recruit new members, and train other NGOs on organizational development.

### International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$450,000

To increase the level of intra-party democracy among political parties and to empower Turkish NGOs to lobby for the legislative reform of political party and local government laws. The grant supports workshops on party and democratic reform; and two subrecipients, the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation and the Turkish Municipal Association, to promote non-governmental participation in the legislative process.

Left:

*The Foundation for Research of Societal Problems (TOSAV) put together a compilation of Radio Democracy radio transcripts.*

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$196,545

To create mechanisms that promote ethics reform within the Turkish parliament. NDI will help lawmakers draft legislation to institute a legislative ethics committee and code of conduct for lawmakers. To further legislative transparency, NDI helped establish a civic group that monitors and publicly reports on activities in parliament.

### Women Living Under Muslim Law

\$38,000

To educate Turkish women on their legal rights. Activities include training Turkish community-center social workers in legal literacy; the training covers women's constitutional rights, women's rights in the family, and women as citizens.

## West Bank

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$72,600

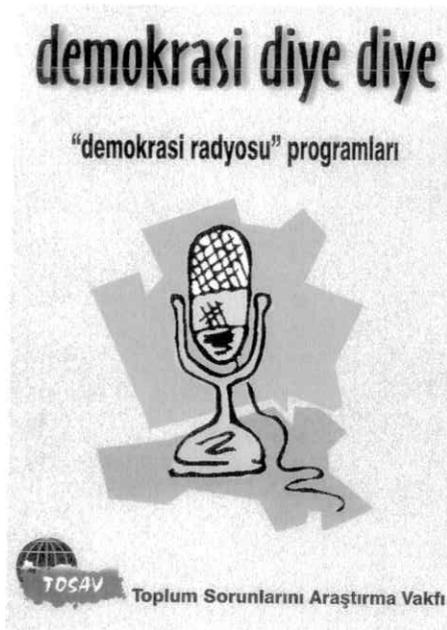
To strengthen nascent democratic institutions and enhance the influence of the private sector on economic policy-making. The Center for Palestine Research and Studies conducts research and organizes seminars in order to encourage national debate among government officials, academics, economists, business persons, and the media.

## West Bank & Gaza

### Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$82,885

To create civil society training modules and organize Entrepreneurship Training Programs for Palestinian men and women. Trainings are coordinated by the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development with the Palestinian Association for Vocational Training.



Center for Palestine  
Research and Studies  
\$30,000

To complete a high school civics textbook on democracy and human rights and an accompanying teachers' manual. Both are made available to schools, civic organizations, and youth programs for use in the classroom and for training purposes.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)  
\$80,001

To increase the organizational sustainability of "Civic Forum," a newly-established independent organization dedicated to familiarizing Palestinians with democratic principles and promoting civic activities to solve local problems.

*Below:*

NED grantee Antoine Messara (left) attends a workshop on administrative reform organized by the Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace.

Panorama Center for the  
Dissemination of Alternative  
Information  
\$60,000

To promote and disseminate democratic values among Palestinian youth. The project involves secondary school children in a regular forum for broad political debate.

Search for Common Ground  
\$40,000

To improve the Gazan community's conflict resolution skills. Training for trainers and institutional aid will be provided on behalf of the newly-established Palestinian Center for Helping to Resolve Community Disputes.

Women's Affairs  
Technical Committee  
\$38,000

To bridge the gap between women and decision makers, and raise awareness of women's rights. The Committee will establish several centers in the Jenin area to train and mobilize rural women, strengthen their advocacy and coalition-building efforts, and provide them with access to new information.

Yemen

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)  
\$211,740

To support the continued development of a multiparty system and encourage a more pluralistic political environment in Yemen. NDI works with political parties to strengthen their organizational structures and strategic planning and citizen outreach capacities, including special efforts to include more women in the political process.





### Middle East Regional

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**  
\$136,932

To provide training to expand organizational and representational services of the Working Women's League of Lebanon and Yemen's General Federation of Labor Unions.

**Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies**  
\$40,000

To publish *Ruwaq Arabi*, a quarterly journal in Arabic and English, which provides a forum for dialogue on human rights in the Arab world.

**Westbourne Publishers, t/a Dar al-Saqi**  
\$82,000

To publish four issues of *Abwab*, an Arabic-language journal which responds to the emerging dialogue in the Arab world and provides an intellectual vehicle through which this dialogue can flourish.

**Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development**  
\$40,000

To publish *Civil Society*, a monthly newsletter in Arabic and English which focuses on the condition of civil society in the Arab world. The Center also publishes an annual report on civil society and democratization in the Arab world.

**International Forum for Islamic Dialogue**  
\$79,000

To promote dialogue, tolerance, and a modern interpretation of Islam among Islamists, and to strengthen the network of liberal Islamists. Activities include conferences, a quarterly newsletter, *Islam 21*, and a web site.

*Above:  
Representatives of Women Living Under Muslim Law/Turkey carry a banner for a women's human rights project.*

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**  
\$98,845

To facilitate the participation of Middle Eastern democrats in NDI programs around the world. The program encourages the development of a sustainable training capacity within the region by capitalizing on regional expertise to facilitate democratic development efforts and consolidation of the Arab Network for Democratic Development. ☞

# Multiregional Grants:

## American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)

\$532,952

To teach trade unions how to work more effectively with civil society. The program organizes discussions on economic integration, strengthening national labor legislation, increasing the effectiveness of company codes of conduct through independent monitoring, providing legal assistance to women workers, and mitigating the effects of privatization on workers.

## American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation (AFTEF)

\$130,000

To continue AFTEF's civic education programs in Eastern Europe and the New Independent States, as well as its international civic education outreach initiatives. The program develops new civic education materials, conducts teacher training programs, and facilitates information exchanges on civic education issues.

## American Foreign Policy Council

\$40,000

To produce a compendium of lessons learned from the experiences of reformers in nine former one-party dictatorships about confronting the problems and challenges of dismantling the secret police.

## Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$353,845

To produce, with the U.S. Information Agency, *Economic Reform Today*. The publication provides policy-makers, business leaders, and educators with practical guidance on which economic reforms work best and how they can be implemented through democratic institutional structures.

## Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$69,328

To support the *Forum on Economic Freedom*, the premier online resource for information on democratic, market-oriented economic reform.

## Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$65,768

To conduct a seminar at the 1998 Global Summit of Women, an international gathering of women entrepreneurs, business and NGO leaders, and policy-makers, that features best practices of women's business.

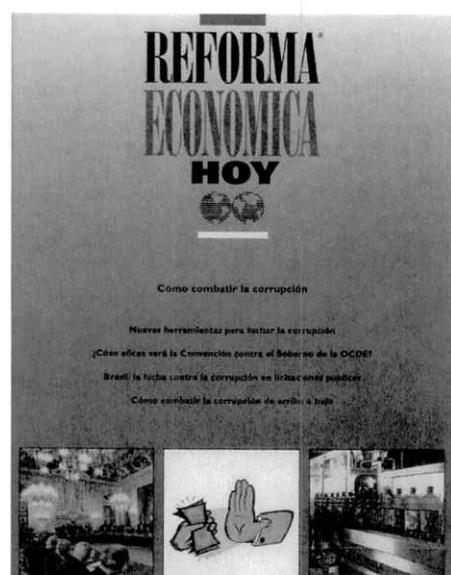
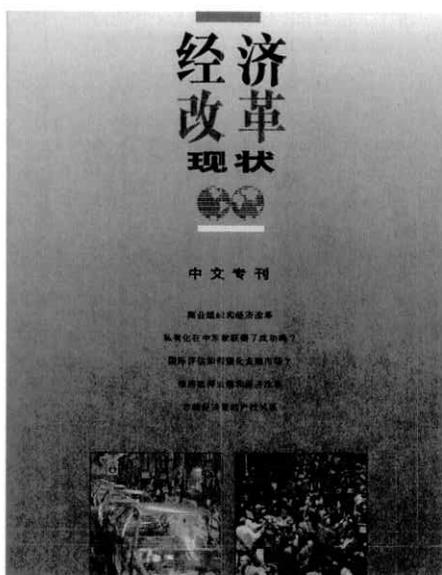
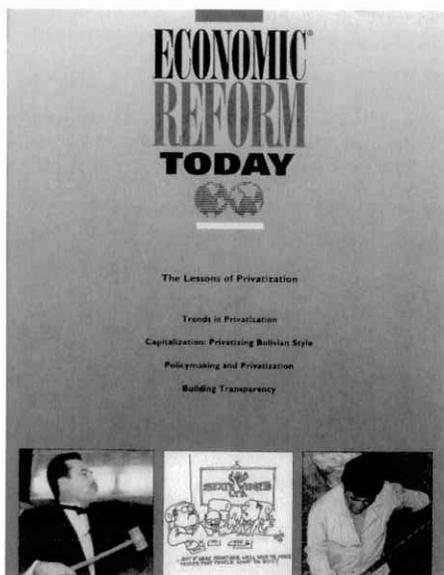
## Foundation for Defense of Human Rights

\$40,000

To cover some participant travel expenses and a portion of staff costs associated with organizing the Third International Conference on Human Rights in Poland.

*Below:*

*Economic Reform Today, produced by CIPE and USIA, provides practical guidance on economic reform to policy-makers and business leaders in a number of regions.*



National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$49,999

To continue expanding NDI's Legislative Research Series. The series provides comparative information about legislative practices and democratic norms. Four papers, consisting of up-to-date information on practical questions of importance to legislators in new or newly-democratic legislative bodies, will be published and distributed.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$126,783

To support a program to enhance the capabilities of political parties elected to the newly-created Northern Ireland Assembly. NDI will assist political parties in the evolving peace and reconciliation process.

Sisterhood is Global Institute  
(SIGI)

\$105,000

To conduct human rights education workshops based on the SIGI-produced *Claiming Our Rights* manual in Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and India, and to develop a women's leadership training curriculum. Other activities include finalizing the first drafts of the manual in the Hindi, Urdu, Azeri, and Russian languages and developing a culture-appropriate and religion-sensitive training curriculum and manual to enhance women's leadership skills.

Sisterhood is Global Institute  
(SIGI)

\$18,000

To cover costs for a new staff person to handle the day-to-day aspects of its ongoing NED-funded Human Rights Education Program.

Miscellaneous Grants:

American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)

\$85,676

Program development.

American Center for  
International Labor Solidarity  
(ACILS)

\$117,471

Program management.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$180,871

Program development.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$98,178

Program management.

Center for International Private  
Enterprise (CIPE)

\$397,462

To support grant management and monitoring.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$131,680

Project development.

International Republican  
Institute (IRI)

\$108,113

Program management.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$223,768

Project development.

National Democratic Institute  
for International Affairs (NDI)

\$140,775

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. The Forum, whose activities are funded primarily by private contributions, has become a leading center for analyzing the theory and practice of democratic development worldwide. It also serves as a clearinghouse for information on the varied activities and experiences of groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. As such it fills an important institutional void in the field of democratic studies, while at the same time supporting and enhancing NED's grants program.

The Forum's activities 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, which, through a combination of international conferences, smaller meetings, and publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;
- A Democracy Resource Center consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a World Wide Web site on the Internet called *DemocracyNet*, several online databases, and an electronic newsletter called *DemocracyNews*;
- Publication of the *Journal of Democracy*, a quarterly journal published for NED by the Johns Hopkins University Press, along with a series of *Journal of Democracy* books; and
- A Visiting Fellows Program that enables a small number of distinguished scholars, journalists, and democratic activists from around the world to spend time in residence at the Forum.

The International Forum is directed by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond, who also coedit the *Journal of Democracy*. The International 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

Research sponsored by the Forum focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation, as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. The Forum held a conference on "International Relations and Democracy," in Warsaw, Poland, June 25-28, 1998, cosponsored with the Stefan Batory Foundation (Warsaw) and the Institute for National Policy Research (Taipei). A conference report and a book of conference essays will be published.

*Democracy in East Asia*, a book of essays based on a major conference cosponsored by the Forum, the Japan Institute of International Affairs and Thailand's Institute of Public Policy Studies, was published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in 1998. *The Self-Restraining State: Power and Accountability in New Democracies*, based on a 1997 conference cosponsored by the Forum and Vienna's Institute for Advanced Studies, was published by Lynne Rienner in early 1999.

The Forum also sponsors smaller conferences and meetings on timely issues and particular countries or regions. The Forum cosponsored with the Centre for Policy Studies (Johannesburg) a meeting on "Democratic Consolidation in South Africa: Progress and Pitfalls," in Johannesburg in February 1998. A report based on the meeting has since been published. In September 1998, political scientists as well as government officials from both the United States and Spain convened to discuss "Managing Pluralism: Twenty Years of Spanish Democracy," a conference cosponsored by the Forum and the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset (Madrid). A conference report is in preparation.

The Forum published two other conference reports in 1998: *Institutionalizing Horizontal Accountability: How Democracies Can Fight Corruption and the Abuse of Power* is based on a conference held in Vienna, Austria, in June 1997, cosponsored by the Forum and the Institute for Advanced Studies (Vienna); and *India's Democracy at Fifty* is based on a conference held in Washington, D.C. in September 1997.

The Forum also holds luncheon colloquia throughout the year. Several such meetings featured visiting fellows at the Forum: Gérard Conac spoke on "Constitutionalism in Africa: Successes and Failures"; Dai-Kwon Choi examined "The Rule of Law and Political Culture: East Asia and the West"; Dominique Fournier discussed "The Paraguayan Elections of May 10, 1998"; and Halima El Glaoui drew on her experiences as editor-in-chief of the Casablanca-based journal *Prologues* to speak on "Moroccan Civil Society and the Contributions of an Independent Journal." Other colloquia included "The Presidential Election in Korea: Change from Below," featuring David Steinberg of Georgetown University and "The Future of Kenyan Democracy," a briefing by Joel Barkan, a Visiting Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace, with commentary by Maina Kiai of the Kenyan Human Rights Commission.

This year also saw the continuation of "The Democratic Invention" lecture series cosponsored with the Mário Soares Foundation and the Luso-American Development Foundation, and hosted by the George Washington University. In 1998, Andrea Riccardi, president of the Community of St. Egidio (Italy), spoke on "Democracy, Solidarity, and Peace: The Experience of the Community of St. Egidio"; Fatima Mernissi, of Mohamed V University in Rabat, spoke on "Nurturing Civil Society in the Arab World: The Case of Morocco"; Diogo Freitas do Amaral, professor of political science at the University of Lisbon, Portugal, spoke on "The Portuguese Transition to Democracy"; Jean Daniel, Editor of *Le Nouvel Observateur* (France), spoke on "Nation and Democracy"; Alfred Stepan of Oxford University spoke on "Federalism and Democracy"; His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke on "Asian Values and Democracy"; and Mário Soares, former President of Portugal, gave the concluding lecture, "The Democratic Invention." A book containing the lectures in the series will be published next year.

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## 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.

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### Library and Archives:

The library and archives house a collection of some 10,000 books, journals, grantee reports, audio and video cassettes, and other publications on democracy; a unique collection of materials produced by pro-democracy groups worldwide; documentation on the history of NED and the programs it has funded; and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations. An online catalog of the library's holdings is accessible via the Internet.

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### Democracy Projects Database:

The DRC maintains an online database with information on nearly 5,000 projects supported by NED (back to 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.

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### 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*, participants in Forum conferences and seminars, 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.

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### DemocracyNet:

NED's web site (<http://www.ned.org>) gives users access to the full text of NED publications, including the International Forum's conference reports; the tables of contents of all issues and other material from the Forum's *Journal of Democracy*; links to other Internet resources on democracy; funding and fellowship guides in international affairs; information on the Forum's Visiting Fellows Program; selected grantee publications in full text; past postings of *DemocracyNews*, an electronic newsletter on democracy (described below); the DRC's online library catalog; and the DRC databases described above. In addition, DRC staff members have assisted a variety of pro-democracy groups in establishing their own World Wide Web sites on the Internet.

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The DRC has also created and maintains web sites for a number of pro-democracy organizations, including the Civil Liberties Organisation (Nigeria), the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Uganda), Radio Free Anfani (Niger), Burma Lawyers' Council, and the Cambodian Institute for Human Rights.

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#### Internet Training and Web Assistance

During the spring of 1998, the DRC provided an important and highly successful Internet training program for information specialists from two leading NED-grantee organizations based in Lagos, Nigeria: the Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO) and the Constitutional Rights Project (CRP). While in Washington, these information specialists, Pius Udo of the CLO and Elizabeth Uwagba of the CRP, also participated in the annual meeting of the Canada-U.S. Human Rights and Documentation Network, on the theme, "Sharing the Tools: Technologies for Human Rights." The training program also provided opportunities for Mr. Udo and Ms. Uwagba to visit other relevant libraries and to network with human rights organizations in Washington that also use the Internet in their work. While the grantees were in Washington, the DRC librarians also took the opportunity to help them set up Internet sites for their organizations.

*Below:*

*Mário Soares, former President of Portugal, gave the concluding lecture in "The Democratic Invention" lecture series.*



#### *DemocracyNews:*

The DRC sends out a semimonthly electronic mailing via the Internet called *DemocracyNews* that provides a channel for the exchange of news and information among NED grantees and other democracy activists, scholars, and practitioners. It features information on the activities of NED grantees, including the tables of contents of the most recent issues of their publications; announcements of new books, reports, and upcoming conferences that focus on democracy; new Internet sites related to democracy; current tables of contents of the *Journal of Democracy*; and summaries of lectures, speeches, meetings, and other events of interest to *DemocracyNews* readers. A weekly *DemocracyNews* supplement features citations of news analysis and opinion pieces and journal articles on topics related to democracy. *DemocracyNews* is available to all interested subscribers. (To subscribe, send an e-mail message to: majordomo@free.ned.org with the text "subscribe democracy\_news" and your e-mail address in the body of the message. Instructions for subscribing can also be found on *DemocracyNet*.)

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#### The Visiting Fellows Program

The Visiting Fellows Program, established in January 1995, enables scholars, journalists, and democracy activists to spend from three to ten months in residence at the Forum exploring the theory and practice of democracy. The program is open to applicants of all nationalities and seeks to reflect a wide geographical diversity each year.

The primary goal of the program is to give Fellows the time and resources to conduct original research, become familiar with recent literature in their fields of interest, write for publication, assess their own experiences, engage in discussions with scholars and practitioners from other regions, and enhance their knowledge and skills. The program also seeks to stimulate mutually beneficial interaction among the Fellows and other scholars and practitioners of democracy by exposing the Fellows to the academic, policy-making, and activist communities in Washington and elsewhere in the United States. The Fellows benefit, for instance, from their interaction with the extensive network of scholars, many of them in the Washington area, who constitute the Forum's Research Council. The program also fosters productive and enduring ties among the Visiting Fellows themselves.

The Visiting Fellows Program is small, personalized, and flexible. No more than six Fellows are in residence at one time. Every effort is made to adjust the timing and duration of fellowships to meet the needs of the prospective Fellows, and the program seeks people from a wide range of nationalities, disciplines, and perspectives. While the Forum hopes eventually to offer fully funded fellowships, with few exceptions it cannot at present provide stipends for living expenses. In 1998, the following Fellows have been in residence at the Forum:

Gérard Conac (France)  
(January 1998–August 1999)

Professor Emeritus of political science at the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and director of the Research Center on Constitutional Law, Professor Conac is conducting a comparative analysis of building democracy in European and African states in transition, focusing on Romania and Bulgaria and on Benin and Madagascar. While at the Forum, Professor Conac also initiated and helped to develop a conference on “Democracy, Human Rights, and Good Governance in Africa: French, American, and African Perspectives,” which NED sponsored in June 1998 with the support of the Agence de la Francophonie and a number of French institutes. The conference was hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations. A report based on the conference was published by NED in December 1998.

Dominique Fournier (Canada)  
(January–October 1998)

Prior to his fellowship, Dr. Fournier served as a consultant to the cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, in which capacity he focused on ways to improve Canada’s relations with the Organization of American States. While a Fellow at the Forum, Dr. Fournier researched the means by which the Organization of American States can make its contributions to democratization in the Americas more effective.

Dai-Kwon Choi (South Korea)  
(February–July 1998)

Professor of Law at Seoul National University College of Law, where he specializes in constitutional law, legislation, and the sociology of law, Dr. Choi examined American law and regulations on political parties, campaign finance, and elections, in addition to studying American legal education.

Zakia Jawhar and Halima El Glaoui (Morocco)  
(May–July 1998)

Zakia Jawhar and Halima El Glaoui are editors of *Prologues*, a Casablanca-based journal created in 1993 that serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas among writers and thinkers in Morocco; the journal is a NED grantee. Ms. Jawhar and Ms. El Glaoui studied issues related to democratization, and improved their editorial knowledge by observing the operations of the Forum’s *Journal of Democracy*.



Above:  
NED President Carl Gershman (right) welcomes His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who spoke on “Asian Values and Democracy” as part of “The Democratic Invention” lecture series.

Robert R. LaGamma (United States)  
(March–September 1998)

A recently retired u.s. Foreign Service Officer who served as Public Affairs Officer in both Nigeria and South Africa, and also headed the u.s. Information Agency office for Africa, Mr. LaGamma researched and wrote on “The Growth of Independent Media and Democratization: Selected African Countries.”

Elizabeth Spiro Clark (United States)  
(September 1998–June 1999)

Ms. Clark is currently on leave from the u.s. Department of State, where she most recently served as Director of Programs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Clark wrote extensively on u.s. foreign policy and human rights. She is conducting research on “Democracy Promotion and Elections: Case Studies in the Policy Process.” Concurrent with her fellowship, Ms. Clark is an associate of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University.

Ladan Boroumand (Iran)  
(September 1998–July 1999)

An Iranian historian educated in France who has written a book on the French Revolution, Dr. Boroumand is beginning a similar long-term study of the Iranian Revolution. She is preparing the first part of this study, an analytical chronology of Iran’s Islamic revolution.

According to the *Times Literary Supplement*, the *Journal of Democracy* "has shown a consistent devotion to high standards of scholarship in its efforts to promote an understanding of what makes democracy work and what makes it fail." The *Journal* explores in depth every aspect of the establishment, consolidation, and maintenance of democracy, including political institutions, parties and elections, civil society, ethnic conflict, economic reform, public opinion, the role of the media, and constitutionalism. It covers not only practical political matters but also questions of democratic theory and culture.

The *Journal* features articles covering every region of the world: "field reports" from democratic activists; reviews of important books on democracy; reports on recent elections; excerpts from speeches by leading democrats and dissidents; and news about the activities of pro-democracy groups in the United States and abroad. While it maintains the highest scholarly standards, it is written and edited for the general reader as well. The *Journal's* authors include eminent social scientists and historians, statesmen and leaders of democratic movements, and renowned intellectuals. A truly global publication, the *Journal* attracts both authors and readers from all over the world.

In 1998, the *Journal of Democracy* explored China's prospects for democratization (Robert Scalapino, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Suisheng Zhao, Juntao Wang, Andrew Nathan, Yizi Chen, Harry Harding, Arthur Waldron, Thomas Metzger, and Michel Oksenberg, January); explored the ambiguities of political change in Africa (Richard Joseph, E. Gyimah-Boadi, Joel Barkan and Njuguna Ng'ethe, Nelson Kasfir, John Wiseman, Bereket Habte Selassie, April); analyzed the reasons for democracy's success in India (Atul Kohli, James Manor, and Ashutosh Varshney, July); documented the testimonies of former North Korean political prisoners and prison-guards (July); and published some remarkable liberal voices from inside China (Martin Lee, Fang Jue, Mao Yushi, October).

The four issues of 1998 also include contributions by the late François Furet on "Democracy and Utopia" (January); Shaul Bakhash on "Iran's Remarkable Election" (January); Aleksander Smolar on "Poland's Emerging Party System" (April); Andreas Schedler on "What Is Democratic Consolidation?" (April); Patricio Aylwin on "Democracy in the Americas" (July); Seymour Martin Lipset on "George Washington and the Founding of Democracy" (October); and Charles Taylor on "The Dynamics of Democratic Exclusion" (October).

Selected essays originally published in the *Journal* have been collected into a series of books edited by Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner and published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. Books in this series have been widely adopted for university courses in political science and international affairs. In 1998, the *Journal* collaborated with Johns Hopkins University Press to produce *Democracy in East Asia*. Published *Journal of Democracy* books include:

- *Democracy in East Asia* (1998);
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- *Civil Military Relations and Democracy* (1996);
- *The Global Resurgence of Democracy* (second edition, 1996);
- *Economic Reform and Democracy* (1995);
- *Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Democracy* (1994); and
- *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy Revisited* (1993).

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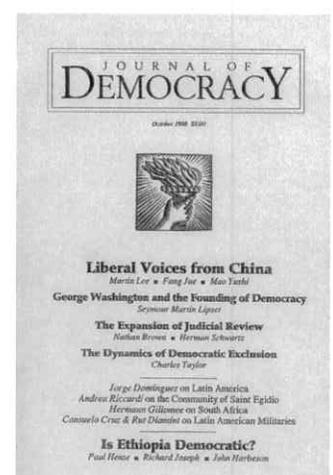
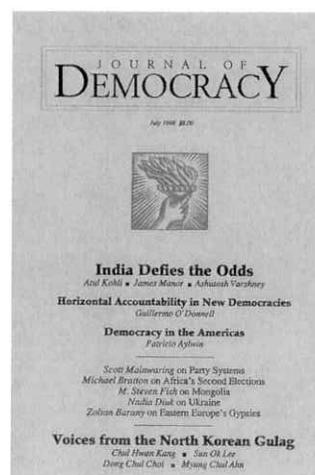
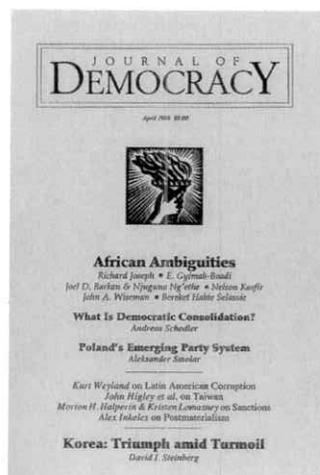
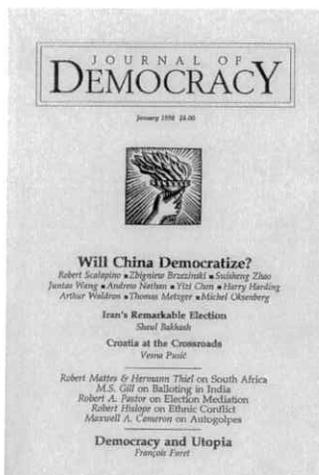
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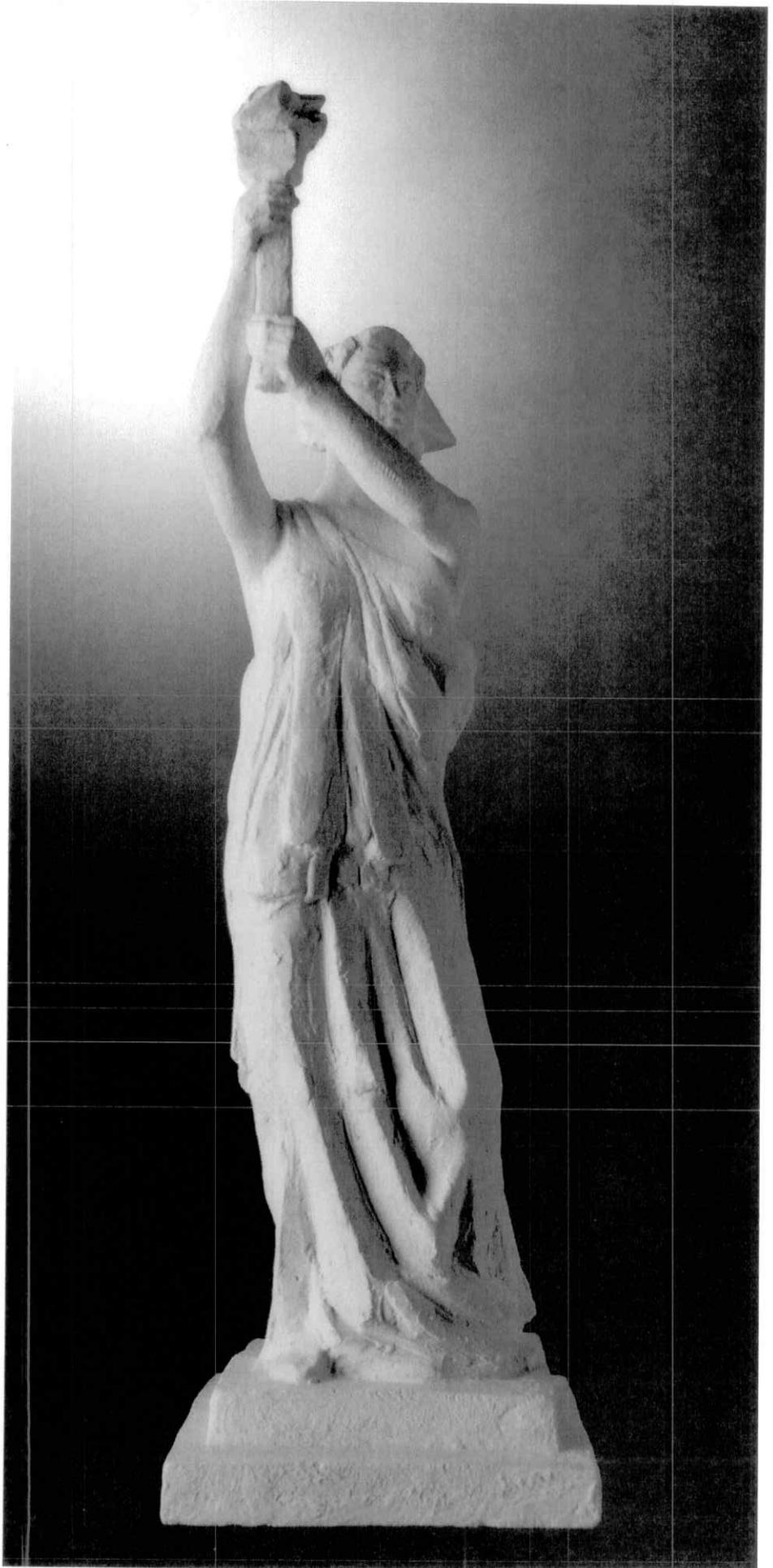
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## Democracy Award Winners:

Since 1987 the Endowment has honored 15 individuals for their brave and remarkable work to advance international human rights and the democratic cause around the world. ~



1987

Congressman Dante Fascell, one of the founders of the Endowment, received the very first NED Democracy Award in 1987.

Fascell, who passed away in 1998, quietly, creatively, and persistently led the effort within the U.S. government and the country to prepare the United States to engage effectively and openly in the worldwide struggle for human rights, democracy, and freedom.



*Above:*  
Dante Fascell (right), pictured here with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, received NED's first Democracy Award in 1987 for his role in creating the Endowment and advancing the democratic cause around the world.

1989

Two remarkable individuals were honored with the Democracy Award in 1989.

Monica Jimenez de Barros (Chile) and Jacek Kuron (Poland) were honored for the outstanding work they accomplished to help develop democracy in those countries.

De Barros, founder and director of the Crusade for Citizen Participation, was the catalyst behind the non-partisan civic movement that registered and mobilized millions of Chileans to participate in that country's plebiscite on October 5, 1988.

Kuron, an advisor to the Polish trade union Solidarity, played a key role in Solidarity's struggle and the democratic cause in Poland.



*Above:*  
NED board member Bill Brock (left) and Carl Gershman (right) stand with 1989 Democracy Award winners Monica Jimenez de Barros (Chile) and Jacek Kuron (Poland).

1991

Two individuals were recognized in 1991 for their monumental work in Nicaragua and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Violeta Chamorro, the former president of Nicaragua, was honored for her role in moving her country towards democracy. Senator Nancy Kassebaum said Nicaragua's path to democracy was "due in no small measure to the courage, humanity and democratic spirit of Violeta Chamorro, who has bound her nation's wounds and given new hope to its people."

Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, received the Democracy Award "for his leadership in building democracy as well as his courage in resisting totalitarianism," said Representative Dante Fascell. Havel was the pivotal intellectual and political leader of the democratic revolution that swept Central Europe in 1989.



*Above:*  
Vice President Dan Quayle (left) presents the 1991 award to Violeta Chamorro (Nicaragua) and Jiri Dienstbier (right), who accepted for Vaclav Havel.

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1993

In 1993 NED presented its award to three individuals: Han Dongfang (China), Gitobu Imanyara (Kenya), and Vesna Pesic (Serbia).

Han Dongfang, leader of the Beijing Workers Autonomous Federation, led workers into Tiananmen Square in 1989. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, died around Tiananmen when China's Communist leaders crushed the pro-democracy movement. Han Dongfang remained on the square throughout the crackdown; his bravery was witnessed by people around the globe.

Vesna Pesic, director of the Center for Anti-War Action in Belgrade, also received the 1993 award for founding the first peace organization in in Serbia and for her work in promoting democracy. She is also active in human rights advocacy, is a founding member of the Belgrade Helsinki Committee, and in 1990 participated in the investigation of human rights violations in Kosovo.

Gitobu Imanyara, a human rights lawyer and editor of the *Nairobi Weekly* in Kenya, was recognized for his outstanding work as a human rights and democracy activist in Kenya. Imanyara was arrested in March 1991 and held on charges of sedition; he suffered repeated harassment, detention, brutality, and torture for supporting freedom of expression.



Above:  
Han Dongfang (China) received the 1993 Democracy Award from Rep. Nancy Pelosi.



Above:  
Gitobu Imanyara (Kenya) holds up his 1993 award.



Above:  
Vesna Pesic (Serbia) stands with Rep. Steny Hoyer after receiving her 1993 award.

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1995

Four outstanding democracy advocates were honored with the 1995 NED Democracy Award: Sergio Aguayo Quezada (Mexico), Monique Mujawamariya (Rwanda), Elena Bonner (Russia), and Sergei Kovalev (Russia).

Sergio Aguayo Quezada, who heads the Civic Alliance coalition of more than 300 civic organizations, was honored with the award for his persistent and effective efforts to promote electoral and governmental reform in Mexico.

Monique Mujawamariya, founder of the Association for the Defense of Human Rights and Public Liberties, was recognized for her courageous human rights work both during and following Rwanda's genocide of 1994.

Elena Bonner, chairman of the Andrei Sakharov Foundation, was recognized for her longtime work as a human rights activist in Russia. In 1982 the Foundation's activities were stopped by an extensive KGB crackdown that resulted in the arrest or exile abroad of most of its members.

Exiled in 1984, Bonner has continued her campaign for human rights and democracy in Russia.

Sergei Kovalev—another prominent dissident during the Soviet era—was honored for his work on the human rights situation in Chechnya. Kovalev served as head of the Russian delegation of the 51st session of the Commission on Human Rights.



*Above:*  
Sergio Aguayo Quezada (left) (Mexico) accepts the 1995 award from Rep. Lee Hamilton.



*Above:*  
NED President Carl Gershman and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (right) present the 1995 award to Monique Mujawamariya (Rwanda).



*Above:*  
Sen. John McCain (left) presents 1995 awards to Elena Bonner (Russia) and Sergei Kovalev (Russia).

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1997

NED presented its 1997 Democracy Award to Martin C.M. Lee, founder and chairman of Hong Kong's first political party.

Lee, an elected member of the Legislative Council, has vigorously supported freedom of the press, full democratic elections, the rule of law, and human rights.



*Above:*  
1997 winner Martin C.M. Lee poses with the Goddess of Democracy.

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1998

NED's 1998 award went to Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan, who together represented two generations of the post-Mao democracy movement in China.

Wei is the preeminent figure of the Democracy Wall movement of 1978-79. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 1979 for circulating his now famous essay, "The Fifth Modernization," advocating Chinese democracy; he was released in 1993 as a political gesture and then arrested soon after and sentenced to 14 more years. He was released again in November 1998 and sent into exile in the U.S.



*Above:*  
Rep. Nancy Pelosi presents the 1998 award to Wei Jingsheng.

Wang was arrested in June 1993, having been marked number one on the government's "most wanted" list following the military crackdown in Tiananmen Square. He was also released in 1993 thanks to a political gesture, and, like Wei, continues his work in exile to support democracy and human rights in China. ~



*Above:*  
Chinese dissident Wang Dan receives his Democracy Award at a Capitol Hill press conference shortly after his release from prison.

# Independent Auditors' Report:

To the Board of Directors of the  
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, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of activities and 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 1998 and 1997, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Endowment taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of natural expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of the management of the Endowment. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 1998 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



November 25, 1998

# Statements of Financial Position

## September 30, 1998 and 1997:

	1998	1997
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,543,889	\$ 1,000,074
Grants receivable (Note 3)	26,399,396	30,093,341
Prepaid and other assets	13,331	13,331
Pledges receivable	100,000	—
Total current assets	28,056,616	31,106,746
Furniture and Equipment—Net (Note 2)	350,600	227,129
Pledges Receivable—Long Term	95,000	—
Total Assets	\$ 28,502,216	\$ 31,333,875
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 361,904	\$ 428,494
Grants payable (Note 4)	24,276,855	26,366,922
Deferred grant revenue - government agencies (Note 6)	2,465,665	3,813,663
Current obligations under capital lease (Note 9)	31,680	26,169
Total current liabilities	27,136,104	30,635,248
Capital Lease Obligations:		
Long-term portion (Note 9)	65,257	—
Total liabilities	27,201,361	30,635,248
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	810,343	698,627
Temporarily restricted	490,512	—
Total net assets	1,300,855	698,627
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 28,502,216	\$ 31,333,875

*See notes to financial statements.*

# Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Years Ended September 30, 1998 and 1997:

	1998 Unrestricted	1998 Temporarily Restricted	1998 Total	1997 Unrestricted	1997 Temporarily Restricted	1997 Total
<b>Support and Revenue (Note 6):</b>						
Grant revenue—government agencies	\$ 32,188,830	\$ —	\$ 32,188,830	\$ 30,521,376	\$ —	\$ 30,521,376
Other grants and contributions	—	1,107,064	1,107,064	—	452,550	452,550
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	63,961	—	63,961	58,671	—	58,671
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>32,252,791</b>	<b>1,107,064</b>	<b>33,359,855</b>	<b>30,580,047</b>	<b>452,550</b>	<b>31,032,597</b>
<b>Net Assets Released from Restrictions:</b>						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	616,552	(616,552)	—	578,213	(578,213)	—
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>32,869,343</b>	<b>490,512</b>	<b>33,359,855</b>	<b>31,158,260</b>	<b>(125,663)</b>	<b>31,032,597</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
<b>Program Services:</b>						
<b>Federal Grant Programs:</b>						
USIA	26,337,675	—	26,337,675	25,519,126	—	25,519,126
DOS	1,282,979	—	1,282,979	579,281	—	579,281
<b>Total Federal grant programs</b>	<b>27,620,654</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>27,620,654</b>	<b>26,098,407</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,098,407</b>
<b>Other Programs:</b>						
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	81,133	—	81,133	84,355	—	84,355
Democracy Resource Center	127,575	—	127,575	180,927	—	180,927
International Forum	36,865	—	36,865	48,320	—	48,320
Research and Conference	142,801	—	142,801	192,971	—	192,971
Visiting Fellows Program	16,308	—	16,308	25,891	—	25,891
World Alliance for Democracy	34,880	—	34,880	—	—	—
NED Private	176,990	—	176,990	62,565	—	62,565
<b>Total other programs</b>	<b>616,552</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>616,552</b>	<b>595,029</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>595,029</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>	<b>4,520,421</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,520,421</b>	<b>4,472,093</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,472,093</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>32,757,627</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>32,757,627</b>	<b>31,165,529</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31,165,529</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>111,716</b>	<b>490,512</b>	<b>602,228</b>	<b>(7,269)</b>	<b>(125,663)</b>	<b>(132,932)</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>698,627</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>698,627</b>	<b>705,896</b>	<b>125,663</b>	<b>831,559</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 810,343</b>	<b>\$ 490,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,300,855</b>	<b>\$ 698,627</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 698,627</b>

See notes to financial statements.

# Statements of Cash Flows

## Years Ended September 30, 1998 and 1997:

	1998	1997
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 602,228	\$ (132,932)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	139,664	131,709
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	3,693,946	(2,410,611)
Prepaid and other assets	—	2,723
Pledges receivable	(195,000)	—
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(66,590)	(272,024)
Grants payable	(2,090,067)	109,521
Deferred grant revenue—government agencies	(1,347,998)	2,538,968
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	736,183	(32,646)
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities—		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(124,336)	(57,100)
Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities—		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(68,032)	(28,792)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	543,815	(118,538)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	1,000,074	1,118,612
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,543,889	\$ 1,000,074
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:		
Capital leases	\$ 138,800	\$ —

*See notes to financial statements.*

# Notes to Financial Statements

## Years Ended September 30, 1998 and 1997:

### 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 Endowment also receives funding from the U.S. Department of State (DOS). The purpose of the Endowment is to encourage free and democratic institutions throughout the world through activities which promote individual rights and freedoms. The Endowment awards grants to organizations with programs consistent with its objectives.

#### *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 generally accepted accounting principles 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. Funds granted in excess of valid obligations incurred are recorded as deferred revenue.

Agreements with USIA, DOS, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) 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.

#### *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:*

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit, overnight repurchase agreements, and investments in money market accounts.

## 2. Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of September 30 is as follows:

	1998	1997
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	\$ 989,462	\$ 894,452
<i>Equipment under capital lease</i>	274,292	135,492
<i>Total</i>	1,263,754	1,029,944
<i>Less accumulated depreciation and amortization</i>	(913,154)	(802,815)
<i>Furniture and equipment, net</i>	\$ 350,600	\$ 227,129

## 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 USIA, USAID, and DOS 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

As of September 30, 1998 and 1997, contributors to the Endowment have made written unconditional promises to give totaling \$200,000 and \$0-, respectively. These unconditional promises to give are temporarily restricted. Pledges due in more than one year have been recorded at the present value of estimated cash flows.

Pledges are due as follows at September 30:

<i>Less than one year</i>	\$ 100,000
<i>One to five years</i>	100,000
<i>Less allowance to discount balance to present value</i>	(5,000)
<i>Total</i>	\$ 195,000

## 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.

## 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, 1998 and 1997:

	<i>Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year</i>	<i>Add Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Less Grants Obligated</i>	<i>Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year</i>
<i>USAID Grants—Nicaragua</i>	\$ 755,699	\$ —	\$ 122	\$ 755,577
<i>USIA Grants—Primary Funding</i>	1,532,190	30,720,832	30,806,545	1,446,477
<i>DOS Grant—Burma</i>	1,525,774	120,000	1,382,163	263,611
<i>Total 1998</i>	\$ 3,813,663	\$ 30,840,832	\$ 32,188,830	\$ 2,465,665
<i>Total 1997</i>	\$ 1,274,695	\$ 33,060,344	\$ 30,521,376	\$ 3,813,663

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.

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## 7. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30:

	1998	1997
Journal of Democracy	\$ 53,867	\$ —
Democracy Resource Center	22,425	—
International Forum	13,135	—
Research and Conference	(10,316)	—
Visiting Fellows Program	942	—
World Alliance for Democracy	270,271	—
NED Private	140,188	—
<i>Total temporarily restricted net assets</i>	<u>\$ 490,512</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the years ended September 30, 1998 and 1997, as follows:

	1998	1997
Journal of Democracy	\$ 81,133	\$ 84,355
Democracy Resource Center	127,575	180,927
International Forum	36,865	48,320
Research and Conference	142,801	176,155
Visiting Fellows Program	16,308	25,891
World Alliance for Democracy	34,880	—
NED Private	176,990	62,565
<i>Total temporarily restricted net assets</i>	<u>\$ 616,552</u>	<u>\$ 578,213</u>

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## 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. This provision shall not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

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## 9. Commitments

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space. 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 2002. Accumulated amortization for property under capital leases was \$183,891 and \$117,760 as of September 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	<i>Capital Leases</i>	<i>Operating Leases</i>
1999	\$ 31,680	\$ 477,879
2000	31,680	533,883
2001	31,680	533,883
2002	15,146	533,883
2003	-	533,883
Thereafter	-	1,577,159
<i>Total minimum payments</i>	<i>110,186</i>	<i>4,170,570</i>
<i>Less: Interest</i>	<i>(13,249)</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Present value of minimum payments</i>	<u><u>\$ 96,937</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,170,570</u></u>

Lease expense was approximately \$473,372 and \$463,717 for the years ended September 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

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## 10. Income Taxes

The Endowment is exempt from Federal 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).

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## 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 tax-deferred annuity contracts. The Endowment's contribution to the plan is based on 10% of an eligible employee's annual earnings. Costs of the plan for the years ended September 30, 1998 and 1997, were approximately \$231,696 and \$225,933, respectively.

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## 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 in fiscal year 1998 and 1997 was approximately \$39,260 and \$30,669, respectively. Interest earned has been netted against transfers of interest to USIA, the DOS, and USAID for financial statement purposes. Interest payable to USIA, the DOS, and the USAID at September 30, 1998 and 1997, of \$5,367 and \$5,279, respectively, is included in the balance of accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying statements of financial position.

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## 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, 1998 and 1997.

## Schedule of Natural Expenses Year Ended September 30, 1998:

	DOS	USIA	AID	Total Supporting Services	Other Programs	Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 63,951	\$ 3,077,605	\$ —	\$ 3,141,556	\$ 212,066	\$ 3,353,622
Professional fees	5,642	169,166	—	174,808	106,857	281,665
Occupancy	15,227	434,228	—	449,455	23,917	473,372
Communications	1,034	130,229	—	131,263	22,103	153,366
Travel and transportation	12,656	198,090	—	210,746	52,561	263,307
Supplies and equipment	81	63,862	—	63,943	9,389	73,332
Insurance	—	25,504	—	25,504	—	25,504
Depreciation and amortization	—	139,664	—	139,664	—	139,664
Conferences and meetings	395	10,258	—	10,653	124,191	134,844
Other	198	43,470	122	43,790	59,958	103,748
Periodical	—	129,039	—	129,039	5,510	134,549
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,184</b>	<b>\$ 4,421,115</b>	<b>\$ 122</b>	<b>\$ 4,520,421</b>	<b>\$ 616,552</b>	<b>\$ 5,136,973</b>

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from USIA and DOS in the total amount of \$27,620,654, as shown on the statement of activities and changes in net assets as the related natural expenses are incurred at the subrecipient level. ☺

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