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Cover photo: A Nigerian woman speaks on democracy and human rights at a workshop for young girls on good governance and democracy. The workshop was organized by the Imo Youth Network Programme, a NED grantee. Nigeria's February 1999 elections were one of the highlights of the year, ending the country's 29-year military dictatorship. NED has funded civil society groups in Nigeria since 1988, helping to sustain them during the country's long period of repression. The cover photo was taken from a videotape of the workshop.

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In his final State of the Union Address, President Bill Clinton declared, "To reach the full possibilities of this economy, we must reach beyond our own borders, to shape the revolution that is tearing down barriers and building new networks among nations and individuals, and economies and cultures: globalization. It's the central reality of our time."

Yet the President went on to say, "Globalization is about more than economics. Our purpose must be to bring together the world around freedom and democracy and peace, and to oppose those who would tear it apart. . . ." For if globalization has brought people together, it has also produced a backlash.

While persons, goods and information can now criss-cross the world uninhibited by borders that stood just a few years ago, in some societies, authoritarian leaders have appealed to the most extreme of ethnic, nationalist and religious feelings and urged rejection of outside influences. We have seen only too clearly the horrors such appeals have unleashed in some parts of Africa, in the Balkans, and in Afghanistan.

What is also evident is that the new information technologies, the engines driving globalization, can serve as tools for democratic activists and their push for more

Chairman's Message

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open societies. For example, some NED grantees have been harnessing new technologies to advance the democratic cause. CubaNet and Serbia's Radio B2-92, both NED grantees, use the Internet to provide, beyond the control of Fidel Castro and Slobodan Milosevic, uncensored news.

Authoritarian governments in the People's Republic of China, Cuba, and the Middle East, fearing this free flow of information, act to restrict their peoples' access to the Internet. As advocates become more adept at exploiting the Internet, so repressive regimes become more determined to prevent their doing so.

The Information Revolution offers then both challenges to and opportunities for democracy in the century just beginning. Many of the countries that made the democratic transition in the last decade, or are still in transition, are struggling to become part of the new, interdependent world economy. That's why, as we seek to foster the institutions of democracy and civil society in developing nations, we must continue our efforts to persuade businesses, governments, and workers that open markets are the most powerful path to economic growth.

For a country to be counted among the democracies, it must have not only free elections but also the

components of a civil society as well. Contrary to the views of some who call for economic advance before (or without) political progress, the respected *New York Times* correspondent, Thomas Friedman, asserts that if states are to participate effectively in the new international system, "[T]he only lasting way . . . is to encourage them to become not just emerging markets but also 'emerging societies' (like Poland, Hungary and Taiwan), with real regulatory and democratic institutions."ⁱ

It is not then chauvinistic to assert that to advocate human rights, pluralist democracy, and the rule of law reinforces American interests — peace, security, and open economies. Our interests are necessarily global. In such a world the more democracies the better!

Since its founding in 1983 by Republican President Ronald Reagan and the Democratic Congress, NED, either through the grants it makes directly or through its four core institutes — the Center for International Private Enterprise, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, the International Republican Institute, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs — has worked with a wide range of groups

abroad that are dedicated to promoting free and fair elections, the rule of law, independent media, vigorous NGOs, and the other components of a genuine democracy.

We can take pride that the example the United States set 17 years ago has been emulated in other countries. Thomas Carothers, who writes on the history of democracy promotion, traces this trend: Almost every major democracy, from Sweden to Spain and Germany to Canada, is engaged in activities explicitly aimed at building democracy around the world, from strengthening the rule of law in Latin America to fostering civil society in Africa. The common tendency of established democracies to share and spread the political system that today defines political success in the world is a powerful, unifying trend in international affairs, not some oddball American inclination.ⁱⁱ

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Brademas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

John Brademas
NED CHAIRMAN

ⁱ Friedman, Thomas L., "A Manifesto for the Fast World," *The New York Times Magazine*, March 28, 1999.

ⁱⁱ Carothers, Thomas, "Dewy-Eyed About Democracy? Hardly," *The Washington Post*, January 23, 2000, p. B07.



President's Message

The final Annual Report of the twentieth century offers an opportunity to review the evolution of the National Endowment for Democracy since its founding 16 years ago, and to assess its present and future role in a world that has drastically changed during this brief period.

When the NED began its operations in 1984, the Cold War showed no signs of winding down. While the Endowment's creation signified a new determination by the United States to advance its democratic values openly and with increased self-confidence, the work of promoting democracy internationally was still considered controversial by many people. In these early years, the NED's role was limited to making grants. We viewed our investment in our earliest grantees (as we do today's grantees) as a long-term proposition. Political change would not come overnight, but we were optimistic that providing modest and consistent support to those who were bold enough to insist on personal, political, and economic freedom would pay off in the long run. Sixteen years later, we are proud to look back and know that some of our earliest grants provided critical assistance to democrats in countries like Poland, Chile, and South Africa whose democratic struggle then seemed so intractable.

Today, the Cold War is almost a distant memory, and democracy-promotion has become an established field of international activity, and a pillar of American foreign policy. These changes have produced a profoundly different international and institutional environment to which the NED has had to adjust. The grants program remains the foundation for all of our work, and it has adapted to the needs and priorities of the new era. The NED still assists democrats who face the longest odds in countries like Burma, Cuba, Sudan, Congo, and China, as well as those working to consolidate democracy in countries that have made more progress. But the success of the grants program has also propelled the Endowment to develop new areas of work to advance our mission. In the process, the NED has evolved into a more mature and complex institution — one that seeks to aid the work of democracy activists, to deepen the level of analysis and understanding of democratic development, and to foster a sense of common pur-

pose within the worldwide movement for democratic change.

The Annual Report that follows tries to convey as full a sense of the scope and complexity of NED's work as is possible within a summary document. The box on the opposite page, titled "How We Work," is a brief primer on the many distinct but interrelated areas of work in which the NED is engaged.

The unifying purpose of this work, as stated in the NED's most recent strategic plan, is "to create a community of democrats, drawn from the most developed democracies and the most repressive autocracies as well as everything in between, and united by the belief that the common interest is served by the gradual expansion of systems based on freedom, self-government, and the rule of law."

Like everything we have done in the past, this work is a long-term endeavor. The NED, however, enters the 21st century a unique institution in a unique position to build on our own experience, and to draw upon the experience and resources of democrats we have worked with for years in every corner of the world, to move together toward a more democratic world.

Carl Gershman
President

How We Work

Helping democrats in closed societies

Early investment by NED in the democratic struggles in Central Europe and the Soviet Union, and many countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa has contributed to significant democratic breakthroughs. NED continues to focus many of its resources on the remaining communist and authoritarian countries such as China, North Korea, Cuba, Serbia, Sudan, and Burma. NED maintains a long-term, flexible approach that takes advantage of any realistic opportunity to advance democratic ideals, defend human rights, and encourage the development of civil society. Depending on the circumstances of each country, NED works both with democrats in the country and in exile. (See page 57)

Consolidating democracy

In new and developing democracies, NED focuses its support on two objectives: strengthening the institutions and procedures of electoral democracy to ensure free and fair elections; and encouraging the gradual consolidation of liberal democracy by measures that strengthen the rule of law, protect individual liberties, and foster social pluralism. To move beyond successful elections toward mature and resilient democracies, NED takes a long-term approach, supporting groups who will work to establish a functioning market economy, independent trade unions, and a free press as well as institutions that promote political accountability, economic transparency, responsible corporate governance, and civilian control over the military. (See page 19)

Applying a multisectoral approach

NED's unique multisectoral approach is characterized by its four core institutes: the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, the International Republican Institute, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, and the Center for International Private Enterprise, which represent the two major American political parties, the labor movement, and the business community, respectively. Each institute draws on the talents and energies of its respective fields in the United States to offer unparalleled expertise on business, labor, and political party development and electoral reform to democrats around the world. The relationship between NED and the institutes also provides institutional balance, built-in bipartisanship, and reassurance to the Congress and others that the Endowment will be even-handed in its judgments and receptive to diverse approaches to democratic development. In addition to the institutes, NED provides direct support to groups abroad who are working for human rights, independent media, the rule of law, and a wide range of civil society initiatives. (See page 27)

Cooperating with other democracy foundations

NED is working to increase international cooperation among existing democracy foundations and to encourage all established democracies to create similar institutions. In 1993 NED convened the first of several "democracy summits" among democracy foundations in the United States, Germany, Great Britain, and Canada. In addition to general information-sharing among foundations, these "summits" provide opportunities to coordinate strategy and assistance for some of the most difficult places to promote democracy, including Burma, Belarus, and Serbia. Over the past few years new foundations have

been founded in France, Sweden, the Netherlands, Austria, Australia, and Spain. Ireland, Taiwan, Portugal, Italy, and Japan may soon follow suit. NED's effort to expand this network is based on the belief that democracy promotion is in the common interest of all democracies, and that globalization has made cooperation easier and more relevant than ever. (See page 35)

Cultivating partner organizations in new democracies

A promising development in recent years has been the emergence of organizations in new democracies that seek to share their own democratic expertise with democrats in countries that are still working for democratic breakthroughs. Many of these groups were originally funded by NED as they worked for democratic transition in their own country; having met with success, they can now act as experienced guides for new activists facing similar struggles. Polish NGOs have led this trend, working to advance democratic civic education throughout Central Europe and in many parts of the former Soviet Union. NED has encouraged such "East-to-East" work with grants to the Polish groups as well as NGOs in Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Bulgaria that are working to strengthen counterpart groups in the Balkans and Belarus. (See page 43)

Advancing research on democracy

In 1990 NED founded the *Journal of Democracy*. Now a decade old, the *Journal* is widely recognized as the pre-eminent international forum for publishing new research on democracy, debating critical issues, reviewing current literature, and reporting on important events and recent developments that affect the progress of democracy in the world. The success of the *Journal* provided a solid foundation for the establishment of the International Forum for Democratic Studies in 1994, a leading center for analysis of the theory and practice of democratic development worldwide. Other activities of the Forum include conferences, seminars, books on all aspects of democratization, a Visiting Fellows Program, a library and online database called the Democracy Resource Center, and a collaborative network of democracy research centers based in new democracies. The Forum is an integral part of the Endowment and demonstrates NED's belief that research and practical activity are mutually beneficial. (See page 68)

Building a worldwide movement for democracy

In 1998 NED launched an ambitious new initiative — The World Movement for Democracy, a dynamic network of democrats, both individuals and organizations, who aspire to work in a coordinated way to address proactively the toughest challenges to the advancement of democracy and human rights in the world today (see page 9). The global initiative complements the interrelated aspects of the Endowment's work: grant support, international cooperation, and democracy research. The World Movement helps to fulfill one of the objectives of NED's most recent strategic plan, namely "to create a community of democrats, drawn from the most developed democracies and the most repressive autocracies as well as everything in between, and united by the belief that the common interest is served by the gradual expansion of systems based on freedom, self-government, and the rule of law." (See page 9)

Nigerian coalition of election observers receives 1999 Democracy Award

Nigeria's Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), an indigenous coalition that deployed more than 10,000 Nigerian election observers for the country's February 1999 presidential elections, was the 1999 recipient of NED's annual Democracy Award. The award was presented to the coalition for its outstanding efforts to mobilize Nigerian civil society to ensure free and fair elections.

"The award not only pays tribute to the heroic work done by the democracy movement in Nigeria to date," said NED President Carl Gershman, "but also recognizes the significant work that lies ahead if a true transition to democracy is to be achieved."

TMG leader Clement Nwankwo accepted the award on behalf of the coalition at a Capitol Hill reception held in May 1999. Nwankwo is a prominent democracy activist who was one of the founders of Nigeria's Civil Liberties Organization and now serves as the director of the Constitutional Rights Project, both longtime NED grantees.

Clement Nwankwo of the TMG holds up the 1999 Democracy Award.





NED President Carl Gershman (left), Irina Kirkland, Lech Walesa, and Zbigniew Brzezinski (right) pose following NED's 10-year anniversary celebration of the Polish Roundtable Accord in April 1999.

NED celebrates 10-year anniversary of Polish Roundtable Accord

Kirkland, Walesa honored

In April, NED celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Polish Roundtable Accord by recognizing two of the outstanding individuals who played a leading role in that landmark event. NED presented Democracy Service Medals to former Polish President Lech Walesa and Lane Kirkland, former president of the AFL-CIO. Both were recognized for their roles in the demise of communist rule in Poland. The Roundtable Accord was a catalyst for democratic transformation in all of Soviet-controlled Central and Eastern Europe, and eventually the Soviet Union itself.

Walesa was honored for his steadfast leadership of the Polish trade union Solidarity. "Lech Walesa will forever be remembered as a man of principle who embodied the Polish opposition to commu-

nism," said President Bill Clinton in a written tribute to the two honorees. "With courage and leadership, he organized Solidarity, the independent trade union movement that reflected the highest ideals of trade unionism: the fight for worker dignity, the defense of democratic values, a concern for the poor, and a commitment to united action for peaceful change."

Kirkland was recognized for his leadership of the American labor movement, which provided crucial assistance to Solidarity during its years in the underground. Kirkland was unable to accept his award at the April 23 event due to illness.

"Lane's leadership was vital to the success of that effort to provide material and moral support to the democratic opposition," said President Clinton. "Under the guidance of Lane Kirkland, America's trade unions stood proudly by a democratic movement that, in an unprecedented effort, worked peacefully to transform a communist society."





Slovak Ambassador to the United States Martin Bútora (left) and Czech Ambassador to the United States Alexandr Vondra (right) were honored with NED Democracy Service Medals at NED's special event celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in October 1999.

NED honors Vondra, Bútora on 10th anniversary of Velvet Revolution

NED celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Velvet Revolution that ended communist rule in Czechoslovakia by honoring Czech Ambassador to the United States Alexandr Vondra and Slovak Ambassador to the United States Martin Bútora in October 1999 for their critical roles in the successful revolution. Both were honored with NED's Democracy Service Medal. Czech and Slovak representatives joined members of Congress, friends of NED, and representatives of the international community at a Capitol Hill reception to

celebrate and reflect on the revolution and the subsequent transition to democracy. Several members of Congress were on hand to commemorate the anniversary, including Sens. Richard Lugar, Frank Lautenberg, Bob Kerrey, Paul Sarbanes, Bob Graham, Carl Levin, Joseph Biden, and Rep. John Mica.

Bútora was recognized not only for his active role in the revolution as a co-founder of the Public Against Violence movement, but also for his contributions to the further development of Slovakia's civil society. In his acceptance remarks, Bútora reminded the audience not to forget the sacrifices made by many individuals for the sake of democratic change.

Vondra played a critical role in the revolution through his work on samizdat publications and coalition building with democrats in other eastern bloc countries, including Poland and Hungary. He signed the pro-freedom document, Charter 77, and as a result was forced to take jobs outside his profession. By 1989 Vondra was the spokesperson for the organization Charter 77 and a co-founder of the Civic Forum movement, eventually earning himself two months in prison for his role in organizing opposition demonstrations in January 1989.

NED, Korea's Sejong Institute form partnership

In July 1999, an unprecedented conference co-sponsored by NED – “Challenges to Asian Democracy in the 21st Century: Setting the Agenda for the Democracy Forum for East Asia” – brought together democracy scholars, practitioners, and NGO representatives from a number of Asian countries and the United States.

Originating from an agreement between U.S. President Bill Clinton and Korean President Kim Dae-jung to join together to develop and strengthen democracy throughout East Asia, the 1999 Democracy Forum included training workshops designed to facilitate exchanges and networking among democratic practitioners in Asia through active and candid discussion.

The Democracy Forum for East Asia will be an ongoing initiative conducted through a partnership of NED and Korea's Sejong Institute. “The Democracy Forum is exactly what its name suggests – a forum for the open exchange of democratic ideas and experiences among the actual practitioners of democracy in the region: members of Parliament and other government officials, political party officers and managers, leaders of NGOs such as civic groups, advocacy organizations, think tanks and foundations, and legal practitioners, journalists, and scholars,” said NED President Carl Gershman.

Initiative unites democracy advocates from around the globe



Centre for Policy Research (India) President V.A. Pai Panandikar (left), U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, and former Indian Prime Minister I.K. Gujral (right) chat during a session at the First Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in New Delhi in February 1999.

An initiative to build and strengthen collaboration among democrats from every region of the world has gained considerable momentum since its first, historic meeting in February 1999, when 400 participants from more than 80 countries launched the World Movement for Democracy in New Delhi, India. The gathering was convened by NED and two Indian institutions, the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Centre for Policy Research. Plans are underway for a follow-up Assembly in São Paulo, Brazil, which will take place November 12-15, 2000.

Participants at the First Assembly in New Delhi represented the wide range of institutions working to promote democracy, including NGOs, civic education groups, business associations, anti-corruption institutes, trade unions, political parties, democracy think tanks, and democracy-support foundations, as well as parliamentarians and government officials with a special interest in democracy. The First Assembly established the World Movement as a unique global forum for mutual support, exchange, and cooperation, and highlighted the potential for using new information technologies, especially the Internet, to meet the challenges posed by authoritarian regimes and to support democratic development.

Following the Assembly, a Steering Committee of distinguished practitioners and scholars from more than 15 countries was created to oversee and guide the World Movement's development. The committee met in Lisbon, Portugal, in October 1999 to develop the agenda and objectives for the World Movement and the São

Paulo Assembly. The committee designated the Endowment as the Movement's current secretariat.

The World Movement for Democracy offers a new way to give practical help to democrats who are struggling to liberalize authoritarian systems and to consolidate emerging democracies. It has the potential to do so in a variety of ways:

- as an **ally** of democrats in dangerous situations who need political solidarity and moral support;
- as a **lobby** for the cause of democracy in international bodies and in countries where democracy is under siege;
- as a **facilitator** that can help link democrats from different countries and regions to exchange information more efficiently, work together, and help one another;
- as an **innovator** that can encourage the development of new ideas and effective approaches for overcoming obstacles to democracy;
- as a **big tent** that can provide a meeting place for democrats who are active in different professional and functional areas such as human rights, law, political party development, workers' rights, economic reform, research, and education;
- as a **resource center** that can make basic materials on democracy available to groups around the world;
- as a **monitor** that can convey the views of democratic activists on the efficacy of different forms of democracy support; and
- as a **catalyst** to stimulate new initiatives and help shape the priorities of the broader community of institutions concerned with the promotion of democracy.

Financial support for the First Assembly in New Delhi was provided by private and public sources, including The Starr Foundation, The Ford Foundation, CIVITAS, Freedom House, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd., the Holdeen India Fund, the Industrial Development Bank of India, RPG Enterprises, Tata Steel, and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

Africa

NED responded to a contrasting variety of critical political developments in Africa in 1999. The program celebrated the vindication of its efforts in Nigeria, fought against the intensifying assault on freedom in the Democratic Republic of Congo, struggled to preserve democratic space in Liberia, nourished tentative human rights efforts in Sudan, and rushed to the aid of fragile democratic openings in Sierra Leone and Niger.

Culminating more than ten years of activity in support of democracy and human rights in Nigeria, on May 25, NED presented its 1999 Democracy Award to Clement Nwankwo, who accepted the award on behalf of the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), an NGO coalition that included 13 NED grantees among its 63 members. The TMG mobilized 11,000 observers for Nigeria's historic presidential elections held on February 27, 1999. Many other NED grantees that were not members of the TMG made their own contributions to the ongoing transition process. Constitutional reform, anti-corruption, de-militarization, and human rights advocacy were among the programs NED supported. NED's institutes supported a variety of projects in Nigeria: the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) used Endowment funds to support economic reform in Nigeria, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the International Republican Institute

(IRI), and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) mounted major programs funded by USAID to support the election process and its aftermath.

The Democratic Republic of Congo slid deeper into a swamp of repression and violence despite a peace agreement signed in Lusaka. Both the government of Laurent Kabila and the various armed factions opposing him committed atrocities, abused human rights, deprived the Congolese people of basic freedoms, and ruined their hopes for an end to the nightmare of poverty and underdevelopment. Yet NED grantees throughout Congo bravely continued to monitor and report on abuses, campaign for peace and democracy, and build the foundations for a better society. Among projects supported by 18 new grants approved in 1999, the *Centre Chretien pour le Developpement des Paysans en milieu Rural*, based in Uvira, South Kivu, organized workshops

to reconcile the Banyamulenge with other local ethnic groups; three groups in Kisangani – *Les Amis de Nelson Mandela*, *Groupe Justice et Liberation*, and *Groupe Lotus* – have worked in tandem to monitor human rights issues and oppose the war; the *Ligue des Electeurs* and the *Ligue Nationale pour les Elections Libres et Transparentes*, based in Kinshasa, organized civil society to press for peace and democratic elections; and three women-led groups in Kananga – *Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme*, *Promotion de la Femme Rurale* and *La Voix du Handicape pour les Droits de l'Homme* – continued to provide human rights advocacy, legal assistance, and education to women, children, and people with disabilities, the most vulnerable groups in West Kasai Province.

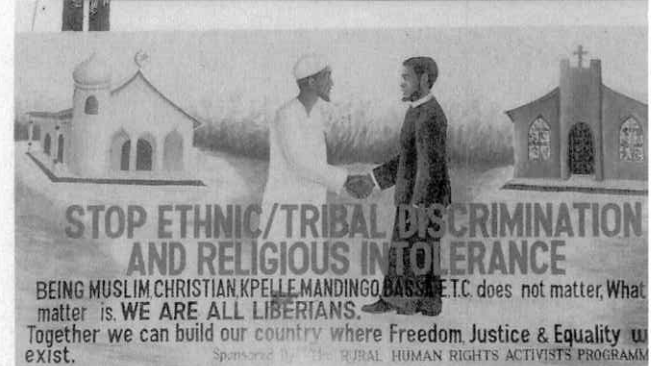
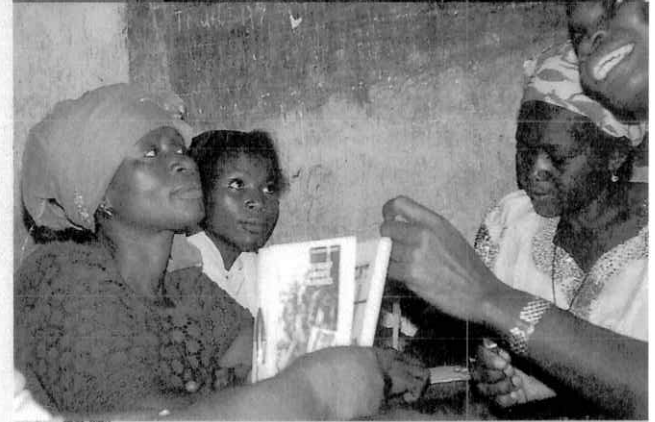
In Liberia, NED supported the Center for Law and Human Rights Education in its historic and courageous defense of 14 government opponents charged with treason. Likewise, NED assistance to the Press Union of Liberia enabled that key group to come to the legal defense of its members in a recent scandal. New projects in Liberia include the publication of a *Liberian Journal of Democracy*, the promotion of human rights clubs in the schools by the Movement for the Defense of Human Rights, and a campaign for ethnic and religious reconciliation by the Rural Human Rights Activists Programme, Inc.

In neighboring Sierra Leone, NED expanded its program in response to a flawed but necessary peace agreement between the democratically-elected government and its notorious rebel opponents, the Revolutionary United Front (RUF). The Solidarity Center is assisting the Sierra Leone Trade Union Congress in a massive civic education effort around the peace agreement. In addition, the National Forum for Human Rights, Amnesty International-Sierra Leone, and the Forum for Democratic Initiatives received NED support for a variety of civic education programs.

NED was also able to react quickly in the case of Niger, where the sudden death of the dictator, Ibrahim Bare Mainassara, led to an unexpected democratic opening. The Solidarity Center was already in position to provide support to the *Union des Syndicats des Travailleurs du Niger* (USTN) for an impressive civic education campaign throughout the transition period. In addition, NED supported the *Association Nigerienne pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme* (ANDDH) and a project of Africare to assist Nigerien NGOs promoting democracy.

In Sudan the scope for human rights and democracy promotion slowly expands in both the north and the south, even as the 16-year civil war continues. Women's groups, cultural groups, and human rights groups received support for sensitive, cutting-edge programs.

In the Central African Republic, NDI played a key role in working with the parties and the electoral commission during the elections, addressing disputes that threatened to ruin the entire process.



Right, Women leaders of the Egbu Community in Nigeria's Imo State participate in a training workshop on "Women in Democracy."



Benin

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$142,000

To increase participation of the Union Nationale des Syndicats des Traveilleurs du Benin and the Centrale des Syndicats Autonomes du Benin in the 1999 parliamentary electoral process and to encourage them to scrutinize the records of parliamentarians on specific issues. Other activities include strategic planning sessions, democracy and governance workshops, pre-election candidate fora, and trainings on election monitoring techniques.

Cameroon

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$88,330

To increase the accountability of elected Cameroonian legislators to their constituents, improve existing legislation, and encourage new legislative initiatives. CIPE support will enable the Research for Enterprise Industries, Technology and Development to coordinate the Legislative and Economic Advisory Service Program.

Central African Republic

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$150,000

To conduct a three-day national forum during which political party leaders can discuss how their parties can open up elections in the Central African Republic. NDI will train new members of the Commission Electorale Mixte Independente before the presidential election in an effort to ensure a credible process.

Chad

Ligue Tchadienne des Droits de l'Homme

\$30,000

To provide support to its national office and eight local offices throughout Chad, publish two issues of its newsletter and four human rights reports, and continue a broad program of activities including conflict prevention efforts, a legal issues database, and a grassroots human rights education program.

Congo-Brazzaville

Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme (OCDH)

\$30,000

To continue monitoring and documenting human rights conditions in Congo-Brazzaville. OCDH will provide legal assistance, publicize violations, organize a series of conferences and workshops on human rights and democracy, organize a local and international campaign to end the violence in Congo-Brazzaville, and publish an annual report on human rights in the region.

Cote d'Ivoire

GERRDES - Cote d'Ivoire

\$25,000

To begin a radio program on civic education. The program, to be broadcast on Radio Notre Dame de Yamoussoukro, will cover issues related to the country's constitution, parliament, state and local governments, and the judiciary.

Ligue Ivoirienne des Droits de l'Homme

\$39,100

To sponsor a series of public meetings, public seminars, training workshops, and roundtables on issues pertinent to the political and human rights situation in Cote d'Ivoire. The Ligue will also identify Ivoirian customs and practices affecting human rights and train 10 researchers on research methods.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Association de Defense des Droits de l'Homme (ASADHO)

\$60,000

To continue human rights monitoring and ASADHO programs that mobilize civil society to work toward peace in the Congo. ASADHO will strengthen the institutional capacity of two regional chapters in Katanga and Bandundu, create a website to be hosted by Congonline, and produce and distribute 2,000 copies of its annual report.

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

\$25,000

To support an education program including a one-week train-the-trainers human rights workshop, conflict resolution seminars, a monthly radio show, and a human rights resource center that will house books, articles, and reports on human rights issues.

Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Droit Humanitaire

\$34,000

To continue supporting a broad human rights monitoring program. Activities include 3,000 copies of *La Voix du CDH*, a quarterly newsletter; reports and press releases on specific cases of human rights violations and trends; publication and distribution of 15,000 copies of a voter's guide written in five local languages; and production of five reports on human rights issues written in collaboration with students at the University of Lubumbashi.

Centre d'Etudes Juridiques Appliquees (CEJA)

\$25,000

To enhance access to legal assistance, provide training for conflict resolution agents, and strengthen the local human rights movement. CEJA will develop an integrated, pro-bono legal assistance program aimed at providing rural and urban residents access to legal information and assistance in resolving general legal issues.

**Centre Mater
Misericordiae (CMM)**
\$25,000

To implement a human right advocacy, education, and protection program. CMM will document conditions in prisons and detention centers, provide medical assistance as the first step in rehabilitating former combatants, and promote the international convention on prisoners to political and military leaders.

**Collectif d'Actions pour le
Developpment des Driots de
l'Homme (CADDHOM)**
\$25,000

To support administrative costs of its Bukavu office, allowing CADDHOM to conduct its peace and democracy action program of human rights education, monitoring, conflict resolution and training.

**Femmes et Enfants pour les
Droits de l'Homme (FEDHO)**
\$25,000

To support a human rights advocacy, legal assistance, and education program. FEDHO activities will include nine training workshops in Kananga, Ilebo, and Mueka; a media education program with a 30-minute weekly radio program and a quarterly newsletter; and a legal aid program to defend victims of human rights abuses in the courts.

Groupe Justice et Liberation (GJL)
\$20,000

To implement a human rights education program in all 50 schools in Kisangani. GJL will work with teachers to develop the appropriate curriculum and train them on teaching strategies, monitor the local human rights situation, and provide regular lectures on human rights issues.



This billboard was created by the Rural Human Rights Activist Program in Liberia in coordination with its human rights training program. Billboards were erected in each of the four counties where the training program was conducted.

Groupe Lotus
\$25,000

To address the regional ethnic problems that have emerged in the major cities and towns in the Eastern Province region. Activities include a roundtable session on human rights in Kisangani, trainings for activists on how to conduct these sessions, and the collection and publication of human rights data.

La Voix des Sans Voix (VSV)
\$60,000

To continue VSV's program of human rights advocacy, education, and monitoring. VSV will send human rights missions to five cities in Katanga, hold monthly roundtable discussions on human rights issues in Kinshasa, carry out investigations for each locality, and publish special reports on human rights issues.

**Les Amis de
Nelson Mandela (LANM)**
\$35,000

To organize a three-day general assembly of all of its members in Eastern Province to assess the human rights situation in the region and to develop strategies to improve advocacy and education. LANM will also organize quarterly debates on the status of human rights in the region.

Les Bejarts
\$20,000

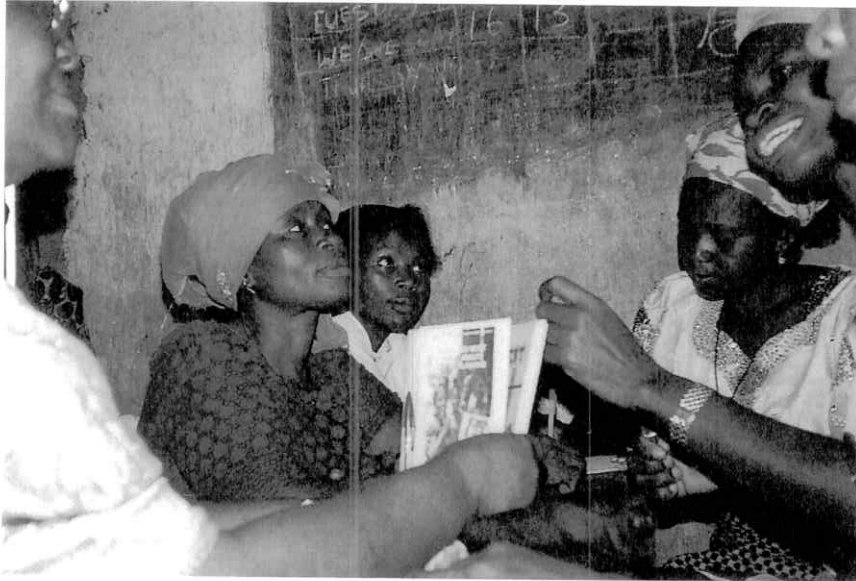
To videotape and distribute a 70-minute civic education drama, "Beware of the Chameleons." The drama will highlight the challenges of implementing democracy in Congo and examine the themes of democracy, corruption, ethnocentrism, and war. The video will be produced in French and four regional languages.

Ligue des Electeurs (LE)
\$45,000

To promote peace discussions and analyze proposed domestic political reforms. LE will organize one conference and four roundtable sessions in Kinshasa to discuss peace promotion.

**Ligue Nationale pour les Elections
Libres et Transparentes (LINELIT)**
\$20,000

To produce and disseminate free-of-charge 4,600 copies of the monthly *Le Scrutin*, and publish 2,050 copies of "Profile of a Good Leader, Artisan of Peace, and Messenger of Democracy," which will be distributed during LINELIT's training sessions, conferences, and civic education campaigns.



Women leaders of the Okwelle community in Nigeria's Imo State participate in a training workshop on democracy and good governance in December 1999. The workshop was organized by the Imo Youth Network Programme, a NED grantee.

Medias pour la Paix (MPLP)
\$25,000

To develop a public information campaign to promote ethnic tolerance in Congo. MPLP will organize a three-day conference in Kinshasa that will analyze the state of ethnic relations in the country and provide a workable plan of action that can lead to concrete activities that neutralize ethnic tensions. Other projects include 26 biweekly newspaper articles, 26 biweekly radio programs, and six television programs that raise awareness about the dangers of ethnic conflict.

Organisation des Femmes Chretiennes Pour la Democratie et le Developpement (FCDD)
\$25,000

To develop a paralegal assistance training and service delivery program for 80 participants in two zones of Kinshasa. FCDD will send its own staff to help newly-trained paralegals initiate paralegal advice centers, and establish a legal aid clinic in the heart of the central market in Kinshasa.

Promotion de la Femme Rurale (PROFER)
\$25,000

To implement a broad education program of peace and human rights aimed at rural women. PROFER activities include bimonthly meetings on the impact of war on women and children and human rights training sessions for local leaders that focus on the Family Code.

Societe Civile-Campagne pour la Paix (CSCP)
\$40,000

To initiate a program of research, mediation, and reconciliation aimed at promoting dialogue among representatives of all the ethnic groups in North and South Kivu. CSCP will research Congolese citizenship laws, their political and historical background, and other factors that contributed to the current crisis.

Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia

International Republican Institute
\$80,000
1995 REPROGRAMMING

To send a two-person team to Namibia, Kenya, Ghana, and Djibouti to conduct on-site program development research. The visits will include meetings with relevant government officials, political party leaders, grassroots representatives, civic activists, church leaders, journalists, students, and women's groups.

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)
\$25,630

To open five regional branch offices to support its headquarters in Addis Ababa. EHRCO will produce special topic reports on issues of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights; publish a monthly Amharic-language newsletter; and hold public lectures and panel discussions for the public on topics such as democracy in theory and practice and the rights of women and children.

HUNDEE
\$24,000

To train trainers on women's rights issues. HUNDEE will hold two workshops in each of six towns, one for women and one for men. The workshops will be followed by strategy meetings to help identify issues that need to be addressed, and an action committee to carry out recommendations arising from the strategy meetings.

Guinea

Organisation Guineenne de Defense des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen
\$22,668

To conduct two workshop seminars to train 99 trainers in the Labe and Kindia regions of Guinea on human rights and administrative law.

Liberia

Association of Liberian Professional Organizations (ALPO) \$23,000

To continue ALPO's civic education and advocacy program. The program includes a series of 10 leadership/capacity building workshops for 50 ALPO membership organizations; continuation of a legal defense program for organization members; a weekly, half-hour radio show focused on issues important to the functioning of the members' association; a monthly newsletter; and monthly roundtable meetings.

The Center for Law and Human Rights Education \$44,000

To expand the Center's legal aid programs by retaining additional lawyers and employing students for research work. Activities include workshops on the legislative, executive, and judiciary branches; seminars for police and the armed forces; human rights education radio programs; and a National Human Rights Conference in Monrovia.

Justice and Peace Commission \$44,000

To monitor human rights violations throughout the country as well as among displaced Liberians in neighboring countries. Activities include a database of human rights abuses, the recruitment of community activists who will report such violations, and the provision of legal assistance to victims.

Liberia Democracy Watch (LDW) \$20,000

To distribute its quarterly democracy journal to government officials, the police, the military, members of parliament, leaders of political parties, and others. LDW will also establish a public Democracy Resource and Documentation Center, develop civic education materials, and conduct training workshops.

Liberia Human Rights Chapter (LHRC) \$32,000

To reduce human rights violations in Liberia through nonviolent action. LHRC will research and publish human rights violations, conduct public awareness campaigns, hold seminars and lectures, and press for new legislation that would protect human rights in Liberia.

Movement for the Defense of Human Rights \$13,650

To establish human rights clubs in 12 schools in Montserrado county and three each in Grand Bassa, Margibi, Bomi, Bong, Rivercess, and Cape Mount counties. The clubs will carry out human rights and civic education activities in the schools.

Press Union of Liberia (PUL) \$35,000

To defend press freedoms. The program includes training programs, public fora, advocacy, and PUL's monthly Edward Blyden Forum, which encourages debate on critical national issues, and a modest legal aid fund.

Rural Human Rights Activists Programme, Inc. (RHRAP) \$20,450

To promote human rights in Liberia. RHRAP will train between 150 and 200 trainers throughout Liberia, conduct human rights lectures throughout the country, carry out a variety of outreach activities including the distribution of a monthly newsletter, and continue its 30-minute, semiweekly radio program on human rights and peace education.

Mali

Comite d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme (CADEF) \$45,000

To continue nonpartisan support for female candidates in Mali's local elections. The program will include information sessions, technical assistance for potential female candidates, and follow-up training for newly-elected female officials. CADEF will also organize six conferences for high school students in Bamako, and continue its educational campaign on international human rights standards.

Niger

Africare \$66,000

To improve the ability of Nigerien NGOs to promote democracy. Africare will conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of NGOs in Niamey. Ten NGOs from the assessment will be chosen to undergo intensive training on democracy, and Africare will provide small grants to selected groups that complete the training program.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$162,385

To work with the Union des Syndicats des Travailleurs du Niger to reverse the current deterioration of worker and trade union rights, generate support at the grassroots level for reaffirmation of those rights, and influence the development of public policy reforms. The program includes strategic planning sessions, democracy and governance workshops, and five fora dedicated to the role of trade unions in the political process.

**Association Nigerienne pour la
Defense des Droits de l'Homme
(ANDDH)**

\$35,000

To continue ANDDH's human rights advocacy, monitoring, and training programs. Activities include human rights training and a nationally-coordinated program of judicial assistance that will provide aid to victims and launch a weekly radio program on human rights.

Nigeria

**Center for Constitutional
Governance**

\$40,000

To hold a three-day roundtable conference of experts who will set a constitutional agenda for Nigeria and formulate a mass civic education program, including workshops and seminars on broadcast and print media. Reports on the roundtable will be distributed to the press, government, and civil society.

**Center for Constitutionalism and
Demilitarization (CENCOD)**

\$20,000

To organize a one-day National Conference on Demilitarization in Lagos for 50 participants including representatives of the security forces, pro-democracy groups, the judiciary, the business community, academia, and the press. CENCOD will publish and distribute 500 copies of the conference proceedings, organize a second meeting on similar issues in Benin City for 25 participants from Edo State, and conduct a final evaluation forum in Lagos for 25 participants from both conferences to assess the impact of the program.

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**

\$111,728

To enable the Development Policy Center to conduct a research program on governance, regulation and policy, the private sector, and civil society; train legislators and journalists; and build support for the transition from an authoritarian system to a sustainable federal, decentralized democracy that is conducive to the private sector.

Civil Liberties Organization (CLO)

\$66,000

To increase human rights awareness, mobilize popular support for democratization, and increase CLO's membership base. CLO activities include *Democracy Review*, which covers the election monitoring process and issues on Nigerian democracy, *Liberty magazine*, and weekly television and radio democracy programs.

**Committee for the Defense of
Human Rights (CDHR)**

\$44,990

To enhance CDHR's National Resource Center through the procurement of books, journals, audiovisual equipment, and other materials. CDHR will publish 1,500 copies of the newsletter, *Victims*, and 1,500 copies of its *Annual Report on the Human Rights Situation in Nigeria*. CDHR will take on 20 additional court cases on behalf of victims of human rights abuse.

**Committee for the Protection of
Peoples' Dignity (COPPED)**

\$20,000

To establish a Human Rights School that will implement a program of human rights education for students and youth. COPPED will register 150 youth activists from Nigeria to undergo a six-week intensive training course that covers leadership skills and community activism on issues such as democracy and good governance, justice and the rule of law, environmental rights, conflict resolution, and voter education.

**Community Action for
Popular Participation (CAPP)**

\$32,000

To work with communities in northern Nigeria that have been severely disrupted by the construction of 10 dams in the region. CAPP will organize a national conference for 100 representatives of those communities who will address how to work for accountable government, how to gain a role in the local government decision-making process, and how to develop strategies that will ensure the protection of fundamental human rights.



The Kwoto Popular Theatre Group, a NED grantee, puts on a theater performance on human rights and democracy. The group supports 70 multilingual performances of dance, music, and theater that focus on unity, human rights, democracy, and peace.

Constitutional Rights Project

\$49,900

To provide unbiased information via the production and broadcast of a 15-minute, weekly radio program. The radio program will educate the public about Nigeria's transition to civil rule, including the candidates, party manifestoes, and other campaign issues.

Human Rights Monitor (HRM)

\$38,000

To build the advocacy skills of 25 representatives of the newly-formed Citizen's League for Democracy and Human Rights. HRM will also continue to publish its quarterly report, *Equal Justice*, which will focus on topics such as ethnicity, democracy, corruption, and accountability in a democratic Nigeria.

Huri-Laws

\$32,000

To continue assistance for a public information campaign aimed at educating Nigerians about the need for specific legal reforms. Activities include 26 biweekly newspaper articles that promote legal reform, radio and television programs that seek to inform and mobilize the public, research on government institutions and the transition to democracy, and four reports on issues such as transparency and the quality of organizational leadership.

Imo Youth Network Programme (IYNP)

\$13,000

To conduct workshops in three communities in Imo State that will provide civic and human rights education to women and girls. IYNP will hold a seminar for community leaders, the press, and policy-makers on issues identified in the workshops as important to local women and youth, organize public rallies, and produce posters, stickers, and brochures on human rights.

Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (IHRHL)

\$36,000

To train 275 paralegals from 11 different states to teach basic legal rights and provide mediation services. IHRHL will also continue to publish and distribute its quarterly journal, *Human Rights Defender*.

League of Democratic Women (LEADS)

\$25,600

To conduct a workshop on Nigerian constitutionalism for 50 participants from women's groups, human rights groups, and government and judicial agencies. LEADS will continue producing its quarterly journal, *The Women's Rights Advocate*, and will begin offering a Hausa translation of it.

Strategic Empowerment and Mediation Agency Ltd.

\$28,000

To conduct conflict resolution skills training workshops for representatives of emerging political parties and the Independent National Electoral Commission. Other activities include three editions of *The Peacemaker* and conflict resolution roundtables for youth, school organizations, labor unions, women, lawyers, judges, and other members of civil society.

Women for Democracy and Leadership (WODEL)

\$25,000

To establish a Women's Working Group in Ondo State. The working group will bring together 55 women's organizations to address their lack of political empowerment and train one trainer from each of the 55 Ondo State Organizations. WODEL will hold monthly roundtables in Ondo State to bring together the member organizations to continuously assess the project.

Sierra Leone

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$99,467

To help the Sierra Leone Labour Congress on periodic strategic planning, promote civic education, and organize a campaign to explain the peace accord to workers and their families so that their role and that of the union are better understood.

Human Rights Now Association (Amnesty International (AI)-Sierra Leone Section)

\$10,950

To reinforce its human rights education efforts by introducing a human rights curriculum in 10 senior secondary schools that already have AI clubs. Activities include human rights training for 20 teachers and the creation of teaching materials including posters, audiovisual materials and 500 textbooks and 500 workbooks based on the final curriculum.

Forum for Democratic Initiatives

\$20,000

To promote civic education. The project includes a Citizens Advisory and Human Rights Bureau to respond to the average citizens' concerns such as the law and political processes; a Media Supplement that consists of biweekly articles on democracy, human rights, and peace building; and a School Democracy and Peace Club that promotes democracy and peace to children.

National Forum for Human Rights

\$24,000

To conduct a human rights program and establish a secretariat and resource center in Freetown. Activities will include workshops, debates, conferences, training programs, a national human rights report, and the creation of a networking system and intervention strategies to remedy human rights abuses.

Somalia

Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Organization (IJHRO)

\$20,200

To continue its program of advocacy, education, and human rights monitoring. IJHRO will conduct a three-day workshop linking themes of human rights, democracy, and good governance for 30 members of the Somalia Peace and Human Rights Network, and a three-day workshop for 30 participants from emerging civil society organizations that will provide fundamental information on the tenets of human rights.

Somaliland

Dulmar for Women Development, Advocacy and Peace
\$15,000

To establish a newsletter, (*The Women Voice Journal*), which will be published twice a week in the Somali language and will cover issues such as women's rights and democracy, divorce and domestic violence, and women's rights and Islam. A monthly English-language version will be sent to the international community.

Sudan

Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies
\$22,000

To conduct residential training programs for female village leaders that address issues such as gender roles in development, education techniques, budgeting, management of community training centers, conflict resolution, and peace building. Other activities include conflict resolution workshops for the media and the production of *Women* magazine for female village leaders.

Badya Centre for Integrated Development
\$15,500

To investigate the trend of violence against the women of the Nuba Mountains and to conduct an advocacy effort on their behalf. Activities include a report of interviews with female students from the Nuba Mountains, one-day workshops on its findings, and trainings with the organization, Development of Society and Environment, on spreading nonviolent and gender-sensitive culture.

Kwoto Popular Theatre Group
\$25,000

To support 70 multilingual performances of dance, music, and theater that will focus on unity, human rights, democracy, and peace. The performances will provide information on health, environmental, economic, and scientific issues in languages that people can understand and will be conducted in displaced persons' camps throughout Sudan and other northern and southern Sudanese communities.

Sudan Democratic Gazette
\$24,000

To continue publication of the *Gazette*, a 12-page newsletter that covers a broad range of political and social topics. About 5,000 copies of the newsletter will be printed and distributed internationally.

Sudan Human Rights Association
\$26,200

To teach about human rights and advocacy in southern Sudan and among Sudanese refugee populations in the East Africa region. Other activities include two training courses for community outreach coordinators on relevant human rights concepts, information gathering techniques, and human rights reporting; four field trips to monitor human rights conditions in Sudan and Sudanese refugee camps; and a quarterly newsletter, the *Sudan Monitor*, which reports on human rights conditions.

Sudan Human Rights Organization — Cairo
\$42,000

To publish three issues of the *Sudanese Human Rights Quarterly* and continue its legal aid work. Other activities include publication and distribution of 500 English copies of a report on current Sudanese laws and their adherence or nonadherence to international human rights standards, a report entitled "The Human Rights of Sudan Transitional Rule," and human rights meetings for refugee women.

Southern Africa Regional

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$117,957

To organize a regional business association management training program to enhance women's business organizations in Southern Africa. CIPE will work with the Network of Women in Business Associations in the Southern Africa Development Community, a network of local organizations from throughout Southern Africa.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$99,763

To promote ethics and anti-corruption measures on a regional basis. NDI will work with the Human Rights Trust and Documentation Centre of Southern Africa to conduct a critical audit of existing legal and institutional mechanisms in each of the countries in the Southern Africa Development Community, and a follow-up workshop for a broader audience of officials.

Uganda

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
\$40,000

To organize a three-day roundtable on Uganda's scheduled 2000 referendum on multiparty politics, including government officials, opposition representatives, and civil society leaders. FHRI will produce an annual report and a 1999 human rights report on Uganda.

Zambia

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$62,466

To enable the Center for Policy Research & Analysis to conduct a three-phase research, publication, and advocacy project that will contribute to increased transparency, timely consultation, and more effective decision making in Zambia's budgetary process.

Zimbabwe

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$150,120

To help prepare key political party figures for the competitive multiparty parliamentary elections in March 2000. The program will expose Zimbabwean leaders to the ways in which democratic parties conduct themselves during elections, including a workshop on competitive election techniques.

Africa Regional

Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherche sur la Democratie et le Developpement Economique et Sociale (GERDDES-Afrique)

\$60,000

To provide four additional GERDDES-Afrique national chapters with computer equipment, including e-mail and Internet access. Other activities include expansion of the GERDDES-Afrique website, organization of a regional conference on democratic development and governance, and publication of the quarterly newsletter, *Democracy and Development*.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$120,000

To facilitate the participation of up to 15 government officials, civic activists, and anti-corruption experts from Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, and Uganda at the 9th Annual International Anti-Corruption Conference in Durban, South Africa.

West Africa Regional

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$72,716

To work with the Center for Policy Analysis and organizations from Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire to sponsor two, one-day seminars in Ghana to explore the concepts surrounding corporate governance in the West African region and to begin building a public/private consensus on the need for a strategy to strengthen corporate governance policy and education in the region.

From repression to consolidation — long-term investment pays off



NED President Carl Gershman (left), U.S. Rep. Donald Payne (second from left), and U.S. Rep. Edward Royce (right) were on hand to present the 1999 NED Democracy Award to Nigeria's Transition Monitoring Group. The group deployed more than 10,000 Nigerian election observers for the country's 1999 presidential elections, ending the country's lengthy period of repression and dictatorship.

NED-SUPPORTED COALITION CONSIDERED 'BRIGHT SPOT'

Thirteen NED-funded groups in Nigeria joined together with 40 other NGOs to form the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) in 1998. The indigenous coalition that deployed more than 10,000 Nigerian election observers throughout the country gave hope to many for the continued consolidation of democracy in Nigeria. "The one bright spot was the fact that the TMG came together and under very difficult circumstances, really came through," said Robert LaGamma of the Carter Center, one of the groups that worked to observe Nigeria's elections along with NED institutes, IRI and NDI.

The TMG received NED's 1999 Democracy Award (see page 6) for its outstanding work.

While there were significant irregularities in the election, the peaceful turnout and well-balanced media coverage made it an important step in returning Nigeria to a democratic government. NED-supported Nigerian groups continue to hold the new government accountable for democratic reforms, and are now facing the challenge of moving from an electoral democracy to a liberal democracy with vibrant institutions and a more deeply rooted democratic culture.

Democratic consolidation is an immensely complex process that involves, in addition to political change, the development of civil society and the adaptation of traditional culture to modern democracy. Thus it is unrealistic to expect immediate or uninterrupted progress. Though the work ahead in Nigeria seems daunting, it was not long ago that a democratic breakthrough seemed out of reach. Through the same sort of consistent and long-term support NED provided during the days of military rule, the Endowment hopes to support the transformation of Nigeria from one of Africa's most fragile, new democracies to the continent's most vibrant one.

The February 27, 1999 election of Olusegun Obasanjo as Nigeria's new president was one of the year's high points, returning the country to civilian rule after spending 29 of its last 39 years since independence under military dictatorship. NED has worked with Nigerian democracy activists from the darkest days of political repression right through to today, when activists are beginning to work toward democratic consolidation. The Endowment's experience in Nigeria illustrates the importance of both providing consistent support to democrats working in the most difficult and closed societies as well as continuing support for broadening civil society and building democratic institutions after electoral democracy is achieved.

Since 1988, NED support has helped to sustain human rights and democracy groups in Nigeria despite the long period of repression. These groups, whose goals ranged from promoting the rule of law to empowering women to advancing the free flow of information, became the backbone of the democracy movement. When Sani Abacha, the military dictator, died unexpectedly in June 1998, these groups were prepared to take advantage of the sudden opening of political space.

The Asian financial crisis continued to reverberate throughout the region, keeping the issues of accountability, transparency, and good governance on the front pages. The Endowment remained engaged in the new and transitional democracies, but the preponderance of programs remained concentrated on closed societies.

NED continued programs to strengthen civil society and aid the consolidation of democracy in Indonesia, Thailand, Mongolia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. NED issued its first grant for East Timor to support the rebuilding of its only independent newspaper, *Suara Timor Timur*, after militias attacked the newspaper offices. New programs for Malaysia included support for an independent daily online newspaper and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs' (NDI) work with a domestic election monitoring program. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) developed a new program to support independent research on economic liberalization in Bangladesh. In Cambodia, NED support continued for several human rights groups and for NDI and the International Republican Institute (IRI) to conduct programs enhancing the involvement of civic groups in maintaining accountability and increasing participation in the electoral processes.

Reflecting the Endowment's strategy to emphasize concentration on closed and severely repressive countries, NED gave its first-ever grant to an NGO that focuses on human rights in North Korea to support its ongoing operations as well as an international meeting in

Seoul on North Korean human rights and refugees in December 1999. Support for human rights and legal aid programs were also continued for Vietnam and Pakistan, respectively.

The largest NED programs in Asia were those for China and Burma, reflecting the depth and breadth of their respective democracy movements and extensive range of groups concerned with promoting human rights, civic education, political dialogue, and democratic change for both of these countries.

Endowment grants continued to enable a wide variety of Chinese and Tibetan pro-democracy and human rights organizations to support the free flow of information, advocate for the protection of human rights and for political change, and promote exchange and dialogue about future political arrangements. NED supported a number of publications addressing issues currently proscribed or severely limited inside China. Publications included Chinese- and Tibetan-language newspapers; a quarterly journal addressing public policy issues; and several popular electronic mail and web-based news services and magazines featuring commentary, analysis, and opinion. Grantees also con-

ducted 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 the 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 thus continued to circulate a vast amount of timely and thought-provoking literature, in Chinese, Tibetan, and English, aimed at promoting the development of a democratic culture.

The second element of the NED China strategy, to implement programs in areas where this is possible under official Chinese reform policies, continued to be pursued by several of the NED core institutes. 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 foster legislative independence, expose judicial officials to due process and other procedural norms of democratic systems, and strengthen mechanisms conducive to transparent local-level elections. CIPE continued to support a successful symposium series on public affairs in Beijing and several other independent research projects on economic and governance reform.

In Hong Kong, the Endowment continued to support the city's leading legal and constitutional watchdog group, the Hong Kong

Human Rights Monitor; and an ACILS program that assists labor union activities to protect civil and worker rights.

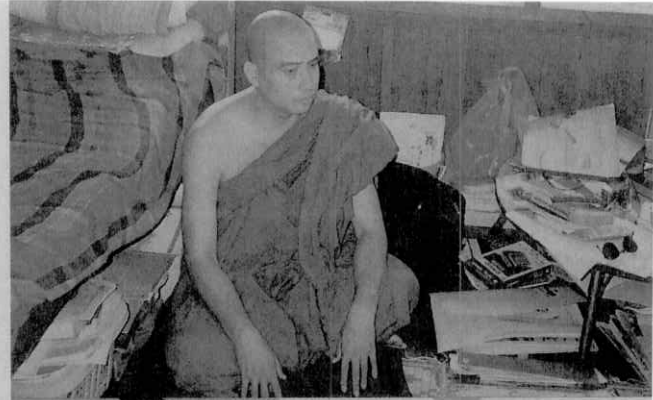
BURMA

In Burma, a multi-party grouping of parliamentarians legitimately elected in the 1990 elections daringly convened as the Committee Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP), but the standoff continued between the military regime and the democratic forces. 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. Thousands of political prisoners continued to be detained, and the government rounded up nearly a thousand democratic party activists in the weeks following the tenth anniversary of the August 1988 mass killings of peaceful demonstrators in several major Burmese cities. 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.

The Endowment's Burma program continued to provide extensive support to the dynamic Burmese pro-democracy movement. NED's Burma program was enhanced for the third 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 augment their existing Burma programs and to support a wider array of independent media, institution building, and women's projects. Funding from this grant allowed for continued support to the popular *New Era Journal*, a monthly

Burmese-language newspaper with a circulation of 15,000 copies per issue, distributed via hand-to-hand contact through remote regions of the country. The Democratic Voice of Burma shortwave radio program further expanded ethnic-language programming and continued to upgrade the professional skills of its field staff. The grant also enabled the Federation of Trade Unions Burma (FTUB), in conjunction with ACILS, to continue to promote democratic values in Burma. The FTUB carries out worker rights education in Burma and the border areas and appraises the international community of the use of forced labor and other rights violations in Burma.

NED increased its support for projects enabling Burma's minority nationalities to participate more extensively in multi-ethnic dialogue about future political arrangements and to carry out various human rights documentation, civic education, and publishing projects. Several grants for this work were renewed, and new grantees in this area in 1999 included the United Nationalities Democratic Congress, the Shan Herald Agency for News, the Chin Human Rights Organization, Kachin-Americans and Friends for Human Rights, and a project for ethnic minority youth conducted by the Burma Relief Center in Thailand. The Burma Lawyers' Council (BLC) successfully continued its pathbreaking constitutionalism and federalism seminars for key groups among the ethnic and pro-democracy groups in exile and along the Thai and Indian borders.



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Bangladesh

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$90,811

To promote a nonpartisan approach to the economic policy-making process. CIPE will work with the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry to strengthen the voice of the private sector by establishing a research and advocacy capability and producing economic policy papers on issues related to privatization and economic liberalization.



A group of Burmese women participates in a women's empowerment training workshop organized by the Burmese Women's Union, a NED grantee. The group provides training to women leaders on the Thai-Burma border in grassroots leadership, women's empowerment, and office management.

Burma

All Burma Young Monks' Union (ABYMU)
\$15,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To support the democracy movement inside Burma. The Thailand-based ABYMU will distribute human rights and democracy materials, collect information about conditions in Burma, and educate monks and Buddhist lay people about democracy, human rights, and nonviolent struggle.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$49,920

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To support the activities of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU) in Bangkok and along the Thai-Burma border, including the coordination of pro-democracy activities and human rights education programs.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$400,080

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To strengthen and improve the trade union work of the independent Federation of Trade Unions-Burma (FTUB) and to improve coordination and communications among labor and student organizations inside Burma. The Bangkok-based FTUB will work to increase the involvement of the international labor movement in the Burmese struggle through education and coalition building with labor organizations in Asia, Europe, and North America.

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development
\$28,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To encourage Thai support for the Burmese pro-democracy movement and build the capacity of Burmese exile groups in Thailand to be effective advocates for change in Burma.

The Burma Fund
\$185,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To conduct research on and advocate for a transition to democracy in

Burma. Funding supports the Burma Fund's four core programs - research, policy and transition planning, national and ethnic reconciliation, and private sector outreach. Support will also enable the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma to present its case at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and the U.N. General Assembly, and sponsor research and presentations at U.N. fora on women's rights.

Irrawaddy Publishing Group (IPG)
\$30,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To break the state monopoly on information in Burma. IPG, an independent news service based in Thailand, will continue to operate its documentation and information center and provide coverage of regional issues in its English-language monthly news magazine, *The Irrawaddy*.

Burma Lawyers' Council (BLC)
\$45,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To promote the rule of law in Burma. The Bangkok-based BLC will document civil rights violations, publish quarterly Burmese- and English-language journals, and conduct seminars and trainings for pro-democracy organizations, ethnic leaders, and grassroots Burmese groups.

Burma Relief Center
\$25,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To train youth from the Shan and Karenni states in the skills necessary to play an active and effective role in a future democratic and peaceful Burma.

Burmese Women's Union
\$40,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To provide training to women leaders on the Thai-Burma border in grassroots leadership, women's empowerment, and office management. The Union will also involve women in discussions on future democratic constitution, publish materials on women's rights, and send members to international meetings.

Chin Human Rights Organization (CHRO)
\$9,700

To publish CHRO's English-language monthly newsletter, *Rhododendron*. CHRO conducts human rights investigations and disseminates its findings to members of the Chin ethnic group, other pro-democracy and ethnic groups in exile, and the international community.

Committee for Internally Displaced Karen People (CIDKP)
\$29,000
SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To provide humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons in Karen State. CIDKP, based on the Thai-Burma border, will improve the distribution of aid by supporting training, capacity building, project monitoring, and documentation and research.

Democratic Party for a New Society (DPNS)
\$60,000
SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To support the democracy movement inside Burma. The Thailand-based DPNS will distribute Burmese-language human rights and democracy materials, collect information about conditions in Burma, and organize a program that trains grassroots activists on effective techniques of nonviolent political action.

Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB)
\$150,000
SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To support the short-wave radio programs of the DVB, the voice of the Burmese pro-democracy movement, and to further professionalize DVB's Oslo studio and its field offices in Thailand and India.

Human Rights Documentation Unit (HRDU)
\$18,000

To promote human rights by disseminating a variety of publications. The Bangkok-based HRDU, a program of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, will distribute Burmese-language translations of key international human rights treaties and a Burmese-language *Dictionary of Politics*.

Human Rights Foundation of Monland
\$35,000
SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To produce English-language human rights reports on conditions in Mon State and southern Burma, distribute Mon-language books and magazines inside Mon State, and produce the bimonthly Mon-language newsletter, *Khit Poey (Our Era)*, for citizens of Mon State and refugees along the Thai-Burma border.



This postcard, produced by the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, a NED grantee, promotes positive relations between the Thai and Burmese people. The Forum encourages Thai support for the Burmese pro-democracy movement.

Images Asia
\$15,000
SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To produce an up-to-date report on the human rights situation in Arakan state in western Burma. The project will also help improve the skills of local activists and build a local monitoring capacity.

Kachin-Americans and Friends, Inc. for Human Rights and Democracy in Burma
\$25,000

To educate the public in Kachin state about Kachin political history, democracy, and federalism through the translation and publication of three books on democracy and federalism.



Participants in a workshop given by the Cambodian Human Rights Task Force (CHRTF) discuss the course material. The CHRTF uses participatory techniques, such as small group discussions and role-playing, to reinforce ideas and lessons presented during workshop lectures.

Karen Information Center
\$11,000

To support *KIC News*, a 28-page monthly newsletter published in Thailand in English, Karen, and Burmese that provides human rights organizations and other groups with accurate information on human rights violations and other developments occurring both in the Karen and Thai-Burma border regions.

Lahu National Development Organization
\$20,000

To provide materials about democracy, human rights, and the social and economic consequences of Burma's illegal drug trade for grassroots audiences among the Lahu, Pa-O, and Palaung ethnic groups living in Shan State. Activities include publishing educational materials, conducting grassroots training courses on human rights and democracy, and investigating the human rights situation in Shan State.

National Coalition for Democracy
\$55,000

To enable the exiled National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB) to operate two communications centers, in New Delhi and Bangkok, allowing them to communicate more effectively the NCGUB's message to an international audience.

National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB)
\$75,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To promote coalition building efforts among pro-democracy forces in exile in Thailand and in the ethnic areas along Burma's borders. Through the NCUB's "National Reconciliation and Political Solidarity Program," the NCUB Secretariat will work to solidify cooperation with and encourage commitment to common goals among the groups that are important to Burma's democratization.

National Council of the Union of Burma — Foreign Affairs Committee (NCUB-FAC)

\$50,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To conduct a diplomatic campaign in Asia that will build support for the Burmese democracy movement. NCUB-FAC will establish a research center in Bangkok dedicated to international affairs; organize meetings; maintain a database of foreign policy experts, journalists, and diplomats concerned with Burma; and establish and maintain a network of Asian NGOs, political parties, student groups, and regional associations that are interested in Burma.

National Health and Education Committee (NHEC)

\$40,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To support the NHEC's coordination and management of a broad-based multi-ethnic program in support of grassroots projects designed to meet the health and education needs of refugee populations in Thailand and ethnic populations inside Burma.

New Era Journal

\$160,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To continue publishing and increase the circulation of the Thailand-based

monthly Burmese-language newspaper, the *New Era Journal*. The journal includes in-depth news about Burma's pro-democracy movement and opinion and commentary from democracy activists living inside Burma and in exile.

Nonviolence International (NI)
\$50,000

To support the work of the India-based Committee for Nonviolent Action in Burma (CNAB) to foster coalition building and promote democracy at the grassroots level in Burma.

Shan Herald Agency for News (S.H.A.N.)

\$20,000

SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BURMA

To promote democracy and human rights in Shan State by providing materials in the Shan language. S.H.A.N. will continue to produce its trilingual monthly newspaper, *The Independence*, and distribute it in Shan State, along the Thai-Burma border, and internationally.

United Nationalities Democratic Congress

\$7,500

To educate the people of Burma on ethnic rights, human rights, federalism, and democracy through a program of publications, workshops, and roundtables.



Staff members of the Democratic Voice of Burma, a NED grantee, work on a short-wave radio program. Considered the voice of Burma's pro-democracy movement, the DVB expanded its ethnic-language coverage in 1999.



In an effort to break the state monopoly on information in Burma, the Irrawaddy Publishing Group, a NED grantee, provides information on regional issues in the monthly news magazine, *The Irrawaddy*.

Cambodia

American Assistance for Cambodia

\$20,000

To continue teaching desktop publishing and the fundamentals of journalism to students, NGO staff, and working journalists in Phnom Penh.

Cambodian Human Rights Task Force

\$50,000

To improve human rights education training techniques and the advocacy capacity of NGOs and local activists at the community level. Projects include a training manual on human rights education, five booklets on specific human rights and development issues for use by NGOs, advocacy trainings for local NGOs, and a quarterly newsletter.

Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam)

\$25,000

To improve the Center's institutional capabilities by acquiring new computer equipment and improving its library facilities. The Center will continue to collect, preserve, and archive information and materials on the Khmer Rouge-orchestrated "Killing Fields" (1975-79).

Human Rights Vigilance of Cambodia

\$44,000

To support Vigilance's human rights monitoring and education project. Vigilance will continue to investigate, monitor, and report human rights abuses; educate Cambodian citizens, civic leaders, and police about human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and local and international laws; highlight human rights problems through the media; and provide direct assistance to victims of abuse.

International Republican Institute

\$235,257

To strengthen democratic political parties and civic participation in Cambodia. Training topics include the legislative process, communication and message development, and grass-roots political party organization. A separate program will train several Cambodian NGOs, civic activists, and student leaders on how to become more effective advocates for constitutional democratic political processes in Cambodia.

Khmer Students Association (KSA)

\$18,000

To support KSA's student-led activities and provide a wide range of student services. KSA will publish and distribute 1,000 copies of its monthly newsletter, and continue to host its monthly public affairs lecture series, which serves as a forum for young people to participate in question-and-answer sessions with prominent citizens and government officials.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$21,642

To support the organizational development of three civic groups whose election-monitoring efforts helped expose flaws during parliamentary polls in 1998. Before the local elections, scheduled in 2000, NDI will assist the civic groups to advocate citizen input into the creation of new laws on local elections and local administrative structures.

China

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$202,399

To support the work of the Hong Kong-based *China Labour Bulletin* to investigate and document labor conditions and worker activism in China. The program also includes support for labor and human rights education efforts to inform workers about their rights under national and local laws.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$170,997

To provide support to the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions to improve its membership outreach and coalition-building activities. ACILS will also support the research and documentation activities of a labor rights NGO concentrating on conditions in southern China.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$84,700

To encourage public participation in the economic reform process. CIPE will support a program to conduct research, organize conferences, and publish articles on policy reform issues.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$76,727

To enable the Unirule Institute of Economics to organize biweekly symposia that bring together private entrepreneurs, academics, government officials, and journalists to discuss China's transition to a market economy. Symposium papers will be distributed to a wide audience throughout China.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,130

To enable the National Economic Reform Institute - China Reform Foundation to conduct the first systematic study of economic freedom within China. Results will be published in Chinese and English, and a workshop will be held to promote understanding of the concept of economic freedom in China.

Center for Modern China (CMC)
\$55,000

To print 3,000 copies each of *Modern China Studies*, CMC's quarterly Chinese-language journal. The Princeton-based publication features research findings and policy analyses about democratization in contemporary China; it is distributed to libraries, research centers, and individual subscribers in China and abroad.

China Strategic Institute (CSI)
\$10,000

To assess the current state of grassroots elections in China and the prospects for expanding direct, competitive balloting to township and county levels.

Democratic China Magazine
\$75,000

To publish a Chinese-language monthly Internet magazine on politics, society, and culture to provide a forum for discussion of the prospects for democracy and pluralism in China.

Foundation for China in the 21st Century
\$100,000

To increase understanding of democratization, constitutionalism, federal-

ism, and related issues among policy-making and intellectual communities in China. The program includes publications on comparative democratization issues and grassroots elections in China, a new program to lay the foundation for inter-ethnic communication through a series of retreats, and humanitarian and programmatic support for Chinese human rights and democracy activists.

Human Rights in China, Inc. (HRIC)
\$200,000

To continue HRIC's extensive support for the human rights movement inside China, its credible reporting of breaking news, and its international advocacy program. HRIC educates ordinary Chinese people about human rights principles, helps those who have been persecuted and imprisoned in China for the non-violent exercise of their rights, and monitors China's overall human rights situation.

International Republican Institute
\$489,716

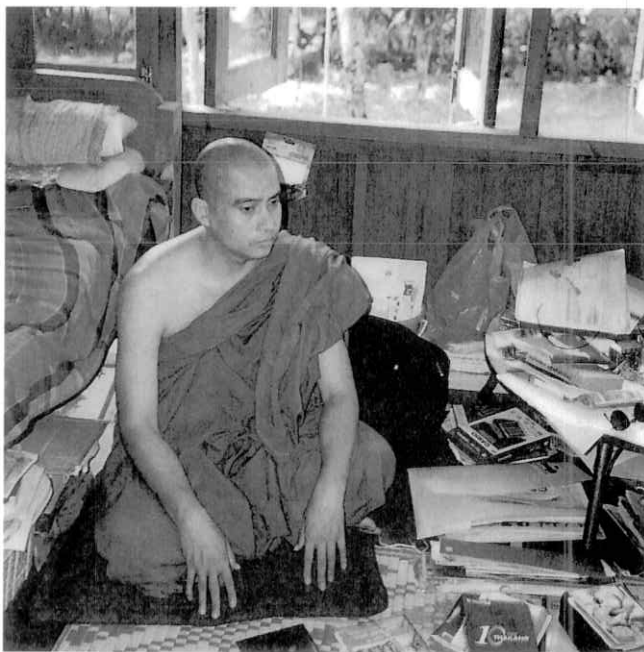
To support further progress and consolidation of electoral reform at the village level, and to conduct programs on legislative reform at the national and provincial levels.

Laogai Research Foundation
\$85,000

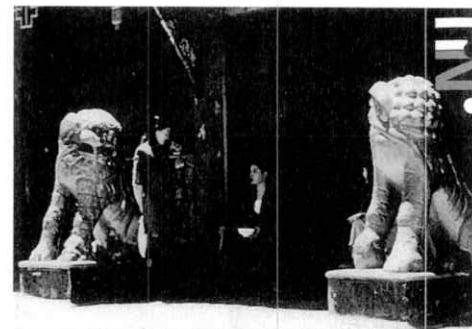
To conduct a research and publications program on the laogai, China's prison camp system, investigate and expose other human rights violations in China, and support a three-day conference in September 1999, "Voices from the Laogai," featuring testimonies from dozens of former laogai prisoners.

Press Freedom Guardian
\$48,000

To continue production of the *Press Freedom Guardian*, a Chinese-language, bimonthly newspaper that covers democratic ideas, human rights cases, the treatment of political prisoners, and political and social developments in China that relate to the country's prospects for democratization.



The All Burma Young Monks' Union distributes human rights and democracy information, collects information about conditions in Burma, and educates monks and Buddhist lay people on human rights and democracy.



Social Evils

Prostitution and Pornography in Lhasa

TIN Briefing Paper

西藏、達賴喇嘛
1999

Briefing papers produced by the Tibet Information Network (TIN), a NED grantee, address issues of interest to Tibetans. TIN provides comprehensive, accurate information about political, social, and economic developments in Tibet.

China (Hong Kong)

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor
\$48,000

To campaign for improvements in legal and institutional human rights safeguards in Hong Kong. The Monitor will continue its program of human rights reporting, case work, campaigning, and public education, and will also participate in the U.N. human rights fora.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$67,164

To support democracy activists as they define their role in the new political system in Hong Kong that limits opportunities for public input into the policy-making process. The program will offer consultations to political parties competing for seats on directly elected local governments, and conduct a training program on grassroots organizing and volunteer recruitment.

China (Tibet)

Tibet Information Network
\$20,000

To provide comprehensive, accurate information about political, social, and economic developments in Tibet to Tibetan audiences, the international community, human rights groups, and the media.

Tibet Times Newspaper
\$20,000

To provide in-depth coverage of news about Tibet, the exiled Tibetan community, and Chinese and international affairs through a Tibetan-language newspaper published three times a month in Dharamsala, India.

Tibet Multimedia Center
\$30,000

To support a four-part program of democratic civic education and information dissemination that addresses the struggle for human rights and democracy in Tibet. Based in Dharamsala, India, the Center produces print, audio, and video materials for distribution to Tibetans in India, Nepal, and Tibet.

Variety of actors, programs supports change in Indonesia



Supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri are pictured in Jakarta before the June 1999 presidential elections in Indonesia.

1998, then an NDI representative in Indonesia. That in-country presence was both crucial and beneficial when Soeharto stepped down in 1998, allowing NDI and others to respond quickly and effectively to the sudden opening of political space.

NDI had worked with the Indonesia-based Independent Election Monitoring Committee (Komite Independen Pemantau Pemilu/KIPP) since 1996 to promote honest and meaningful elections in Indonesia and to encourage citizen participation in the political process. While the effort was experimental and small in scale, KIPP was able to conduct a credible, independent assessment of the May 1997 parliamentary elections despite obstruction, harassment, and intimidation by government authorities.

Programs implemented by CIPE, ACILS, and IRI were also aimed at strengthening Indonesia's civil society. CIPE programs included seminars explaining how business associations in a democratic society can promote a genuinely free market through active participation in the country's public policy process. ACILS provided legal and humanitarian assistance to dissidents and labor groups, and IRI conducted, among other activities, early consultations with NGO and government officials on the country's draft election law.

NED has also supported a number of discretionary grantees in Indonesia over the years. For example, in the early 1990s the Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy, a Jakarta-based institution dedicated to fostering democracy, human rights, and public participation, used NED support to conduct seminars and publish a book intended to stimulate debate and critical analysis of the existing Indonesian electoral system.

In Indonesia, as in many other countries, NED makes the most of the support that it provides by adhering to its multisectoral approach. Providing expertise in many areas and supporting an array of different types of programs, instead of trying to pick winners and losers, increases the odds for success by helping to build a broad civil society that is ready to respond to democratic openings, wherever they may occur.

A variety of programs and grantees supported by NED and its four core institutes were part of the growing civil society that stepped forward throughout the 1990s to demand reforms in Indonesia. The public outcry that poured forth in the wake of the 1997 Asian economic crisis eventually brought to an end the country's 32-year-old autocracy. Only a year after the resignation of Soeharto, the country's longtime dictator, Indonesia held its first truly democratic elections since 1955. Abdurrahman Wahid became the country's first democratically elected president on June 7, 1999, making way for a new era in Indonesian history.

Despite the challenges of working in such closed places, since 1991 Indonesia has been an example of NED's multisectoral approach to promoting democracy. All four NED institutes and a number of discretionary grantees were part of the Endowment's long-term commitment to supporting civil society in Indonesia. NED's unique structure, which includes two party institutes (IRI and NDI), a business institute (CIPE), and a labor institute (ACILS), allows it to offer expertise in each of these areas. NED-supported programs in Indonesia over the past eight years have ranged from human rights advocacy to workshops on transparency in economic decision-making to the growth and development of think tanks to election monitoring.

"NED funding was absolutely critical, enabling us to have an in-country presence in Indonesia," said David Timberman in October



Relative Freedom?
Tibetan Buddhism and Religious Policy
Kandze, Sichuan, 1987-1999

Tibet Information Network

Tibet Times Newspaper

Tibet Multimedia Center

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Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy
\$15,000

To translate into Tibetan, publish, and distribute 10,000 copies each of the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* and the *International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights*. The program is based in Dharamsala, India.

Tibetan Review
\$25,000

To continue publishing *Tibetan Review*, an English-language monthly news and opinion journal based in New Delhi, India. The *Review*, known for its editorial independence and its commitment to promoting democratic pluralism in Tibetan society, provides a unique forum for the free and robust exchange of views.

Indonesia

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$73,120

To enable the Manila-based Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility to organize consultations and a workshop that will initiate a discussion among Indonesian media, business, and government executives on how to provide for the free flow of economic information to the public and among private-sector and governmental institutions.

Suara Timor Timur (Voice of East Timor)
\$60,000

To support East Timor's only locally based newspaper by providing funds to replace equipment that was destroyed when its office was ransacked in April 1999, and to provide an emergency supply of newsprint.

Malaysia

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$143,388

To assist a civic group with monitoring November 1999 parliamentary elections in Malaysia, where flawed electoral laws and procedures have prevented genuine, competitive polls. NDI will help the civic group mount a neutral observation effort to monitor the election and pre-election environment and report objectively on the election process.

Southeast Asian Press Alliance
\$60,000

To foster the emergence of independent media and promote press freedom in Malaysia. The grant also provides support for online media.

Mongolia

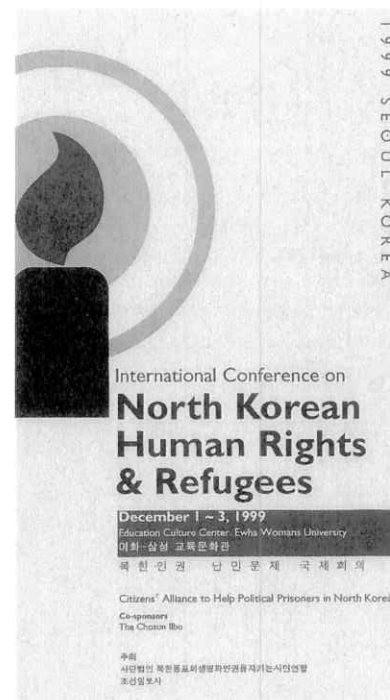
LEOS
\$48,545

To continue support for the programs of Mongolia's largest pro-democracy women's organization. LEOS will provide skills training workshops for members of urban and rural branches; organize a nonpartisan program that encourages women to participate in the 2000 parliamentary elections; and expand a program that helps women launch new businesses.

Nepal

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$100,000

To strengthen government oversight and accountability in a country where corruption at all levels of government hinders the development of democratic practices and the public's faith in democracy. The program will assist civic groups with strengthening the legislature's oversight of Nepal's seven independent constitutional bodies and developing a more transparent process of appointing members to those bodies, which are currently appointed in secret.



The Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea used NED support to organize the first international conference on human rights abuses in North Korea.

North Korea

Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea
\$62,000

To investigate and report on human rights abuses and prison camp operations in North Korea. The Seoul-based group will produce English-language materials for international dissemination and publish Korean, Japanese, and English-language editions of its bimonthly journal, *Life and Human Rights*. The Alliance will also convene the first international conference on human rights abuses in North Korea to assess the current state of knowledge and exchange of information on North Korea's human rights situation, and explore strategies to improve the human rights situation there.

Pakistan

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$137,615

To support a counseling center run by Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid that addresses the sexual harassment of women workers and promotes coalition-building between unions and NGOs that focus on women workers' rights. ACILS will also continue to support the legal work of the Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child, the All Pakistan Federation of Labor effort to enhance membership recruitment, workshops on child labor conducted by the Pakistan National Textile, Leather, and Garment Workers Federation, and an organizing workshop conducted by the All Pakistan Federation of Free Trade Unions.

Sri Lanka

People's Action for Free and Fair Elections

\$15,000

To continue a grassroots civic education and participation project to foster a peaceful and responsive civil society.

Thailand

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

To continue working with the Thai Women in Politics Institute (WIP) to provide women with the skills necessary to participate fully in Thailand's political arena. Activities include campaign training for provincial and municipal candidates and a women and government training conference.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$122,749

To strengthen local efforts to combat corruption in Thailand's political system. Work with civic groups in four provinces will use village forums and educational presentations to help citizens develop solutions to local problems of corruption, advocate change to their elected officials, and build public pressure for reform.

Vietnam

Boat People S.O.S. (BPSOS)

\$10,000

To encourage greater transparency and accountability in Vietnam. BPSOS will organize a session during an international conference, "Building a Democratic Framework for Development in Southeast Asia," that will provide a forum for Vietnamese citizens to become informed about and advocate for the principles of transparency in government.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$60,703

To enable the Georgetown University Center for Intercultural Education and Development to work with the Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City to conduct a program of weekly radio and television broadcasts that promote public discussion of economic reform and Vietnam's transition to a market economy.

Association for Vietnamese Overseas: Culture & Liaison

\$70,000

To continue distributing the bimonthly magazine, *Que Me (Homeland)*, which brings uncensored news and a discussion of democratic ideas into Vietnam. The Association also will distribute in Vietnam 50,000 copies of its monthly mini-bulletins on human and workers' rights in Vietnam, and a variety of thematic reports in English, French, and Vietnamese.

South Asia Regional

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$52,635

To work with the Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs to bring together business leaders and successful women entrepreneurs from throughout the South Asian region to share their ideas and expertise on policy advocacy and economic development.

Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$551,232

To support the protection of workers' rights and the institutional development of trade unions in Thailand and Malaysia. ACILS programs will broaden workers' civic awareness and help train workers and unions to undertake effective research, analysis, and advocacy on economic policy issues in the wake of the financial crisis. A regional program will promote transparency in international financial institutions.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$289,756

To strengthen the rule of law in Southeast Asia in the area of workers' rights. The Bangkok-based program will provide technical support to legal aid societies, legal activists, scholars, unions, community groups, NGOs, and other appropriate partners. ACILS will help local organizations explore the use of local administrative and constitutional law to enforce standards and support technical and professional exchanges.

Asian Cultural Forum on Development (ACFOD)

\$20,000

To enable ACFOD to serve as the secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Human Rights NGO Network. ACFOD will publish a bimonthly newsletter for the NGO Network, maintain a database of Asia-related human rights materials, and use new information technology to encourage communication and coordination among members.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$73,636

To cosponsor with the Institute of Management Education for Thailand Foundation a two-day regional workshop that will identify best practices in corporate governance and recommendations for reform, and promote a more transparent relationship between the public and private sectors.

Central and Eastern Europe

The tenth anniversary celebrations commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall reminded citizens of Central and Eastern Europe in 1999 how much progress some of the countries of this region have made, but also served to underscore the obstacles and challenges faced by others. While the admittance of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic to NATO this year indicated progress in the region, Serbia's repression of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority in Yugoslavia and the subsequent 11-week NATO bombing campaign demonstrated the degeneration of the democratic process in other countries. NED's 1999 programs in Eastern and Central Europe faced the challenge of overcoming the increasing division between the more and less advanced countries by supporting cross-border programs and directing more resources towards the countries of Southeastern Europe.

SERBIA

The Endowment has supported an increasing number of programs in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (as presently configured, Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo) both prior to, and in the aftermath of the NATO bombing campaign. Starting in August 1999, NED provided crucial emergency support through the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) to the democratic opposition in Serbia. NED support aided the beleaguered independent media sector in Serbia, including an important daily newspaper and independent news services, to enable them to continue to disseminate vital information despite the Milosevic regime's tight control over the media. The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) continued to

support the pro-democratic trade union movement which is countering the Milosevic regime's attempts to quash the development of democracy in Serbia. Endowment funding provided through the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) is helping in the formation of business coalitions that can promote the interests of small and medium-size enterprises and promote economic and democratic change in Serbia.

MONTENEGRO

The victory of anti-Milosevic forces in Montenegro in 1997-98 created an unprecedented opportunity for democracy-building activities in the tiny, but strategically important, republic. During the NATO-Serbia conflict in March-June 1999, Montenegro distanced itself from the policies of the regime in Belgrade. NED pro-

vided assistance to Montenegro's only independent daily newspaper and weekly magazine and to the only independent think tank in the country, the Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM), which is developing practical policy advice for the reformist government and other pro-democratic forces in Montenegro. In neighboring Kosovo, after the huge dislocation of the population and aftereffects of ethnic cleansing and attacks against all independent institutions, NED support promoted respect for human rights and the free flow of news and information, and through CIPE, supported the Kosovar Albanian think tank Rinvest which promotes economic reform in the province.

MACEDONIA, BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Despite the instability wrought by the Serb-Albanian conflict in the region, NED support continued to assist pro-democracy efforts in Macedonia, where thousands of refugees flooded into the country. IRI conducted a four-month Crisis Management and Political Communications program which provided crucial assistance to Macedonia's multi-ethnic coalition government, and the Endowment supported the struggling independent print and electronic media that continued to report objectively on inter-ethnic issues. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, where democratic progress was thwarted in 1999 by the continuing dominance of ultra-nationalist politicians who sought to control all sources of information, the Endowment supported the independent media in all areas of the country.

CROATIA

In contrast to much of the rest of the region, there were positive developments in Croatia at the end of the year in preparation for the

parliamentary elections held in January 2000. NED provided crucial assistance to Glas '99, a coalition of more than 100 NGOs, to promote a free and fair electoral process and increase voter participation. ACILS assisted a nonpartisan program supporting union efforts to increase worker participation in elections in Croatia. NED continued to support the democratic transition in Romania, helping emerging civic groups develop their leadership and organizational skills. Bulgaria, with its stable democratic government, modestly growing economy, good relations with its neighbors, and domestic inter-ethnic peace, was a positive contrast to its Balkan neighbors. The Balkan Forum Civil Association, based in the multi-ethnic city of Kurdzhali, used NED support to strengthen the capacity of citizens to participate in public affairs and effect changes at the local level.

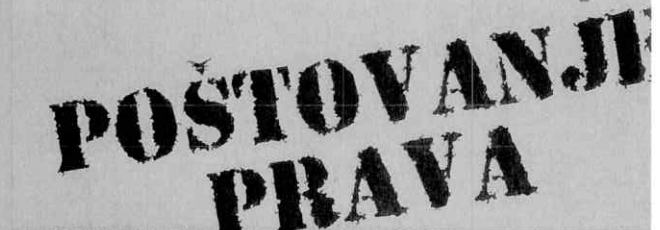
SLOVAKIA

In 1999, Slovakia moved closer to rejoining Central Europe and the West. NED supported 15 post-election transition programs. Several NED grants extended the ground-breaking work of the OK '98 voter education and mobilization campaign for the 1999 presidential elections. Candidate fora, get-out-the-vote activities, and media monitoring programs were supported. NED assistance promoted new reform initiatives through information, education, and training projects that targeted important segments of the population such as youth, rural activists, minorities, and Slovak-Americans. ACILS funded a discussion series designed to increase worker input in and support for the new government's reforms.

THE BALTIC STATES

Among the Baltic States, the Endowment concentrated most of its resources on Lithuania, which has emerged both as a Baltic leader and important strategic partner for Central Europe. ACILS continued to assist the country's independent trade union movement. NDI and the U.S.-Baltic Foundation Lithuania trained local activists and officials to strengthen local government in 10 small cities and towns throughout the country. In a unique cross-border program, the Kaunas Municipal Training Center carried out a training program for 50 NGO and local government leaders from Russia's Kaliningrad Region, with an emphasis on education programs for the region's Russian-speaking population. In Estonia, NED helped to train Russian-speaking journalists and school teachers, and a series of civic education materials for every Russian-language school in the country was produced. In Latvia, Russian-speaking student government leaders and teachers took part in a student government training program.

The Endowment increased its support for innovative cross-border and regional programs. More than a dozen of these cost-effective initiatives are utilizing a decade's worth of skills, experience, and materials developed by NED's Central European grantees to assist democrats farther east and south. For example, a NED grantee in the Czech Republic organized internships for Belarusian independent journalists and a grantee in Hungary trained Croatian, Romanian, and Bulgarian conflict resolution specialists.



1999 GRANTS: CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Albania

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$47,795

To work with the Albanian Center for Economic Research to conduct a research and advocacy program that will measure the extent of cross-border trade (both illegal and legal) and its impact on Albania's economic and democratic development.

Balkan Regional

Center for Liberal Strategies
\$50,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To establish the Balkan Policy Forum, the region's first network of policy research NGOs dedicated to developing practical recommendations for resolving the crisis in Kosovo and promoting democracy in the Balkan region.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Alternativna Televizija
\$35,300

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To allow a key independent television station in the Serb Republic to continue broadcasting unbiased news and information.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$49,120

To improve workers' understanding of the role of unions in a democratic society. ACILS will conduct four, two-day seminars that will develop cooperation and communication between the main trade unions in both entities of Bosnia.

Center of Civic Cooperation - Livno
\$23,400

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To continue promoting inter-ethnic reconciliation between Muslims and Croats at the grassroots level in

Bosnia. The Center will provide training to local citizens in the areas of conflict prevention and dispute mediation, responsible journalism, micro-enterprise development, and public administration.

Helsinki Citizens Assembly, Tuzla/Helsinki Citizens Assembly, Banja Luka
\$40,000

To continue promoting the development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening nascent youth organizations at the grassroots level. The program will focus on fostering cooperation and information exchange between these groups and developing their organizational skills. Activities include workshops, roundtables, publications, a national conference, and the development of a permanent association of youth organizations that will defend the interests of young people.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina
\$29,772

To monitor the human rights situation in the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, disseminate information on human rights abuses to local residents and the international community, and educate Bosnians about their basic human rights.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Republika Srpska
\$45,960

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 of the Serb Republic about their basic human rights. The Committee will continue to operate its legal aid office.

Independent Radio Studio "N"
\$25,908

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To enable the only independent radio station in the Croat-controlled "Herceg-Bosna" region of Bosnia to continue broadcasting unbiased news and information. Assistance will cover the station's staff salaries and basic operating costs for one year.

Media Plan
\$32,700

To raise the professional and managerial competence of independent news organizations and promote the development of a free and democratic media sector in the Serb Republic. Activities include seminars on the principles of professional journalism and media management for young journalists working in the electronic and print media

Tuzla Citizens Forum
\$40,000

To continue promoting the development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening nascent NGOs at the grassroots level. Activities will include workshops, roundtables, publications, a national conference, and assistance for the Citizens Alternative Parliament, Bosnia's only nationwide NGO coalition that defends the interests of the independent sector in both entities of Bosnia.

Tuzla Human Rights Office
\$40,600

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To support the operations of its branch office in Bijeljina which will continue to provide the citizens of the Serb Republic with information on international standards of human rights, reports on human rights abuses, and assistance in countering human rights violations.

Bulgaria

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$101,903

To support the Civic Action Network (CAN), an NGO with close ties to democratic trade unions in Bulgaria, in its efforts to expand its role in fostering trade union participation in the country's democratic and economic reform process. CAN and ACILS will organize a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and publish educational materials on democracy and governance issues.

Balkan Forum Civil Association

\$36,550

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To strengthen the capacity of citizens to participate in public affairs and effect changes at the local level in Bulgaria through town meetings, educational seminars, workshops, roundtables, and publications.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$60,500

To enable the Corporate Governance Initiative, overseen by the Center for the Study of Democracy, to develop an advocacy program that promotes both policy recommendations and higher standards of corporate governance through public meetings, working groups, publications, direct advocacy, and a media campaign.

Croatia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$89,427

To support union efforts to increase participation in the election process. ACILS will help unions communicate specific workplace issues to political parties and the public.

Croatia Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (CHC)

\$52,450

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To support *Glas '99*, a coalition of more than 100 NGOs, to ensure that the January 3, 2000 parliamentary elections are as free and fair as possible. CHC will promote greater voter participation and will encourage balanced media coverage of political parties and the electoral process through a media monitoring campaign and television advertisements.

The Croatian Law Center

\$50,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To conduct a two-part program: the first part will consist of a series of 10 workshops for election monitors, journalists, and local NGOs to increase

their knowledge of the electoral process and the election law; the second part will consist of a series of public fora at Croatia's major universities which will encourage young people to vote in the January 3, 2000 parliamentary elections.

Transition to Democracy Institute (ToD)

\$50,450

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To encourage increased voter participation among young people through a get-out-the-vote campaign conducted by a coalition of 80 youth groups. ToD will conduct public roundtables for young people, publish educational materials for young voters, and produce "get out the vote" television advertisements aimed at increasing youth participation in Croatia's January 3, 2000 parliamentary elections.

Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina

STINA News Agency

\$30,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To improve STINA's information gathering capacity in the Croat-controlled region of Bosnia known as "Herzeg-Bosna" by expanding the new



A poster produced by NED grantee Civic Initiatives (Serbia) reads "Nis is Ours." Nis is the largest city in southern Serbia.

agency's strong network of correspondents in the statelet, thus breaking the information monopoly of the ruling Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) and ensuring the free flow of independent news and opinion in the region.



Citizens Organized to Monitor Elections (GONG) organized get-out-the-vote programs for the 2000 Croatian elections, which received a 78 percent turnout.

Estonia

Estonia Media College Foundation

\$11,000

To help cover the operating costs of the college, allowing it to continue its innovative training seminars, conference programs, and advocacy work that provide professional training to Estonia's Russian-speaking journalists.

Jaan Tonisson Institute (JTI)

\$20,000

To continue JTI's civic education program for Estonia's Russian-speaking minority. JTI will conduct eight teacher training workshops and produce a new collection of audiovisual civic education materials for every Russian-language school in Estonia.

Latvia

Democracy Advancement Center (DAC)

\$20,000

To continue DAC's civic education work in Latvia. The program will train 480 Latvian and Russian student activists and teacher counselors, and develop civic education training materials.

Lithuania

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$177,030

To continue to work with the Lithuania Workers Union (LDS) to empower Lithuanian trade unions to take an active role in strengthening ongoing democratic processes in Lithuania. The LDS will continue to implement its educational program on economic restructuring, union restructuring, collective bargaining, and rule of law issues.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$71,212

To teach newly elected local government officials in Lithuania how to strengthen their relations with constituents and get involved in municipal decision making. NDI will work with the Municipal Training Center of

Kaunas Technological University to help six cities establish citizen advisory committees to promote public participation and make it a routine feature of local government.

U.S.-Baltic Foundation Lithuania

\$21,725

To promote civic activism in five small towns in Lithuania for about 250 local leaders. The program will include town meetings, training seminars, and roundtable meetings for local NGOs and government officials.

Macedonia

International Republican Institute

\$122,657

1994 REPROGRAMMING

To help members of the new, multi-ethnic government maintain politically constructive relationships, influence public opinion through effective communications, and maintain cooperative and constructive relationships with key Western security and economic partners.

Fakti

\$50,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To enable Macedonia's only independent Albanian-language newspaper to continue publishing on a regular basis and increase its circulation from 30,000 copies daily to 40,000.

Macedonian Press Center

\$35,868

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To foster independent journalism in Macedonia. The Center will produce materials that will promote an understanding among journalists of their legal rights and responsibilities; conduct seminars, training workshops, and meetings to strengthen independent journalism; and create an Association of Journalists to defend the rights of journalists.

TV-ART

\$50,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To allow TV-ART, an Albanian-language television station in Macedonia, to open a news bureau in the Kosovar capital of Prishtina in order to gather up-to-date information on developments in Kosovo. NED funding will cover rent and equipment for the new office as well as correspondents' salaries.

TV-BTR

\$45,850

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To provide objective coverage of Macedonia's 1999 presidential elections and produce a documentary on the plight of the Roma in Kosovo and Romani refugees in Macedonia.

Poland

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$76,368

To work with the Institute for Private Enterprise and Democracy (IPED) to examine business association development in Poland and to extend the lessons learned in Poland beyond that country's borders. CIPE and IPED will survey the Polish business and chamber communities, conduct a regional conference, and coordinate follow-up training and advocacy programs to improve their operating environment.

Romania

Assistance Center for Nonprofit Organizations (CENTRAS)

\$50,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To continue conducting a multi-faceted technical assistance program that will ensure the long-term survival of the NGO sector in Romania. CENTRAS will also facilitate cooperation and information exchange among civic groups in Romania by developing a strong network of NGOs throughout the country.

Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Romania-The Helsinki Committee

\$46,800

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To monitor and document human rights violations, provide legal advice to victims of human rights abuses, educate citizens on their legal rights in relation to human rights, and encourage Romania's leaders to support a legal framework which protects civil liberties.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$66,550

To enable the ECO-Club/Project Syndicate, an international alliance of newspapers, to develop an economic club for journalists in Romania that will host monthly meetings with policy-makers and international specialists. The meetings will promote a better understanding of economic issues among professional business journalists and provide them with an opportunity to network and share experiences.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,130

To enable the International Center for Entrepreneurial Studies to begin a research and advocacy program that will examine global models of corporate governance and work to develop a Romanian business-community voluntary code of corporate governance.

Ecological Youth of Romania

\$40,700

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To increase citizens' participation in the local political process. Activities will include a workshop for local civic activists and NGOs and a series of case studies in five provincial cities in Romania aimed at teaching citizens how to solve their own problems without the involvement of the central government and how to participate in the decision-making process at the local level.

International cooperation focuses on democracy promotion in Serbia

Almost a year after Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic began clamping down on independent media in Serbia in October 1998, NED and representatives from other democracy foundations and governments from around the world came together to discuss and coordinate their work to promote democracy in Serbia. On October 5, 1999, the Endowment organized and hosted the first meeting of the Serbian Democracy Coordinating Group, a forum that brought together 20 NGOs and eight governments to discuss democracy assistance in Serbia. The sharing of information among participants allowed each to see its work in a broader context. Learning what others are working on gives each funder an opportunity to make its programs more relevant and effective.

Despite the broad array of participating organizations and governments, and many approaches to aiding the Serbian opposition, a sense of common purpose and a readiness to work together emerged from the five-hour discussion.

While NED has been supporting independent media and other programs in Serbia, this international cooperation and deliberation helped all democracy foundations and donors involved in Serbia to strategize how their support could best be provided, within a broader continuum, to this stricken area.

NED also took the lead in organizing the Burma Donors Forum, another group of NGOs and representatives of various countries who meet periodically to compare and discuss their support to Burma's pro-democracy groups. A similar meeting on Belarus was held in December 1999.

This type of international cooperation is not new for NED. For most of the past decade, NED has worked to increase international cooperation among existing democracy foundations and to encourage all established democracies to create similar institutions. In 1993, at the recommendation of the U.S. Congress, the NED convened a meeting of the foundations in the United States, Germany, Great Britain, and Canada. Subsequent information-sharing meetings have been hosted by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (Germany), the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (Great Britain), and the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development

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A poster created by NED grantee Civic Initiatives tells Serbs "It's Time for a Clean Sweep of Serbia for Europe."

(Canada), and have been attended by representatives of new foundations in France, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Austria. New foundations have recently been created in Australia and Spain; and Ireland and Taiwan may soon follow suit. Other countries where this initiative is being considered include Portugal, Italy, and Japan.

This effort to expand the network of democracy foundations is based on the belief that the promotion of democracy is in the common interest of all democracies, and that the new conditions of globalization have made closer cooperation among them more possible and relevant than ever.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$320,212

To strengthen the capacity of political party coalitions to act decisively on important legislation in parliament where infighting within coalitions has stalled progress on key reform issues and eroded public confidence in elected representatives. Another program will expose Romanian women to the techniques and practices needed to get elected to office in a country with few female parliamentarians or local government officials.

Slovakia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$49,120

To continue helping Slovak unions to legitimize their role in consolidating support for democracy on a regional and local level during the 1998 post-election period. ACILS will sponsor a discussion series to build support for a new democratic civil society and will develop and distribute publications on the role of unions in civil society.

Association Obcianske Oko (Civic Eye)

\$30,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To monitor, analyze, advocate for, and disseminate information on legislative issues that are important to Slovakia's young people. Civic Eye will conduct public opinion polls on youth issues, produce information newsletters on legislation, and organize roundtables, media campaigns, and advocacy campaigns.

Association of Regional Press Publishers

\$30,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To produce and distribute "Obcianske listy," a civic education supplement on the country's democratic transition. Twelve issues of the supplement will be distributed as an insert in 15 regional independent newspapers throughout the country.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$27,407

To enable MESA 10 and its Slovak Economic Forum to continue promoting reform and serving as a public watchdog to ensure the adoption of sound economic policy.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$60,500

To enable the Center for Economic Development to set up a research, education, and advocacy program. The program will promote broader dialogue on economic reform issues and encourage public dialogue on identifying and developing a Slovak approach to corporate governance.

Foundation for a Civil Society

\$40,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To establish and oversee an informal group of representatives of Western NGOs, donors, emigre organizations, foundations, and government agencies that will assist Slovakia's democratic and free-market transition. The group will assess Slovakia's needs, gather information on available aid programs, and serve as a forum for leaders from Slovakia's government and third sector to present initiatives and solicit assistance.

Jan Hus Educational Foundation

\$38,375

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To continue a small grants program that supports the grassroots initiatives of rural NGOs in Slovakia. Funding will also support a series of training and networking seminars for nascent, rural NGOs.

Ludia a voda

\$25,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To conduct a program of discussion fora for local and regional politicians and citizens in eastern Slovakia. Twelve one-day meetings, including a four-hour workshop, a press conference, and a public discussion on building democracy in rural areas, will be held.

MEMO '98

\$40,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To promote reform in Slovakia's state media. MEMO '98 will monitor and report on news coverage in the campaign preceding Slovakia's 1999 presidential elections; work with international and Slovak experts to draft a model for a new public media law; and hold press conferences and roundtables on the new law.

Milan Simecka Foundation

\$39,400

To conduct a multifaceted civic education program based on an examination and celebration of the democratic aspects of the 1989 Velvet Revolution. The program includes assembling a public archive of Revolution materials and an oral history, as well as organizing an international conference, workshops, exhibits, and publications on the events of 1989.

Nadacia pre Obciansku Spolocnost

\$40,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To conduct a civic education program for Slovakia's youth. The program, to be based on a unique booklet entitled *Young Citizen's Passport*, will compile and distribute basic information on democracy, human rights, and Slovakia's constitution and laws.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$219,893

To increase the capacity of, and the public's confidence in, the newly elected Slovak parliament. NDI will help the parliament to draft and pass key reform legislation, and to create effective mechanisms for public input into the legislative process.

Permanent Conference of the Civic Institute (SKOI)

\$48,720

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To expand SKOI's network of grassroots civic clubs. SKOI will establish clubs in 10 additional district towns, and organize more than 200 local meetings, workshops, and radio inter-

views and discussions on issues related to the country's democratic transition.

Presov Civic Forum (PCF)

\$17,664

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To continue promoting local NGO and citizen activism. The PCF will organize a voter education get-out-the-vote campaign in eastern Slovakia for the 1999 presidential election and organize a series of candidate fora and public discussions on Slovakia's democratic transition.

Slovak Academic Information Center - Service Center for the Third Sector

\$17,476

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To develop and implement an independent civic monitoring program of the government's spending for Slovakia's third sector. The program, to be designed for use in other countries, will propose new models of funding mechanisms and practices that will strengthen Slovakia's third sector.

Yugoslavia (Serbia)

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$298,500

To provide material support and technical assistance to the democratic trade union movement in Serbia which will help develop union organizations at the local and regional level and increase union membership.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$150,000

To mobilize workers to support political and economic change by assisting the activities of the democratic trade union movement. Program activities include training Serbian trade union leaders at all levels on the techniques of democratic civic and political action, and supporting a nationwide public information campaign in Serbia.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$20,434

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To assist in the formation of business coalitions that can promote the interests of small and medium-size enterprises and promote economic and democratic change in Serbia.

Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe

\$68,475

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To work with the independent student movement to encourage greater student involvement in the nationwide movement for political reform in Serbia.

International Republican Institute

\$74,735

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To enable the student movement to continue organizing public events around the country by providing material and organizational support.

International Republican Institute

\$74,276

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To provide emergency assistance to the political opposition to support their organization building and political communication efforts.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$40,020

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To provide urgent assistance to the political opposition which will encourage media coverage of opposition events around Serbia.

Both before and after the NATO campaign against Serbia, NED provided direct assistance to organizations in the country that work in the following areas:

A) INDEPENDENT MEDIA

\$48,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To strengthen influential sources of objective information that are

attempting to break the stranglehold of government-dominated media in Serbia.

B) CIVIC CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL CHANGE

\$83,710

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To support and coordinate the protest campaign of the civic parliament movements which sprang up around the country in the summer of 1999.

C) INCREASING CIVIC PARTICIPATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

\$111,600

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To strengthen the capacity of citizens to effect changes at the local level in Serbia by encouraging them to participate in the local decision-making process and by strengthening nascent NGOs at the grassroots level.

Yugoslavia (Montenegro)

Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)

\$32,580

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To encourage Montenegrin academics, journalists, and civic activists to participate directly in the formation of reform policy in Montenegro. CEDEM will conduct a series of seminars, working groups and roundtables which will result in the development of practical policy advice for the reformist government and other pro-democratic forces. CEDEM also will produce policy papers on critical reform issues, such as establishing legal mechanisms for combating corruption and ensuring an open and fair privatization process.

Freedom House

\$120,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To organize professional internships in the United States for 10 independent journalists, NGO activists, and government officials from Montenegro.

Monitor**\$40,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To enable Montenegro's only independent weekly newspaper to continue providing timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments in the republic and throughout the former Yugoslavia.

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

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To establish a legal aid office in Podgorica that will provide a place where individuals can report abuses and seek legal assistance in countering human rights violations.

Vijesti (Daily News)**\$100,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To allow Montenegro's only independent daily newspaper to continue providing timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments in the republic and throughout the former-Yugoslavia by allowing the paper to purchase desperately-needed newsprint.

Yugoslavia (Kosovo)**American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$153,500**

1996 REPROGRAMMING

To help Albanian, Macedonian, and Kosovar unions address the refugee crisis as they prepare for future reconstruction through the establishment of two pilot union service networks of regional and local medical workers and teachers in Albania and Macedonia. These four networks (two in Albania and two in Macedonia), in coordination with international relief organizations, will help provide medical services and set up provisional schools in the refugee communities.

Center for International Private Enterprise**\$60,500**

To undertake a two phase program to develop a regional capacity for business education in Kosovo. Working in coordination with the Riinvest Institute for Research Development, CIPE will foster the development of better materials and curricula for use by educational institutions and the creation of a regional network of business training centers in cooperation with the Association of Kosovo Businessmen.

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

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To monitor the human rights situation in Kosovo and disseminate information on human rights abuses to the international community. The Council will strengthen its network of 29 branch offices, publish weekly and monthly information bulletins, and organize lectures and workshops on human rights for local activists.

Koha Ditore (Daily Time)**\$72,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To continue providing timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments to its readers by paying its journalists' salaries.

People in Need Foundation**\$21,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To work with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to organize a one-month training program in Prague for 15 young Kosovar journalists. The program will include seminars and lectures on the fundamental principles of journalism and hands-on training on state-of-the-art radio broadcasting equipment and the Internet.

Radio-TV 21**\$57,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To help this independent radio station, which was expelled from Kosovo in March 1999, to restart operations

temporarily in Macedonia. This will help meet the need for unbiased news and information in refugee communities throughout the region and provide a forum where refugees can air their views.

Zeri (The Voice)**\$50,000**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS AND SLOVAKIA

To enable this prominent independent weekly newspaper, which was expelled from Kosovo in April 1999, to begin publishing again.

Regional**Association of Municipalities of Southeastern Poland****\$24,900**

To train 60 local government activists from Ukraine and Belarus on local governance, and on how to work with NGOs and the media. The Association will organize three working visits to Poland that will include training workshops in Krakow and internships in local communities in southern Poland.

Belarusian Students Association**\$16,090**

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To work through the Belarusian-Polish-Ukrainian Forum of Students to conduct a cross-border program aimed at strengthening Belarusian youth NGOs. Funding will also support five training seminars on democracy-building skills and an international conference on youth and democracy-related issues.

Center for Civic Education Poland-Belarus

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

\$29,160

To work with the Minsk-based Belarusian Perspectives Center to organize a series of public roundtable meetings that will bring together Belarusian and Polish representatives of political parties and NGOs. The roundtables on the Polish models of economic reform and democratic elections will help inform and educate the Belarusian activists, while building consensus and cooperation between opposition groups.

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

\$120,000

To continue the FED's regional civic education training program. The FED will develop training materials and conduct 20 workshops in Ukraine, the Baltic States, Central Asia, and Mongolia on civic education, leadership, NGO development, and train-the-trainer skills for more than 400 activists.

**Foundation for Education
for Democracy**

\$40,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To expand the FED's cross-border civic education program in Belarus. Program activities include training workshops for teachers and students, internships for Belarusian trainers in Poland, and a train-the-trainer workshop.

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

\$290,000

To continue funding IDEE's Centers for Pluralism (CfP) program. Funding will support seven recently-established centers in the NIS and former Yugoslavia, three issues of the CfP newsletter, a database and information clearinghouse for NGOs in Eastern Europe and the NIS, a NGO training internship program in Poland, two international CfP meetings, and the CfP's Network of Independent Journalists.

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

\$60,000

To continue promoting the development of civil society in the Crimean region of Ukraine. Activities include a series of internships, trainings, and consultative visits of Ukrainian and Polish NGO leaders to Crimea, and a small grants program for democracy-building NGOs in Crimea.

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

\$110,060

To strengthen the Belarusian third sector at the local level. In the first phase of the program, IDEE-Warsaw will award 40 to 60 small grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to provincial NGOs in Belarus for projects related to NGO development, independent publishing, human rights, women's programs, and cultural activities; the second phase will include a series of 12 training seminars on improving the skills of NGOs, promoting cooperation between provincial NGOs, creating a network of local and regional resource centers, and fostering contact between Minsk-based and local NGOs.

International Republican Institute

\$735,177

To establish a regional field office in Bratislava, Slovakia, from which IRI will organize and implement a variety of programs involving participants from one or more of 12 countries. Programs will promote the development of political party infrastructures, parliamentary institutions, coalition building, and post-election transition.

KARTA Center Foundation

\$80,000

To expand the Center's "Common Ground" civic education program, which brings together Russians, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Lithuanians, Romanians, Bulgarians, and Poles to review and reassess their common history in order to promote greater civic activism, tolerance, and understanding.

**Municipal Training Center of
Kaunas Technical University**

\$50,000

To expand its crossborder training program in Kaliningrad, Russia, which will provide training skills to NGO and local leaders. The Center will organize joint planning meetings, an NGO study visit, and cooperative roundtables.

**Nadacia pre Obciansku
Spolocnost (NOS)**

\$30,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR THE BALKANS
AND SLOVAKIA

To develop a series of training materials based on its successful *Rock Volieb* (Rock the Vote) program, which was crucial to Slovakia's successful 1998 elections. NOS will develop a brochure that highlights get-out-the-vote programs and strategies, produce a more comprehensive "How to Plan and Implement" manual based on the campaign, and conduct training workshops to pass on the skills, experiences, techniques, and materials from *Rock Volieb*.

**People in Need Foundation
(Prague)**

\$29,690

To continue supporting independent, pro-democracy groups in Belarus. Activities include professional training programs for Belarusian journalists and economists; study tours to the Czech Republic for university-level economic students, law students, and teachers; and the distribution of equipment and supplies for NGOs.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak
Solidarity Foundation**

\$75,000

To provide desktop publishing computer equipment and training to representatives of pro-democratic newspapers and NGOs in the new republics of the former Soviet Union, especially Belarus and Ukraine. The program will include working visits to some of Poland's former underground newspapers and publishing houses.

Radio Racja Ltd.

\$75,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To disseminate objective political, economic, and cultural information to the citizens of Belarus and eastern Poland via the creation and operation of this independent radio station.

New Independent States

Contrary to many predictions, the 1998 collapse of the ruble seems to have had few lingering effects on the Russian NGO sector, with only a few grantees reporting the permanent loss of funds to accounts frozen by collapsing banks. Throughout most of 1999, the Russian economy actually grew – only the second time since the collapse of the Soviet Union – creating an atmosphere of stability that had seemed unlikely at the beginning of the year. Thus, for NED grantees, 1999 was mostly a year of consolidating gains and strengthening activities in the areas of human rights, rule of law, civic education, and NGO development.

RUSSIA

The Endowment continues to devote a great deal of its resources for Russia to the development of human rights groups, both nationwide – such as the Moscow Helsinki Group – and in the provinces of the Russian Federation. In the past year, NED has supported human rights groups in Kazan, Perm, Nizhniï Tagil, and Ekaterinburg, and a variety of projects – such as legal aid clinics – whose goals are closely related to the further development of human rights in Russia. The Moscow-based Coordinating Center for Assistance to Refugees and Forced Migrants established four regional offices to monitor and assist Russian refugees and forced migrants, and the Saratov Legal Reform Project continued to offer legal aid on human rights and other issues to disadvantaged residents of the Saratov oblast.

An encouraging trend over the past year has been the publication by several grantees of practical guidebooks on various aspects of NGO work. The American Center for

International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) published the well-received *A Thousand and One Ways to Get Your Salary Paid* in response to the Russian wage arrears crisis; the Center for the Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast published *Certain Questions Relating to Villagers' Realization of Land and Related Rights*, which described strategies for helping farmers gain legal control over their land; and the Ryazan branch of the Memorial society published *A Road Guide to Human Rights on the Internet*, which provided advice to NGOs on how to use the Internet to defend human rights. These guidebooks reflect the increasing sophistication and professionalization of many Russian NGOs, a greater willingness on the part of government officials to work constructively with NGOs, and a slightly improved atmosphere of law and order in many areas of the Russian Federation. Such efforts extend the reach of NED-supported programs by offering many NGOs the benefit of experience acquired by their colleagues.

UKRAINE

The most important political event of 1999 in Ukraine was the November presidential election, which resulted in the re-election of President Leonid Kuchma. NED grantees played an important role in informing Ukrainian voters about the issues before them. In particular, the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) produced *Epicenter*, the only independent political analysis program on Ukrainian television. *Epicenter* sponsored a series of pre-election debates between candidates, and presented independent election-night coverage. The Democratic Initiatives Foundation contributed election night analyses of public opinion polls and voter turnout throughout Ukraine. During the elections, the International Republican Institute (IRI) sponsored election observer teams throughout the country. A number of programs supported the development of Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada. Youth Alternative arranged internships for college students, who often became valued Rada staffers; and UCIPR monitored legislation pending before the Rada and offered expert analysis and commentary. NED also supported a number of programs devoted to women's rights, human rights, and the rule of law.

BELARUS

In contrast to its two neighbors, the situation in Belarus continued to worsen in 1999. Aleksander Lukashenka's authoritarian regime continued its repression of the democratic opposition and the country's civil society. Independent newspapers were closed, the offices of human rights organizations were ransacked, peaceful demonstrations were repressed, and opposition figures were beaten. By the end of 1999, inflation was rampant, food

shortages were the norm, and the country stood on the verge of economic collapse. A treaty signed late in the year has brought Belarus closer to union with Russia. Nevertheless, independent, pro-democracy organizations continue to be established and grow. The democratic opposition is under new leadership, united for the first time and gaining in popularity. In response to these challenges, the Endowment has emerged as a major donor in Belarus. Support was provided to many of the country's leading human rights organizations, independent newspapers, think tanks, youth groups and NGO support centers. Through innovative small grants programs, more than 150 of Belarus' nascent NGOs were assisted at the local level. An increased number of "East to East" cross-border programs, which provide assistance to Belarusian democrats from neighboring Central European countries, were also supported. NED support also trained Belarusian local government leaders, trade union activists, and teachers in Poland; provided internships in the Czech Republic to Belarusian journalists and economists; and trained Belarusian politicians and student leaders in Ukraine.

**ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN,
AND GEORGIA**

The countries of the southern Caucasus – Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia – have experienced a year of relative calm even though the long simmering problems related to the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Karabakh and the ethnic conflict in the Georgian provinces of Abkhazia and South Ossetia continue to be an obstacle to democratic development. In Armenia, the Republican Institute for Democracy continued its program of support for human rights,

especially among refugees. In Azerbaijan, work with refugees was also undertaken by the Azerbaijan Association of Jurists. The Mock Constitutional Court and Yeni Nesil worked with citizens on human and civil rights issues and access to information, while the Support Center for Democratic Elections and the IRI worked on elections. In Georgia, NED programs have covered ethnic and minority issues, civic education, women's programs, civil liberties, and local government. ACILS has maintained its regional workers' rights program for all three countries in the region.

CENTRAL ASIA

Without exception, the process of democratization in the Central Asian states slowed this year. Increasingly, authoritarian governments have grown less receptive to the activities of civil society organizations. Endowment programs in this region focused on strengthening youth and human rights organizations. The Kyrgyzstan Human Rights Committee, the Youth Human Rights Group, and the Jalal-Abad Regional Rights Organization (Kyrgyzstan) have worked on specific cases of human rights violation and provided human rights education to the youth of Kyrgyzstan. In Uzbekistan, the Uzbekistan Associates are supporting an independent newspaper, and human rights and rule of law issues are being monitored by the International Memorial Society and the Uzbekistan Human Rights Society. The Endowment has also supported the publication and distribution of the *Journal Tsentral'naya Aziya i Kavkaz*, which has become an independent forum for dialogue among experts and the democratic leaders of the region.



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1999 GRANTS: NEW INDEPENDENT STATES

Armenia

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$91,355

To enable the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia (UMBA) to publish *Business Week*, a weekly business economic bulletin in the Armenian language. UMBA will publish an electronic version in English, and organize quarterly roundtables.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$40,647

To send 10 Armenian political activists to Poland for training provided by the Warsaw-based European Institute for Democracy. The training will emphasize the election preparation skills developed and practiced by Polish activists from a variety of parties that would help Armenians contest the parliamentary elections (July 1999).

Republican Institute for Democracy
\$26,865

To defend the political, civil, economic, and social rights of Armenians. Activities include free legal consultations for citizens and refugees, a lecture series on human and civil rights,

a monthly human rights bulletin, media outreach on human rights, and expanded educational, legislative, and human rights work in Guimry, Gavarh, and Goris.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$89,854

To hold two, three-day seminars on labor issues and trade union organizing in Georgia for 24 trade unionists from Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, and conduct a series of three, one-day training courses for trade unionists interested in becoming nonpartisan trade union observers in Georgia's parliamentary elections (November 1999).

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Association of Jurists
\$28,210

To provide free legal-rights consultations to the low-income population of Baku. The consultations will focus on constitutional rights, civil rights, tax and pension laws, family law, consumer rights, and other legal issues of interest to low-income populations.

International Republican Institute
\$119,340
1995 REPROGRAMMING

To bring 10 Azerbaijani opposition leaders to Bulgaria to observe mayoral primary elections scheduled for June 1999 and meet with key activists who organized the 1996 Bulgarian presidential primaries.

Model Constitutional Court (MCC)
\$21,160

To support MCC's mock public trials that aim to ascertain the constitutionality of Azerbaijani laws, decrees, and draft legislation relating to human rights and civil liberties.

Support Center for Democratic Elections
\$24,915

To educate the Azerbaijani public and political parties on local government and local election law. The Center will organize seminars for political activists on local election participation and produce educational bulletins on local government activities and 2,000 brochures on self government.

Yeni Nesil
\$33,835

To document the issue of free access to information and provide training for journalists in Azerbaijan through Yeni Nesil's Freedom of Information Commission. Activities include monthly reports on free speech and public access to information, six two-day training courses for 100 journalists, and three public discussion sessions on freedom of speech and public access to information.

Belarus

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$165,324

To increase the effectiveness of the independent trade union movement in Belarus. Regional education seminars will focus on obstacles to developing union cooperation, broad policy areas such as fundamental workers' rights and international labor codes, and fostering cooperation between unions, branches, and tripartite parties.



Staff members of the Center for the Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast (Russia) look at a map of their region. The Center provides information and practical consultations to individuals who wish to take advantage of legislation that allows private ownership.

Association of Regional Press Publishers

\$50,000
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To allow more than 50 regional and local independent newspapers to continue disseminating objective information by providing them with newsprint.

BelaPan

\$46,732
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To increase the distribution and expand the coverage of BelaPan's independent news bulletin, which provides objective news and information to Belarusian independent media.

Belarusian Association of Journalists

\$45,000
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To expand the Association's media monitoring program, which documents and disseminates information on violations of journalists' rights.

Belarusian Center for Constitutionalism and Comparative Legal Studies

\$30,800
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To establish a body of election experts in Belarus and to examine the country's election laws and overall electoral process through a series of regional training seminars.

Belarusian Helsinki Committee

\$26,475
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To produce an independent journal on human rights in Belarus. The monthly journal will serve as a forum on human rights issues and help to influence legal debate on the development of rule of law.

Belarusian Women Lawyers' Association

\$30,000
SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To raise Belarusian citizens' understanding of the legal system through a series of training workshops on basic human rights.

Successful NED grantees share their experiences, replicate programs

Recent NED-supported programs played an important role in helping to initiate two democratic transitions in Central Europe. In September 1998, a coalition of democratic parties in Slovakia won a dramatic victory over the authoritarian regime of Vladimir Meciar. NED provided support to groups of the Civic Campaign '98 (OK '98), a coalition of some 100 NGOs that carried out more than 50 voter education, mobilization, and monitoring programs. One of the coalition's leading NGOs, Nadacia pre Obciansku Spolocnost (NOS), conducted Rock Volieb, a Slovak version of the U.S. "Rock the Vote" campaign. OK '98 and Rock Volieb were credited with helping to achieve an 84 percent voter turnout, a significant increase over the country's previous elections. Targeting Slovakia's youth with rock concerts, bus tours, rallies, and debates, both initiatives were largely responsible for increasing the participation of young people from 25 percent in 1994 to 80 percent in 1998. The high turnout played a crucial role in the democrats' victory; exit polls showed that young people voted overwhelmingly for the opposition.

In 1999, OK '98 and NOS took their successful campaign to Croatia to help prepare for the parliamentary elections. NED funding allowed the Slovak team to share their skills, experience, and materials with several Croat NGO coalitions, including Glas '99 (Voice '99), GONG (Citizens Organized to Monitor Elections) and the youth network UNO '99. In partnership with Glas '99 and GONG, NOS staff helped Croat opposition develop get-out-the-vote programs and strategies. The results were equally successful, leading to the defeat of the ruling Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) by a wide margin, a free and fair election process, and a 78 percent voter turnout. NOS and other NGOs from OK '98 are now looking to other upcoming elections in the region, such as in Serbia, to continue to share their ideas and expertise.

'EAST-EAST' PROGRAMS OFFER REGIONAL ROLE MODELS, EXPERTISE

NED has been supporting such innovative cross-border and regional programs since the early 1990s. Some of the very first programs funded by the Endowment in Poland helped to develop activists with trade union organizing, independent publishing, and other valu-



This popular poster, produced by NED grantee Glas '99 (Voice '99), was part of an overall effort to boost voter turnout in the 2000 Croatian parliamentary elections.

able democracy-building skills. Poland's post-1989 transition to a democratic and free-market system also helped NED grantees there to develop unique expertise in these areas. In 1992, NED responded to the dissolution of the Soviet Union by developing its "East-East" strategy, enabling Polish NGOs to assist their counterparts in the New Independent States by "transferring" their skills, experiences, and programs. To date, Polish NGOs have used NED support to work with partners in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic States, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Mongolia.

In the mid-1990s, NED began to expand the "East-East" strategy to include NGOs from other East European countries. Today, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Lithuanian, and Bulgarian NGOs are using NED funding to share their expertise with democrats in countries that are still working for breakthroughs. These groups are now acting as experienced guides for new activists and NGOs, offering practical models, training, and materials.



A monument commemorates the Berlin Wall at the Andrei Sakharov Museum and Community Center. Its predecessor organization, the Sakharov Archives, was a NED grantee.

Belaruskaia Delovaia Gazeta
(Belarusian Business Newspaper)

49,935

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To support this weekly publication in its effort to become Belarus' first independent daily newspaper.

Vezha Center for Civic Initiatives

\$22,920

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To establish a regional publishing center to meet the printing needs of independent newspapers and pro-democratic NGOs in the Brest Region.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$86,551

To enable the Independent Institute for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (IISEPS) and the Belarusian Union of Entrepreneurs and Leaseholders (BUEL) to improve BUEL's ability to analyze business-related information at the regional and national levels and to disseminate its findings. The IISEPS will conduct research that will provide business associations with information important to their survival and develop-

ment, and the IISEPS and BUEL will hold seminars in all five regions to disseminate the information and mobilize support for reform.

Children of Chernobyl

\$30,000

To produce and introduce new civic education materials into local schools in Gomel. Children of Chernobyl will continue to serve as an information clearinghouse for NGOs and provide technical assistance for local independent organizations.

Circle of Friends Association

\$30,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To award 28 to 56 small grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to NGOs from the Mohilev Region for projects on NGO development, independent publishing, human rights, youth programs, and cultural activities.

Circle of Friends Association

\$25,009

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To establish a regional publishing center to meet the printing needs of independent newspapers and pro-democratic NGOs in the Mohilev Region. Funds will be used to purchase a risograph, computer, laser printer, and other publishing materials, as well as desktop publishing equipment for local NGO service centers in Krichev and Bobruisk.

Civic Initiatives

\$39,621

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To continue promoting the development of independent publishing in the Gomel region of eastern Belarus. NED support will provide supplies to the Publishing Center for Independent Media and NGOs, support and develop existing and new newspapers, and provide training for local journalists.

Grodno Initiative Coordinating Committee

\$25,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To coordinate the democracy-building activities of independent organizations in the Grodno Region. NED funds will support a regional information center, organize an interregional coordinating

committee, publish information bulletins, organize a School for Democracy, and conduct seminars and meetings.

Naviny Narodnaia volia Rabochii

\$70,000

To increase the circulations of three of Belarus' leading independent newspapers and to assist them in disseminating objective, nonpartisan information.

Supolnosc Civil Society Center

\$35,000

To support and strengthen a network of NGOs in Belarus. The Center will establish and equip two new local resource centers and conduct training workshops for more than 150 local NGO leaders and activists.

Vezha Center for Civic Initiatives

\$30,580

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To award 45 to 90 small grants (ranging from \$250 to \$500) to NGOs in the Brest Region for democracy promotion. A series of seminars will bring grantees together to share information, meet with leaders from other regions, and exchange experiences.

Youth Information Center (YIC)

\$35,727

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To strengthen pro-democratic youth NGOs in Belarus. YIC will provide support to the Belarusian Students Association, the Agmien Youth Information Center, the Kontur Youth Center, and the Belaruskaya Hatka group to conduct 19 local and regional training workshops on youth activism and a summer school on leadership training.

Youth Information Center

\$34,400

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To strengthen pro-democratic youth groups in Belarus. The Center will award 30 to 50 small grants to youth NGOs based in provincial areas throughout Belarus for democracy-building projects focusing on civic education, independent publishing, NGO development, and independent culture.

Central Asia/Caucasus Regional

*Tzentral'naya Aziya
I Kavkaz Journal*
\$50,000

To provide a forum for political leaders and civic activists to consider regional developments and issues related to fostering democratic values within the boundaries of native traditions through this Russian-language journal.

Georgia

**Caucasian Institute for Peace,
Democracy and Development**
\$29,090

To address issues related to democratic development and ethnic minority integration in Georgia through research, roundtable discussions at the community level, a nationally-televized discussion in Tbilisi, and an educational television documentary.

**Civic Development -
International Center (CDIC)**
\$27,800

To conduct a civic education program for 60 high school students. The program will include 40 classes on the history of democracy, active citizenship, and the English language with an optional hour for Internet usage, and a civic education conference during which the CDIC handbook, including texts on democracy and essays by Georgian NGO leaders and student participants, will be released.

Feminist Club
\$14,690

To organize seminars for women in seven areas of the country that cover topics such as group dynamics, leadership training, and promoting the participation of women in politics. The Club will also publish a monthly bulletin on women's issues and create a library of feminist materials.

Liberty Institute
\$27,211

To document and publicize the status of civil liberties in Georgia. The Institute will monitor the state of rights and liberties in Georgia; analyze laws, regulations, and court practices on these issues through focus groups and roundtables; and compile an Index of Liberty based on an internationally-accepted rating system for economic and civil rights and freedoms.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**
\$57,448

To provide start-up funding and advice on organizational management, public policy, and advocacy techniques to the Council Association of Georgia, a recently-established local government association.

Kazakhstan

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$148,051

To work with the International Business School to conduct CIPE's five-day Business Association Management Training Program and roundtables on economic reform and democratic development for eight business associations.

Kyrgyzstan

**Kyrgyzstan Human Rights
Committee (KHRC)**
\$28,004

To publish its monthly bulletin, provide free legal consultations to the public, and produce specialized publications and wallet-sized human rights information cards. KHRC will open six new regional offices and organize 10 public seminars on the electoral process, the rights of voters, and observing the 2000 parliamentary elections.

Spravedlivost
\$11,015

To increase local public awareness of human and legal rights. Activities include free legal consultations for the public, expansion of Spravedlivost's human rights library, the creation of two new sub-regional offices, and 12 seminars on human rights monitoring techniques and relevant international and Kyrgyz laws.

**Youth Human
Rights Group (YHRG)**
\$25,185

To monitor children's rights in Kyrgyzstan, particularly in orphanages, and to analyze and assess current laws on orphanages. Activities include organizing an NGO coalition that will



Former U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh participates in an International Republican Institute observer mission for the second round of the 1999 Ukrainian presidential elections.

prepare a report on the rights of children in Kyrgyzstan, respond to public inquiries on children's rights, and set up a special consultation center for children.

Russia

Agency for Social Information \$36,288

To educate journalists about the activities of NGOs in three regions of Russia. Seminars will inform journalists about the activities of NGOs and the positive role that they play in Russian society.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$90,683

To conduct a one-day seminar in Moscow for policy-makers, businesses, the media, and others in an effort to build an understanding of corporate governance in Russia.

Center for Social Projects "Vozrozhdenie" \$30,000

To continue a public information campaign aimed at increasing politicians' accountability to voters in Pskov by disseminating information about their activities, hosting public roundtables for candidates, hosting information seminars, and providing legal consultations to elected officials.

Moscow Public Science Foundation \$32,500

To hold a major conference in Irkutsk on the development of Russian federalism. Topics will include the enforcement of the Russian Constitution on a regional level, the problems of local self-government and federalism, and budgetary federalism.

Center for the Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives (CSDYI) \$25,000

To continue collaborating with the Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture on developing a human rights curriculum and a School for Human Rights for secondary students in the Perm Oblast.

Center for the Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast \$35,000

To provide information and practical consultations to individuals who seek to take advantage of legislation that allows private ownership and use of land. The Center will collect, analyze, and publish information; organize meetings with local residents and officials; provide legal assistance; and work with local associations to strengthen the rights of farmers and rural residents.

Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Tatarstan \$24,832

To support the Committee's Human Rights Information Center. The Center will monitor the local human rights situation, prepare reports, review legislation, inform the local population about its human rights activities, publish several human rights documents in the Tatar language, and provide free legal assistance to the local population.

Coordinating Council for Assistance to Refugees and Forced Migrants \$40,000

To create four regional offices to monitor the treatment of Russian refugees and migrants and lobby the Federal Migration Service on behalf of these individuals.

Development Through Education Foundation \$36,676

To develop a civic education training course for teachers at the Togliatti Branch of the Samara State Pedagogical University and to expand the organization's civic education activities.

Express Chronicle \$70,000

To continue publishing the *Express Chronicle*. The weekly newspaper will begin to establish links with human rights groups in other countries and continue to improve its website.



This publication, entitled "Certain Questions Relating to Villagers' Realization of Land and Related Rights," was produced by the Center for the Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast.

Glasnost Defense Foundation \$40,580

To address the issues of state pressure on the media and problems within the media community by publishing a series of six books on these topics. The books will focus on issues that are most important to journalists and state officials who deal with journalists in Russia and, to a lesser extent, the former Soviet Union as a whole.

Globe Independent Press Syndicate \$54,210

To improve the access of provincial newspapers to quality information during the Duma elections. Globe will gather official program documents, biographical data, and other relevant materials from each political party and transmit these materials to local newspapers.

Human Rights Foundation for Civil Society \$60,580

To conduct a small grants program that aims to strengthen local human

rights groups. The grants that are approved will help establish legal aid offices, defend children's rights, inspect prisons, and monitor living conditions in the army.

Human Rights Publishers
\$36,000

To continue publishing the quarterly journal *Human Rights Defender*, for the third year. The journal focuses on legal reform, human rights education, and organizational trends among human rights groups.

Independent Council of Legal Expertise
\$30,080

To review difficult legal questions at the request of human rights groups and other NGOs. The Council will also conduct extensive research on regional legislation and how it conflicts with existing federal laws, and prepare possible appeals to Russia's highest judicial bodies that involve basic human rights issues.

International Republican Institute
\$58,602

To work with the League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg to provide training and assistance to women candidates. The project will train 40 to 50 campaign workers and pollwatchers and at least 40 women candidates who are running for local, self-government offices, hold fora for voters and candidates running for the State Duma, and provide consultations on legal and political issues.

International Republican Institute
\$161,558

To work with the Strategy Center of St. Petersburg, the Institute for Humanities and Political Studies, the Russian Foundation for Federalism, and the Center for Electoral Technologies to host a national conference of Russian and western representatives from the regional and leading authorities in the field of federalism.

Interregional Group Human Rights Network
\$53,230

To connect five regional offices of the Memorial Society, one of Russia's most established human rights

groups, to the Human Rights Online Network. The network, organized by the Ryazan Memorial Society and the Moscow Human Rights Research Center, facilitates an information exchange between 30 regional human rights groups.

Moscow Helsinki Group
\$40,000

To provide direct assistance to local human rights organizations through the creation of a permanent human rights school for regional activists. Participants will include leaders of both experienced human rights organizations and new, inexperienced organizations, and lawyers and other staff members of public legal offices.

Museum of Political Repression and Totalitarianism
\$33,806

To continue the museum's outreach program which includes video and slide shows for museum visitors, a program for school teachers, and an "Information Service" that will maintain contacts with the press and publish a quarterly newspaper.

Nizhnii Tagil Human Rights Center
\$28,330

To support the Center's human rights program in Nizhnii Tagil. The Center will serve as an important resource for human rights information, informing other regions in the country about local human rights issues through the Human Rights Online Network and providing free legal assistance to the local population.

Regional Public Fund for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms
\$29,160

To publish a national journal that focuses on the regional human rights situation throughout the Russian Federation.

Russian Association of Civic Education
\$36,000

To hold the fourth Russian Civics Olympiad. The Olympiad allows students to test their knowledge of topics related to democratic ideals and practices.

Ryazan Regional Branch of the Memorial Society
\$35,000

To publish the journal *Karta*. *Karta* contains a unique combination of articles on contemporary history, comparative politics, and present-day human rights issues. The Ryazan branch will also host a website.

St. Petersburg Law School
\$39,900

To publish and distribute 5,000 copies of its curriculum and establish a Living Law Resource Center that will promote legal education in Russian high schools.

The Strategy Center
\$48,000

To continue its self-government program and start a program on corruption. The new program will include researching the corruption that occurs during the election and budget-making process; exploring how NGOs and local government can promote transparency and accountability; and organizing workshops for NGO leaders and local government legislators.

Urals Foundation for Social Innovations
\$44,000

To conduct local self-government seminars in and around the Sverdlovsk Oblast. The seminars will cover regional economic development, the legal basis for local self government, the relationship between representatives and their constituents, and professional ethics.

Urals Independent Public Library
\$50,000

To support the program activities of its human rights library in Ekaterinburg and its branch offices in Perm, Kurgan, Cheliabinsk, and Nizhnii Tagil. Activities include the sixth annual "Sakharov Readings" conference, which serves as a forum for discussion on human rights in the Urals, the provision of legal assistance, and lectures on the history of the dissident movement.

Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture

\$58,000

To continue developing the Center's human rights curriculum. The Center will publish the third volume of its human rights reader, continue developing new role-playing activities and innovative human rights lesson plans, and expand its outreach.

Russia (Chechnya)

LAM Center

\$35,000

To encourage democratic ideals in Chechen society through the dissemination of information on public policy and the distribution of small start-up grants to small NGOs.

Turkmenistan

"Flamingo" Public Information Center

\$24,770

To educate low-income people in the provincial center of Krasnovodsk on participating in elections. The Center will organize seminars and distribute 2,000 copies of a special handbook on Turkmen election law.

Ukraine

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$97,187

To enable the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) to publish and disseminate six issues of the Ukrainian edition of *Economic Reform Today*, a monthly bulletin on the economic transition process and current legislative issues, and a reference book on the economic perspectives of members of parliament.

Democratic Initiatives Foundation

\$21,920

To establish an information center that will conduct analyses of the October 1999 Ukrainian presidential election.

Dnipropetrovsk Center for Social Research "Insight"

\$24,950

To promote networking among existing NGOs in the region and help them to improve their organizing skills. The Center will continue its ongoing democracy advocacy campaign.

Donetsk Human Rights School

\$23,476

To build civil society by strengthening institutions and influencing fundamental values and beliefs. The school's long-term program will include a one-week seminar on "National and International Standards and Mechanisms of Human Rights Protection" for local and state officials in the Donetsk region, seminars on civic education for secondary school teachers in the Donetsk region, and a series of television programs.

International Republican Institute

\$284,284

To conduct an international election observation mission during the October and November 1999 presidential elections in Ukraine.

Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies

\$52,000

To encourage full participation by women in the economic, social, and political life in Ukraine and raise public awareness of women's issues. The center will provide training, education, and research.

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group

\$40,000

To expand and strengthen its human rights work in eastern Ukraine. Activities include publication of the bulletin, *Prava Ludyny (Human Rights)*; a new edition of the monthly bulletin "Human Rights Education;" and seminars and materials on human rights education.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$152,770

To organize two missions to the United States of Ukrainian democratic activists. Two missions including 10

delegates from Rukh and 10 participants of the People's Democratic Party will learn about building permanent, national organizations that would promote a democratic agenda.

Nova Mova

\$40,000

To continue producing a series of weekly television programs called "Images of the World." Each issue features an interview with a prominent world leader and highlights the principles, values, and ideas of democracy.

Regional Information Center for Women (RICW)

\$21,000

To organize four, two-day leadership skills workshops for women in the region. RICW will publish a bulletin for participants and NGOs in the region, and maintain a website of information related to women's issues.

Smoloskyp

\$54,515

To educate young people about democracy. The program includes workshops, conferences, information bulletins, the journal *Moloda Natsiia (Young Nation)*, and a reference yearbook called *The ABCs of Ukrainian Politicians*.

Ukrainian American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights

\$36,300

To continue its long-term monitoring of human rights abuses, offer legal aid for human rights violations, and provide an analysis of the causes of these abuses and how to prevent them in the future.

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

\$124,850

To build civil society and encourage public participation in Ukraine's political and economic development. The Center's three-part program includes informational television broadcasts, legislation monitoring, and an annual analysis of the political environment. In addition, it will create the Crimean Tatar Center for Information and Documentation in Kyiv.

Youth Alternative

\$50,250

To support the "Students for Parliament" program. Forty student interns will work in the Ukrainian parliament and the Kyiv city council for democratically-oriented members, and organize seminars and roundtables on important political issues.

Uzbekistan

Association Central Asia

\$22,350

To produce *Harakat*, an independent Uzbek journal, and distribute it in Uzbekistan. Three centers in Tashkent, Samarkand, and Fergana will be equipped with computers and fax machines.

Uzbekistan Human Rights Society (UHRS)

\$12,540

To revive the registration issue for *Birlik* and *Erk*, two popular opposition movements, by bringing their cases to the Uzbekistan Supreme Court and mobilizing international support for these movements.

Uzbekistan/ Turkmenistan

Memorial Human Rights Center

\$26,410

To monitor and publicize the human rights situation in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. The Moscow-based news and research organization will work with networks of local activists to conduct monitoring trips to the region and collect and compile objective, detailed, and comprehensive information on the human rights situations in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

NIS Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$118,733

To expand the activities of the ACILS office in Georgia to include Ukraine as well as the Caucasus. ACILS will organize regional training seminars



Citizens debate the constitutionality of certain Azerbaijani laws during a mock public trial organized by the Model Constitutional Court, a NED grantee.

and discussion sessions, including a seminar in Kyiv for representatives of independent trade unions from Ukraine, Poland, Belarus, Moldova, and the Caucasus on workers' rights and the right to organize.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$99,996

To promote better coordination among unions at the regional level on local issues and encourage the development of independent regional trade union federations in Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Armenia. ACILS will hold seminars in Baku, Yerevan, Tbilisi, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Crimea, and Kyiv for labor leaders and activists that encourage the formation of independent regional trade union federations and greater coordination among unions.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$49,550

To conduct two international workers' rights seminars in Belarus and Russia for independent trade union members.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$125,227

To create an economic news television program, *How Are Things?*, which will be produced through the collaboration of independent television producers and stations from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine in an effort to combat public misperceptions about democracy and economic reform.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$44,993

To conduct a focus group project in Georgia aimed at improving the capacity of political parties and NGOs to create voter education and outreach strategies that are responsive to Georgian citizens for the next round of parliamentary elections (Nov. 1999). A report will be produced and distributed on the findings.

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

\$25,000

SPECIAL USIA FUNDS FOR BELARUS

To expand its cross-border program with Belarus which transfers democracy-building skills, experiences, and materials to Belarusian activists working on issues related to NGOs, elections, trade unions, and political parties.

Latin America and the Caribbean

In recent years, the optimism that accompanied the initial wave of elections in Latin America has faded to concern about the region's "imperiled democratic progress." While countries such as Argentina, Guatemala, and Panama celebrated watershed elections this year, events in Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela have raised serious questions about the stability and quality of democracy in the region. In many of these cases, the threat arises less from what was once the traditional challenge to democracy in the region, a military coup, but rather the erosion of democratic institutions and freedoms by elected officials, often with the support of a public that is growing unsatisfied with the performance of elected governments. NED continues to address these difficult challenges through funding programs that support legal reform, the protection of journalists, and anti-corruption projects, and devoting more attention and resources to work with political parties. In addition, through a number of roundtable discussions in 1999 NED has encouraged greater awareness and exchange among policymakers, Endowment grantees, and scholars concerning political developments and democracy promotion in the region.

In many ways, Peru under President Alberto Fujimori represents an extreme case of elected, autocratic government in Latin America. In this environment, NED is seeking to protect and promote basic democratic institutions and freedoms. The Endowment has supported efforts by the Press and Society Institute (IPYS), an association of journalists, to develop a national network to defend freedom of the press by alerting national and international groups about attacks against journalists and the media and, when necessary, providing legal defense to the victims. This year, NED

initiated a project with the Peruvian Institute for Political and Strategic Studies to promote dialogue and exchange among a broad sector of military officers and civilian leaders – within and outside the government – on a variety of civil-military issues. In preparation for the 2000 elections, the APOYO Institute, a NED grantee, has promoted public debate and discussion among the candidates of policy issues and citizen demands, and through the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the Peruvian Democratic Forum, the Endowment is helping party rep-

resentatives observe and report on pre-electoral and election-day conditions.

Colombia continues to struggle with the intertwined problems of narcotics, a three-way civil war, and its worse recession in decades. The vacuum that the paramilitaries, guerrillas, and narcotrafickers fill and operate in stems in large part from the historic weakness of the Colombian state. Much of NED's Latin America support is devoted to improving the effectiveness and transparency of state institutions such as the judiciary, local government, and the Congress. Groups such as the Plural Center for Constitutional Studies and the Region Association in Medellín are promoting judicial reform to improve the capacity of the state to resolve conflicts and ensure rule of law at the local level. In 1999, two NED institutes, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), initiated Colombia programs. In collaboration with the Colombian labor union CUT and NED grantee the Colombian Commission of Jurists, the ACILS program is training local union leaders to serve as human rights monitors in areas of conflict. And CIPE is working with Colombian partners in the private sector and in civil society to bring together businesses and state officials to develop and implement legal reforms that will reduce opportunities for corruption in the public procurement process.

In Venezuela, the election of ex-Lt. Colonel Hugo Chávez demonstrated the depth of voters' anger against ineffective government

and corruption and has sent shockwaves throughout the region. It is still uncertain what the long-term effects of President Hugo Chávez's election and the hastily drafted constitution will be on Venezuelan democracy, but political brinkmanship and the actions by the constituent assembly that sharply limited the powers of the congress and judiciary have raised serious concerns about political polarization and the intentions of the regime. In the midst of this rapidly changing and uncertain political situation, NED grantees remained engaged in ensuring that the constitutional drafting process remained open and that the public was informed about the proposed reforms and their implications. NED grantees CESAP and Synergy, as well as IRI and the Venezuelan Youth Participation Foundation, and CIPE and the Venezuelan group CEDICE, monitored the assembly, presented proposals to the drafting committees and conducted public debates about various proposals. Meanwhile, ACILS has been providing technical assistance to the Venezuelan Workers' Confederation (CTV) in its efforts to hold the union's first ever internal elections.

In the face of the growing civic movement in Cuba, the Castro regime stepped up its repression of independent civic actors this year. In early 1999, in an attempt to intimidate the growing number of independent journalists on the island, the Cuban assembly approved a law that established severe prison terms for Cuban citizens who communicate with foreign media or outside groups. Several months later, in brazen defiance of international pressure,

the regime sentenced the four well-known members of the Internal Dissidence Working Group who had penned *The Homeland Belongs to Us All*. And at the end of the year, in order to head off organized demonstrations by democracy activists during the Ibero-American Summit, the regime rounded up or placed under house arrest more than 100 Cuban dissidents and leaders of independent organizations. These measures by the Cuban government provide strong evidence that while the government has not lost the will to repress, it feels increasingly threatened by the democratic civic movement on the island.

The Endowment's strategy has been and remains to promote a diversity of independent groups on the island by providing them with independent sources of information and humanitarian assistance and by increasing awareness of their efforts outside of Cuba. For example, NED assistance to the Committee in Support of the Independent Farmers' Cooperatives allowed it to provide technical and organizational support to the independent farmers' cooperatives that have formed across Cuba, in such far-flung places as Bayamo, Guantanamo, and Las Tunas. NED support to IRI and its partner the Revolutionary Democratic Directorate has allowed them to develop and send much needed material and technical assistance to the island that helps democratic activists organize and share information.



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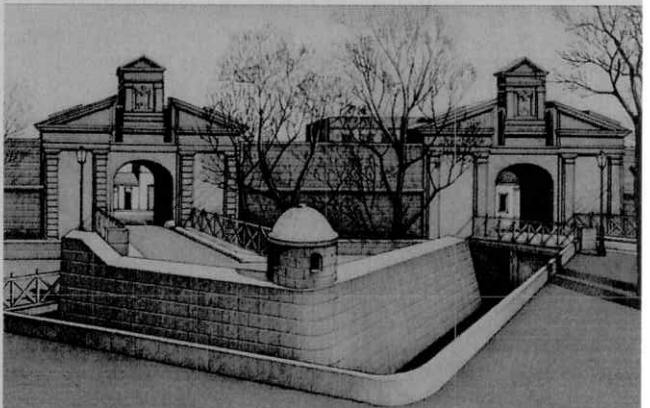


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Argentina

Center for International Private Enterprise \$24,200

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To work with IBM and the National Foundation for Women Business Owners to survey women entrepreneurs in Argentina on obstacles to business development. The study will provide the background for a report that will be distributed throughout Latin America.

Brazil

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$70,884

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To strengthen the capacity of trade unions and informal sector organizations to effect democratic change. ACILS will examine the conditions of informal sector workers in São Paulo and ways in which unions can better represent their interests.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$158,286

1996 REPROGRAMMING

To publish and distribute a book on the status of the Brazilian labor force. The project will work with the Departamento Intersindical de Estatística e Estudos Socio-Economicos (DIEESE) and labor leaders in 15 states to increase public knowledge of the conditions of workers in Brazil and develop strategies to address them.

Colombia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$85,926

To train 10 regional Human Rights Secretaries of the Unitary Confederation of Workers to be human rights trainers and monitors. These secretaries will train human rights promoters in 20 regions in collaboration with the Colombian Commission of Jurists.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$52,559

To promote greater transparency in the public procurement process. CIPE and the Fundación Corona will form a coalition with the Colombia Chamber of Commerce, who, in cooperation with the Colombian government will establish a mutual code of conduct for the public procurement bidding process.

Center for Socio Juridical Research - University of the Andes \$50,000

To promote peace. The University of the Andes will conduct research on the incorporation of guerilla groups into the political process following the negotiation of peace agreements in other countries. The results will serve to inform the peace process and will be distributed in Colombia.

Colombian Commission of Jurists COMISIÓN COLOMBIANA DE JURISTAS (CCJ) \$65,000

To defend and promote human rights and peace initiatives. With Endowment support, CCJ will conduct 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.

Region Association CORPORACIÓN REGIÓN \$50,000

To improve access to justice in the city of Medellín. Corporación Región will train 40 community leaders to become conflict mediators and conduct follow-up activities with 80 conflict mediators trained during the 1998 program. The program will include events with local justice officials that will address the challenges of making the justice system more accessible to the community of Medellín.

Center for Constitutional Studies - PLURAL PLURAL-CORPORACIÓN CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS CONSTITUCIONALES \$65,000

To promote the adoption of the Justice of the Peace tribunal system in local communities. PLURAL will select 10 municipalities, based on their level of social conflict and lack of access to the formal justice system, and train municipal officials, community leaders, and associations on the Justice of the Peace tribunal system.

Political Science Department of the University of the Andes \$59,600

To conduct a legislative monitoring and public information project. The University of the Andes' political science department will establish a political database on the Congress and will monitor the activities, attendance, and voting records of Colombian legislators. The information will be distributed to citizens through a quarterly bulletin, the media, and civil society organizations.

Cuba

Center for a Free Cuba \$15,000

To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to political prisoners and their families, former political prisoners, and members and families of the pro-democracy movement in Cuba.

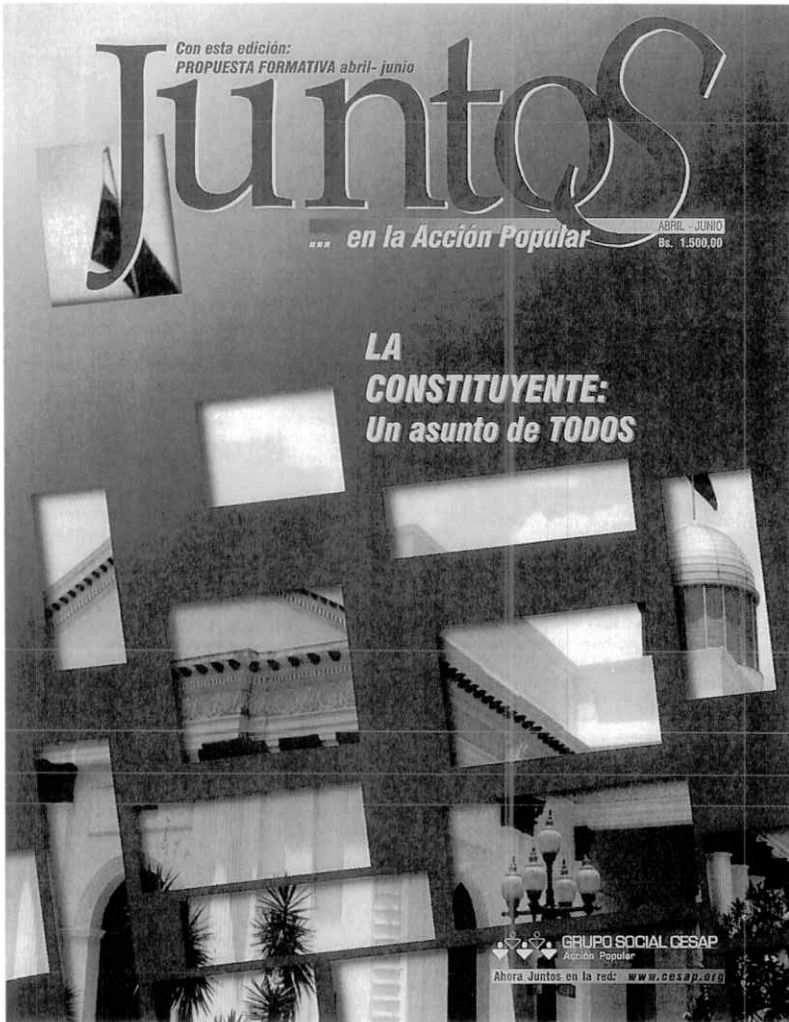
Center for International Private Enterprise \$47,946

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To enable the Cuban Democratic Alliance (CDA) to develop a training program for a network of potential advocates for reform. CDA will develop five modules on democracy, the economy, the state, political society, and civil society.

Committee for the Support of Independent Farmers' Cooperatives in Cuba \$24,000

To provide technical, organizational, and material assistance to the independent cooperative movement in



The Center for the Service of Popular Action (CESAP) develops and disseminates materials on important reform topics in Venezuela.

Cuba. The Committee will collect, edit, translate, and send information on agricultural cooperatives to its representatives in Cuba and contact cooperatives and cooperative associations in Latin America and Europe to build links between these groups and independent associations in Cuba.

Cuban Committee for Human Rights (CCHR)
\$65,000

To support the operating costs and program activities of CCHR's Miami office. Activities include monitoring and investigating human rights abuses in Cuba, publishing and disseminating human rights publications in Cuba and internationally, and providing humanitarian assistance to political dissidents and prisoners of conscience in Cuba.

CubaNet
\$74,000

To promote independent journalism in Cuba. CubaNet disseminates articles written by Cuban independent journalists to both a worldwide audience

and people in Cuba. The CubaNet website includes news reports from independent journalists in Cuba and international news agencies and analyses of the economic and political situation on the island.

Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico
\$60,000

To continue publishing and distributing to Cuba the monthly journal, *El Disidente*. The journal contains articles and editorials from activists living on the island, dissidents living in exile, and international news organizations.

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

To support the operating costs and program activities of the Bureau's Miami office. Activities include monitoring and collecting information on conditions in Cuba and the activities of dissident groups; sharing information with like-minded Cuban

groups, international organizations, journalists, and human right groups; and publishing and disseminating its newsletter, *Palestra Civica*.

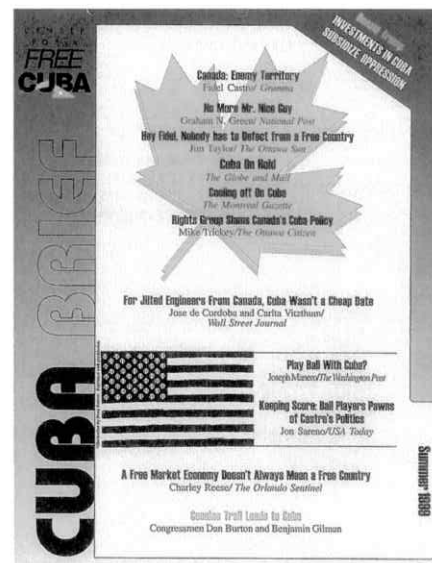
International Republican Institute
\$310,507

To work with the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Directorate to promote a peaceful, democratic transition in Cuba. Activities include producing, compiling, and disseminating pro-democracy materials for Cuban activists, coordinating pro-democracy intellectuals both inside and outside Cuba, and establishing the *Centro de Estudios para una Opción Nacional*, which will organize conferences and produce materials on liberal democratic thought.

"Meeting of Cuban Culture" Magazine

REVISTA ENCUENTRO DE LA CULTURA CUBANA
\$83,000

To promote a dialogue among writers, artists, and academics in Cuba and in the diaspora on political change and the future of Cuba. *Encuentro* is a quarterly journal devoted to a broad discussion of issues in the humanities, the arts, and the social sciences and is distributed widely in Cuba. The journal includes articles and commentary from international scholars and independent Cuban intellectuals in Cuba.



The Center for a Free Cuba, a NED grantee, provides emergency humanitarian assistance to political prisoners and members of the pro-democracy movement in Cuba.

Ecuador

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$48,376

To promote greater consensus around economic policy. CIPE support will enable the National Association of Entrepreneurs to host three leadership forums that will identify key issues, negotiate compromises, and unite various actors in advocating particular policy actions.

Guatemala

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$23,837

To promote decentralization and improved local government. CIPE support will enable the National Center for Economic Research to launch a targeted advocacy campaign aimed at mobilizing supporters to push for policy changes that would promote decentralization and greater private sector involvement in education and health care.

International Republican Institute
\$270,000

To promote political party reform and development in Guatemala. IRI will conduct political party training and post-election research and analysis, train youth leaders, and hold town hall meetings.

Mexico

Center for the Support of
Civil Society in Oaxaca
CENTRO DE APOYO AL MOVIMIENTO
POPULAR OAXAQUEÑO (CAMPO)
\$20,000

To promote greater participation of Mexico's indigenous population. CAMPO provides technical assistance to women and indigenous groups to promote greater networking and contact with government representatives at the municipal, state, and national level.

Civic Alliance
\$78,000

To conduct pre-election monitoring efforts in key state elections in 1999. The effort will serve to sharpen the



Peruvian women participate in a workshop organized by the Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon, a NED grantee.

Alliance's strategies for the 2000 national elections. Activities include a public education campaign for state elections in Coahuila, Hidalgo, and Mexico, training local groups to monitor media objectivity during the elections, and establishing a code of ethics for the media.

Citizen's Movement
for Democracy
MOVIMIENTO CIUDADANO POR
LA DEMOCRACIA (MCD)
\$70,000

To improve the media and communication strategies of Mexican civil society groups. The program will train local member organizations of the MCD network on how to use media technology, press conferences, bimonthly bulletins, newspaper inserts, electronic communications, and a website.

Citizen's Presence
PRESENCIA CIUDADANA
\$70,000

To increase youth knowledge and contact with the legislature in Mexico. Presencia will recruit and train members of its university-based branches in two regions (Hidalgo state and Mexico City). The members will monitor and report on the activities of three legislative bodies: the Federal Congress, the city council of Mexico City, and the state legislature of Hidalgo.

Gender Equity
EQUIDAD DE GÉNERO
\$55,000

To promote gender-related issues in Mexican politics. Equidad will continue to monitor and collaborate with the legislature and expand its activities related to the 2000 elections to include a series of debates and forums that bring together candidates from different levels of the political system to discuss women's issues.

Nicaragua

International Republican Institute
\$274,459

To increase both the level of citizen participation in the work of the National Assembly and the level of accountability of the legislature's members. IRI will work with *Hagamos Democracia* to organize 10-12 town hall meetings with deputies that focus on the major issues of the day as part of an overall effort to strengthen grassroots committees established in the nine departments.

National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs
\$102,888

To strengthen civilian oversight of the military in Nicaragua. NDI and *Centro de Estudios Estratégicos de Nicaragua* will educate key actors in civil society

and the government about the defense planning and policy process in democratic societies, develop policy documents on defense budgeting and policy processes, and hold public fora to publicize the reports' conclusions.

Radio Dario
\$32,011

To cover the costs of replacement parts and equipment that the station lost during Hurricane Mitch in October 1998.

Paraguay

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$128,951

To increase transparency and accountability in Paraguay. The program includes a survey mission that will evaluate the challenges to curbing corruption, an anti-corruption training program for employees of the Municipal Government of Asunción, and a legislative action plan for implementation by the Paraguayan Congress.

Peru

Andean Commission of Jurists
\$41,794

To train justices of the peace in Ayacucho and Cuzco. The Commission will establish a network of local trainers in each region, work with local justices to develop a justice of the peace training manual, and conduct training activities with local justices.

Instituto Apoyo
\$50,000

To promote substantive policy debate in the 2000 elections. The Institute will assemble a series of task forces comprising politicians, academics, and journalists. Each task force will examine and develop a set of policy agendas concerning key themes and issues such as administrative reform, decentralization, and judicial reform for the 2000 elections and beyond.

International Republican Institute
\$247,999

To work with Foro Democrático to coordinate citizen participation in

Peru's political and electoral processes. The project includes formation of a national network of party-affiliated pollwatchers, a series of radio programs on pre-electoral conditions, and the coordination of the pollworker network on election day.

Legal Defense Institute
INSTITUTO DE DEFENSA LEGAL (IDL)
\$50,000

To raise awareness about human rights and promote the institutionalization of local government in areas affected by guerrilla conflict. IDL will help resettle citizens who have been displaced or otherwise affected by political violence in Peru, help local governments re-establish operations, and conduct workshops on legal access and human rights.

Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon
ORGANIZACIÓN DE MUJERES INDÍGENAS DE LA AMAZONÍA PERUANA
\$34,200

To encourage community participation of indigenous women from various tribes on the Amazon. Three regional workshops will explore the role of indigenous women, analyze their basic rights, and teach women how to participate in community and local-government activities, and a multire-

gional meeting will allow participants to exchange ideas and experiences.

Political and Strategic Studies Institute
\$65,000

To promote democratic and stable civil-military relations. Activities include conducting classes on democracy, human rights, and civil-military relations for military officers in the high command schools, holding regular roundtables between military and civilian officials, and training civilian officials on military administration and budgeting.

Press and Society Institute
INSTITUTO PRENSA Y SOCIEDAD (IPYS)
\$70,000

To protect freedom of press in Peru. IPYS maintains a national network of journalists that investigates allegations of attacks against the media, provides legal assistance to victims, and publishes an annual report on freedom of expression in Peru.

Rural Educational Services
SERVICIOS EDUCATIVOS RURALES (SER)
\$60,000

To promote local leadership and local government. SER will organize public education and networking activities and train local elected officials, municipal employees, and community leaders on local democratic participation.



Participants in a conference on youth and the legislature examine educational materials. The meeting was organized by NED grantee Presencia Ciudadana (Citizen's Presence), a group that works to increase youth knowledge of Mexico's legislature.

Venezuela

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$246,926

1996 REPROGRAMMING

To help the Venezuelan Workers Confederation (CTV) conduct internal elections. ACILS will work with the CTV to develop a database listing all CTV members; prepare an instruction manual and provide training for regional election committees who will manage the election process; promote widespread support and participation in the election process through a public education radio and newspaper education campaign; and monitor the voting process.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$87,626

To promote greater transparency in the constituent assembly process. CIPE support will enable the Center for the Dissemination of Economic Information to launch a program that will include regional and international forums, meetings with assembly members, bulletins, and a media campaign to promote open debate during deliberations of the constituent assembly.

Center for the Service of Popular Action

CENTRO AL SERVICIO DE LA ACCIÓN POPULAR (CESAP)

\$70,000

To promote a greater cooperation among national and regional legislators and constituent assembly members, emerging political actors, and Venezuelan society. CESAP conducted policy forums and developed and disseminated materials on important reform topics in the Venezuelan political agenda, targeting recently-elected national and regional legislators and assembly members from emerging political movements.

Civil Association for Social Development — New Dawn

ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL NUEVO AMANECEER

\$65,000

To promote local justice reform in the state of Zulia. The project will work with local civil society groups and

municipal governments in the 21 municipalities of the state of Zulia and train the elected Justices of Peace.

International Republican Institute

\$194,521

To promote political participation of Venezuelan youth. IRI and the Fundación Participación Juvenil (FPJ) will establish the FPJ Network — FPJ chapters at 20 universities — in an effort to develop a strong base of grassroots support. The network will convene meetings on the constitutional drafting process and present proposals to the assembly.

International Republican Institute

\$292,297

To assist political party reform and development. IRI will train national and local branches of existing and/or newly formed political parties on party structure, management, organization, communications, and other topics.

Organizing to Improve Quality of Life

AGRUPACIÓN PRO CALIDAD DE VIDA

\$40,000

To continue its national anti-corruption campaign. The program includes the establishment of a National Institute for Ethics and Good Citizenship and an educational program of seminars, workshops, and radio spots to mobilize Venezuelan citizens to combat corruption.

Synergy

SINERGIA

\$55,000

To promote greater exchange between the constituent assembly and civil society. The project will coordinate and present proposals on reform from civil society organizations to the constituent assembly and individual members of the assembly.

Latin America Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$79,433

To promote the political participation of unions in the Andean region.

ACILS will conduct a feasibility study that will assess the potential for constructing broad civic coalitions to improve civil society participation in social security reform and conduct a series of workshops with local unions in the Andean region on these issues.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$139,786

To analyze obstacles to economic reform in the region. CIPE will conduct a two-day regional workshop for business organizations and think tanks on public relations, outreach, and how to better promote second generation institutional and economic reforms.

Inter-American Dialogue

\$30,000

To conduct research on democracy in the hemisphere, including an analysis of several new pressing issues in the region such as crime and the judicial system.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$44,352

To foster an exchange of experiences among political party activists in the hemisphere by providing access to training materials and other documents. NDI will create an online computerized clearinghouse of political party materials, build a network of Leadership Program alumni, and catalogue and distribute resource materials through a political party network.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$273,808

To strengthen the capabilities of emerging political leaders to promote modern, transparent, and responsive political parties. The Political Leadership Program will conduct its second round of training for young political leaders from Mexico, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Colombia. It will cover topics such as inclusive decision making, party renewal, and constituency outreach.

NED programs focus on long-term effort to open up Cuba

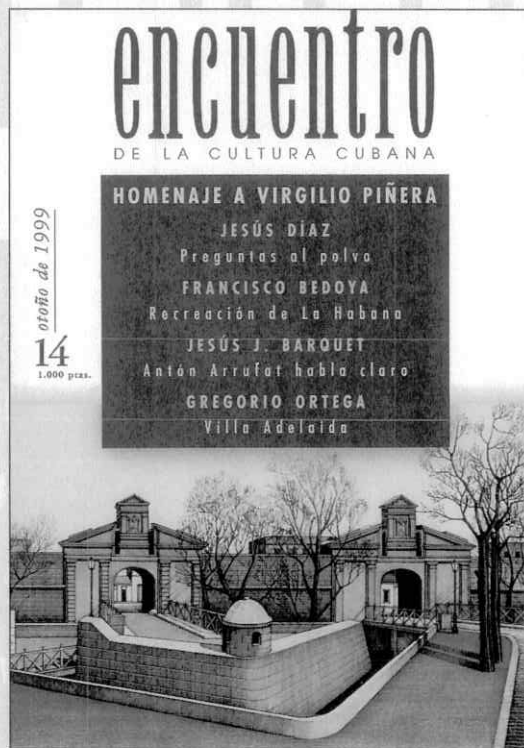
Despite the challenges of and barriers to working within a closed, totalitarian system, over the past seven years NED has developed a program that supports a wide variety of independent social actors inside of Cuba, from human rights activists to independent farmers. This long-term approach demonstrates the NED philosophy that the gradual development of independent initiatives will subsequently lead to the breakdown of authoritarian rule and peaceful political change.

NED's work in Cuba began primarily with support for dissidents and human rights activists on the island. Within the last four years a broad spectrum of new civil society groups have begun to spring up quietly across the island. From independent neighborhood associations demanding drinkable water and clean streets to independent farmers pooling their meager private holdings into larger cooperatives to produce for the market, these groups represent a growing movement of Cubans who are coming together to resolve their problems through personal means.

These private actions are a subtle, but powerful, reminder of the everyday failings of Cuba's regime. They also represent a growing recognition by Cuban citizens that the answer to their needs lies in their own initiative and in their emancipation from a totalitarian state that, until recently, has legitimized itself as the sole answer to Cuban ills. These new groups have become the central focus of NED's program in Cuba.

The Endowment works with a number of groups that support the work of independent journalists and other media within Cuba. CubaNet, a website (www.cubanet.org) that provides up-to-date information on what is happening in the country, is a nonpartisan NGO based in Miami that aims to foster free press and promote an independent civil society in Cuba. Providing humanitarian and material assistance to independent groups and journalists on the island, CubaNet enables its network of free-lance reporters and independent press agencies to continue covering events on the island and the work of activists in Cuba. This also helps to raise the awareness of and gain further support from the international community.

Encuentro de la cultura cubana (Meeting of Cuban Culture), a journal that is published in Spain by Cuban dissidents, also works to promote dialogue on Cuban culture and the free flow of information. It is circulated internationally and inside of Cuba among dissidents, intellectuals,



academics, and artists. The NED-supported Committee for the Support of Independent Farmers' Cooperatives in Cuba provides technical, organizational, and material assistance to help build a movement of independent farmers' unions. Other NED grantees that are working to promote independent initiatives include the Cuban Committee for Human Rights, the Center for a Free Cuba, and the Information Bureau of the Human Rights Movement in Cuba.

NED focuses this type of long-term support in a number of other non-democratic societies as well. For example, the Endowment continues to provide funding to the Burmese pro-democracy movement both inside the country and among ethnic minorities and exiled pro-democracy groups in Thailand. In 1999, NED supported the first-ever "International Conference on North Korean Human Rights & Refugees." The conference brought together numerous NGO representatives from South Korea, Japan, France, and the United States to discuss human rights in North Korea and how the international community can support peaceful change there. NED hopes continued support for programs in places like China, Burma, and North Korea will lead to breakthroughs such as those witnessed in Nigeria and Indonesia in 1999.

The Middle East and Northern Africa

The year 1999 was marked with events that shattered the stagnant political conditions in many Middle Eastern countries and provided pro-democracy groups with hope and better opportunities for change.

The resumption of the Arab-Israeli peace process has shifted the public debate in the region from that of national security concerns to more popular demands for political reforms, respect for human rights, and calls for a free society. The anticipation for change that followed the deaths of King Hussein of Jordan, King Hassan of Morocco, and the Amir of Bahrain, and the crowning of their sons as successors, symbolized the transition from one era to another. The new rulers released political prisoners, promised wider representation, and initiated political and economic reforms. Another positive development was the participation of millions of people in the national elections in countries such as Turkey, Yemen, and Algeria, in addition to local municipality elections throughout the region. In response to these opportunities, NED continued its support to the democratic movement by sponsoring a wide range of projects and groups such as women's organizations, human rights activists, and civic education programs, reforming political parties and institutions, and disseminating democratic literature.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Despite the progressive legislation and activism on gender equality in

many Middle Eastern countries, women continue to represent the largest sector of society withheld from participation in political developments. Women in the region are disadvantaged because of their lack of understanding of their rights under the law, restrictive traditions, and financial dependency. Throughout the region, NED supported a wide range of projects to enhance the participation of women in civil society projects, business associations, trade unions, political parties, and elections. For example, in Egypt, the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) ran management training programs for businesswomen associations and supported the policy advice program of the Egyptian Business Women's Association. The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) supported a campaign by the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR) to train leaders, develop organizational skills, and raise the level of women's rights awareness among women in the poor districts of Cairo and Giza. In Morocco, NED continued to support a leadership-training program by the Democratic Association of Moroccan Women (DAMW) and the Network Recherche et Action Civique

(NETRAC), an effective network of civic groups from around the country. The Sisterhood Is Global Institute (SIGI) ran workshops teaching the rights of women in an Islamic cultural context; their manual was adopted by local women's organizations in Lebanon and Jordan. In the West Bank and Gaza, the Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC) established a network of women's groups from eight villages, and trained more than 100 women on human rights issues. In addition, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) trained women leaders in the trade union movement and supported their networks in Lebanon, Morocco, Jordan, the West Bank, and Gaza.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Demonstrations in Iran during the summer of 1999 revealed the critical role that students play in the democracy movement and underlined the importance of youth in the struggle for democracy and an open society. In the Palestinian territories, the International Republican Institute (IRI) supported local youth organizations by building networks and conducting leadership-training programs in partnership with a local Palestinian organization. The Center for the Dissemination of Alternative Information (PANORAMA) continued its civic education program, reaching thousands of high school students in the West Bank and Gaza.

TURKEY, YEMEN, AND EGYPT

Both party institutes, NDI and IRI, implemented programs on political reform in the region. In partnership with local institutes and political parties in Turkey, IRI started an ambitious program to reinvigorate political parties and engage the country's youth in mainstream political life.

NDI worked with local parties to develop national agendas beyond tribal politics in Yemen as well as with the parliament, and worked in Turkey with local institutes and party parliamentary committees on a political code of ethics and anti-corruption legislation. In Egypt, NED supported programs by the Group for Democratic Development (GDD) to evaluate the performance of the People's Assembly. When the Egyptian government proposed dangerous legislation to control the programs of NGOs, NED grantees formed an effective pressure group with members of the People's Assembly and other local organizations to protest and resist the legislation. Despite the NGO network's highly visible protests, the legislation was passed by the Assembly.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights remained at the heart of the democracy movement in the Middle East, and NED continued to support human rights publications, organizations, networks, and meetings throughout the region. The Egyptian Organization of Human Rights (EOHR) kept the public informed about human rights violations and the head of the organization was detained following the publication of reports exposing religious discrimination and violations at the hands of local authorities. The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), a leading voice on human rights issues, continued to publish and disseminate its quarterly journal on the human rights movement in the region. Arab human rights activists organized themselves through the Arab Program for Human Rights Activists (APHRA), a regional network, which held its first meeting in Morocco, expanded its membership, and developed an "alert system" against any harassment of human rights activists. In Bahrain,

concerns about human and civil rights were at the heart of a popular agenda demanding constitutional governance and were brought to the public's awareness by the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Bahrain (CDHRB) through its annual report and its website.

AFGHANISTAN

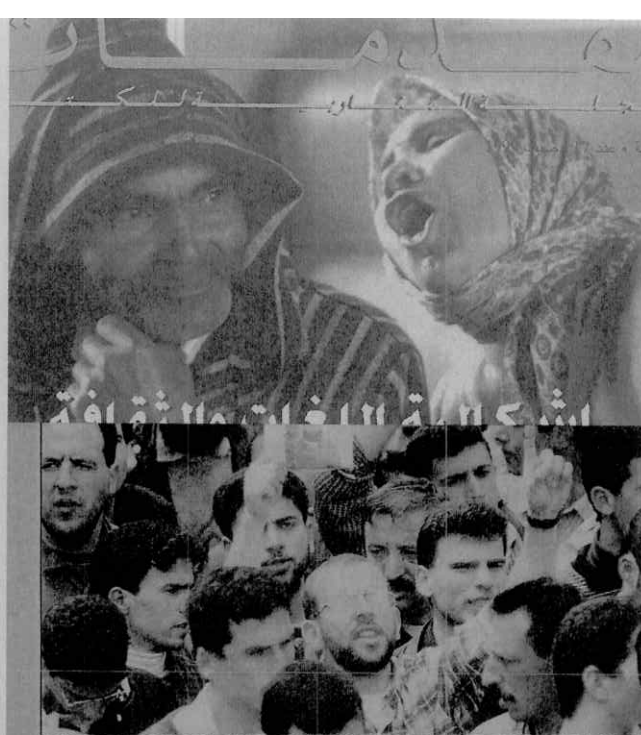
NED continued to support small networks of democrats living under the difficult conditions of war and extreme repression in Afghanistan. In an effort to find common ground among Afghans, the Afghan Media Resource Center carried out a documentation project of the Afghan struggle against Soviet occupation. Through their publications the Afghanistan Study Center and the Afghan Information Center are reaching democrats both inside and outside the country and helping to preserve fragile networks of democrats.

IRAQ

In Iraq, another country whose citizens are living under extreme repression, NED supported a human rights public awareness campaign by the American Society for Kurds (ASK) in three northern provinces. The Free Iraq Foundation continued its support for "democrats in diaspora" and linked them through an interactive website, a newsletter, and discussion forums over the Internet.

ALGERIANS

In a society scarred by civil war, Algerians made notable attempts to achieve peace by electing a reformist president and voting for reconciliation in a national referendum. NED supported a public awareness campaign run by the Rally for Youth Action (RAJ) that called for peace, respect for human rights, wider representation, and political participation.



بيان المجتمع المدني في الجزائر



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1999 GRANTS: THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHERN AFRICA

Afghanistan

Afghan Media Resource Center
\$10,000

To catalogue and transport 3,000 hours of video materials, 150,000 photographs, 12,000 slides, and 1,000 audio tapes covering a 20-year period in Afghan history to a library in Liestal, Switzerland for safekeeping; they will be used to help Afghans understand their past and rebuild their country.

Afghanistan Information Center
\$24,000

To continue publishing its quarterly magazine, *Afghanistan*, which is dedicated to the promotion of open discourse and the concepts of democracy, conciliation, and human rights among Afghans living inside Afghanistan and abroad.

Afghanistan Study Center
\$24,000

To publish and disseminate eight booklets supporting democratic political processes, peace, reconstruction, education, and women's rights for distribution inside Afghanistan and to Afghan communities abroad.

Algeria

Rally for Youth Action
\$52,000

To inform young Algerians about democracy and human rights, through a civic education workshop and campaigns on youth and citizenship, press freedom, human rights, and democracy.

Bahrain

The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Bahrain (CDHRB)
\$16,500

To develop and maintain a CDHRB website and conduct a human rights monitoring program. CDHRB will collect, document, classify, and archive information available on human rights violations in Bahrain, conduct regular assessments and reviews of alleged human rights violations, and publish its findings in an annual report.

Egypt

Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
\$40,000

To publish the quarterly human rights journal, *Ruwaq Arabi*. Copies of four Arabic issues of the journal will be distributed free of charge to government officials, policy-makers, universities, human rights organizations, embassies, international organizations, and other NGOs.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$72,567
1998 REPROGRAMMING

To enable the Egyptian Business Women's Association to initiate an ongoing policy-advocacy program that will address members' needs and concerns in the policy-making process. Project activities include a study of the role of women in Egypt's economy, monthly seminars on starting and managing a business, and a campaign to reach more women.

Egyptian Center for Women's Rights
\$40,000

To raise women's legal awareness. The Center will provide women with legal aid and family counseling, monitor violations inflicted on women, and publish four legal aid booklets for women in several of Cairo's poorer districts.

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights
\$40,000

To publish an annual report and a quarterly newsletter on its activities and human rights findings, and organize forums on human rights and democracy in Egypt for NGOs, human rights activists, legal experts, and intellectuals.

Group for Democratic Development
\$57,000

To continue teaching the technical and practical skills to members of parliament (MPs) that will enhance their overall performance as legislators. Information Guides and training workshops for MPs will be developed.

Sudanese Studies Center
\$38,500

To continue publication of the quarterly journal, *Sudanese Writings*. The journal is devoted to analyses of democratic concepts, theories, and processes as they relate to Sudan and the region as a whole.



This poster was produced by the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights as part of a comprehensive effort to educate voters.

Iraq

American Society for Kurds (ASK)
\$55,000

To develop a human rights organization and run a public awareness campaign on human rights in northern Iraq. ASK will translate United Nations documents into Kurdish and distribute them to officials, journalists, community leaders, and civic groups in three Kurdish provinces.

Free Iraq Foundation
\$59,750

To select, publish, and disseminate texts via the Internet on democracy, civil society, human rights, and the political developments of Iraq.

Jordan

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

To publish a directory of NGOs working on civil society and political life in Jordan.

Arab Media Institute (AMI)
\$50,000

To research, train, study, and monitor local and regional journalistic work where currently only government-guided press unions operate. The funding will allow AMI to create a network of counterpart regional and international organizations that will promote the media's role in advancing peace, democracy, and human rights.

Sisterhood is Global Institute —
Jordan
\$30,000

To implement a women's human rights education program and a human rights documentation program. The Institute will implement the "Women's Human Rights Program Project - Jordan," which aims to improve women's rights at the local, national, regional, and global levels.



Conference attendees listen at the June 1999 annual conference of the Women's Union in Jordan, a NED grantee.

Lebanon

National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs
\$183,467

To promote effective, transparent, and accountable governance in two Lebanese municipalities. Activities include a planning and assessment mission to select two municipalities; a seminar for elected officials on the role of a local council member; and two retreats that will bring together municipal council members and civil society actors to develop municipal action plans.

Philanthropic Amlieh Association
\$40,000

To carry out a project that incorporates women's rights education into the curriculum of a basic skills class for 60 mothers from poor Shiite communities. The project will continue using the manual, "Claiming Our Rights," and methodologies developed by NED grantee Sisterhood is Global.

Rene Moawad Foundation
\$60,000

To support the Foundation's Center for Research and Education on Democracy (CRED). CRED will conduct an educational and activist program of dialogue aimed at policy- and opinion makers throughout Lebanese soci-

ety and the broader Arab community in the region and publish and distribute its quarterly magazine, *Hurriyat*.

Morocco

Prologues
\$60,000

To produce four issues of *Prologues*, a literary journal on Islam, democracy, and modernization, in both Arabic and French.



NED supports *Prologues*, a literary journal on Islam, democracy, and modernization.



Participants pose following a workshop on political participation that was organized by the Democratic Association of Moroccan Women.

Turkey

Center for International Private Enterprise \$49,779

To enable the Association for Liberal Thinking to provide cost-benefit analyses of proposed economic reform legislation, and to organize a series of working dinners, luncheons, and meetings that will facilitate interaction between parliamentarians and proponents of market-oriented economic reforms.

European Center for Common Ground \$42,000

To work with the Foundation for Research of Societal Problems (TOSAV) to produce and broadcast 24 biweekly radio programs on democracy. The programs will be used as a tool to propagate the principles of multiculturalism, tolerance, and political pluralism as a step towards developing a peaceful and prosperous civil society and redefining socio-political life in Turkey.

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly \$31,000

To strengthen the Assembly's institutional capacity, develop its technical expertise, publicize its activities, recruit new members, and train other NGOs in organizational development.

International Republican Institute \$278,669

To provide civic and political party youth organizations with solid research on Turkey's large youth population. The research will be compiled

into public reports that will serve as the basis for discussion and analysis at three conferences to be held in Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir; public service announcements will be created to encourage Turkish youth to get involved in politics and to heighten awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$211,766

To support the efforts of the government, the parliament, and NGOs to strengthen the democratic process in Turkey. NDI will establish an ethical regime and code of conduct for Parliament, support reform legislation that would bring greater accountability and transparency to the parliament, and help NGOs advocate for greater responsiveness and openness in the legislative process.

Women Living Under Muslim Law \$38,000

To train group leaders in legal literacy for social workers, psychologists, and teachers working in community centers throughout Turkey. The training will focus on human and women's rights, constitutional rights, women's rights in the family, women as citizens, group facilitation, leadership skills, and communication techniques.

West Bank & Gaza

International Republican Institute \$100,000

To work with the Jerusalem-based Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees to provide technical assistance and material support for the establishment of a network of youth organizations in the West Bank.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$182,546

To increase the sustainability and organizational capacity of Civic Forum, a nonprofit Palestinian NGO. An NDI field representative will organize periodic training programs on community organizing and volunteer mobilization, and consult with Civic Forum staff on management, fundraising, program development and evaluation, and public relations and communications.

Nonviolence International \$60,000

To support the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Center for Democracy and Elections (PCDE) and its series of weekly television and semiweekly radio "Democracy Meetings," which are broadcast to elected representatives of the Palestinian Legislative Council, members of the Palestinian Authority, and villages and refugee camps in the West Bank. Videos and audiotapes of the meetings will be sent to several television and radio stations for rebroadcast, and the PCDE will publish a newsletter and expand its library.

Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes \$50,000

To continue promoting conflict resolution concepts and skills in the Gazan community by strengthening its institutional capacity, expanding the skills of its conflict resolution trainers, training interveners, and developing public educational materials on conflict resolution.

Panorama

\$60,000

To promote democratic values among secondary school students and to provide a regular forum for political debate through Panorama's "Pluralism in Action" program. The program engages leading Palestinian figures in weekly roundtables with students, and organizes focus groups of students to participate in a curriculum on democracy education.

Yemen

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$175,003

To improve the institutional capacity of Yemen's political parties to recognize public concerns and to gain public support for party policies. NDI will help parties improve their efforts in strategic planning, message development, solicitation of grassroots constituent policy guidance, and the expansion of female participation in political life.

Middle East Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$353,897

To work with the Working Women's League in Lebanon and the International Institute for Peace and Democracy to build democratic trade union institutions, empower working women, raise consciousness about child labor and migrant labor issues, and develop intra-Arab union networks to promote democracy throughout the Middle East/Northern Africa region.

Arab Network for Democratic Development (ANDD)

\$25,000

To publish two issues of a quarterly newsletter that will serve as a forum for communication between member organizations and other groups sharing the same objectives of democratic development and human rights in Arab countries. A training session on "Managing Projects and Ways of Gathering, Classifying, and Documenting Information" will be offered to ANDD members.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$109,004

To organize a regional business association management training program that would strengthen women's business organizations in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$78,638

To organize a follow-up conference to CIPE's 1997 meeting entitled, "How to Market Ideas: From Education to Advocacy." The conference will address how to develop the role of think tanks in a civil society and how to enhance their policy advocacy beliefs.

Dar Al-Saqi — Westbourne Publishers

\$82,000

To provide an intellectual vehicle for the emerging dialogue on democracy in the Arab world by publishing four issues of the Arabic-language journal, *Abwab*.

Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies

\$30,000

To publish the Center's monthly newsletter, *Civil Society*, its annual report on emerging civil society in the region, and a directory of NGOs in Arab countries.

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue

\$79,000

To continue to publish its newsletter, *Islam 21*, in Arabic and English, maintain its website, and hold a two-day regional workshop in Egypt on "Islam, Pluralism, and Civil Society" to bring together liberal Islamists from 10 Arab countries.



Civil Society, published by NED grantee the Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies, is a monthly newsletter that reports on emerging civil society in the Middle East.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$109,818

To promote citizen and NGO political participation and public policy advocacy. Activities include production of an advocacy manual entitled, "Getting Things Done in the West Bank and Gaza," and trainings and a manual on how to organize more effectively and influence the national decision-making process.

Regional Program for Human Rights Activists

\$25,000

To hold a regional workshop for human rights activists in Cairo, Egypt. Workshop participants will review and evaluate ongoing human rights activities and discuss the role of human rights organizations in the socio-political developments of the region, review and evaluate the structures and operating procedures of participating organizations, and assess the challenges and obstacles facing the human rights movement.

Multiregional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$99,992

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To organize a workshop at the World Movement for Democracy meeting in New Delhi, India to analyze globalization's impact on democratic trade unions. A panel of distinguished unionists will examine globalization's political and economic disruptions and the institutional conditions which presage them.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$162,183

To rekindle public understanding and support for freedom of association and the right to organize as fundamental building blocks for human rights and democracy. ACILS will produce and distribute materials explaining why political, civil, and economic rights are indivisible and facilitate primary research to help uncover and publicize barriers and tactics commonly relied upon for the systematic denial of freedom of association.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$195,904

To conduct an economic and political education program in four regions. The program will involve workers in a process of demystifying economics; provide information on alternative development approaches; and link workers' heightened understanding of these issues to the specific democratic actions they can take to shape the economic policies, institutions, and processes that affect them.

Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

\$50,000

To support the "Rapid Response Security Systems" component of its Civil Society Internet Rights Project. APC will consolidate and disseminate its web-based "mirroring" strategy (tools) that aim(s) to secure civil society organizations from on-line attacks.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$100,436

To organize an anti-corruption conference in Washington, D.C. The conference will identify and promote private sector involvement in combating corruption in developing countries.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$112,813

To sponsor a strategy roundtable, "Democracy and Market Institutions," at the World Movement for Democracy meeting in New Delhi. The roundtable will address the role that corporate governance plays in developing a global democratic movement.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$339,562

To continue publishing *Economic Reform Today*, a publication that provides policy-makers, business leaders, and educators with practical guidance on what economic reforms work best and how they can be implemented through democratic institutional structures.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$83,938

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

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$99,784

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To work with the World Bank and other major international development organizations to organize the first annual meeting of the Global Development Network, an emerging association of policy institutes from around the world that aims to generate research and share knowledge on development and related issues.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$23,937

1995 REPROGRAMMING

To develop a specific training module for women's business associations in the field of international trade that details the factors affecting the entry of women-owned businesses into international markets.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$72,733

To work with the Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust in New Delhi to begin a study that will identify the characteristics of the dynamic micro-entrepreneur and the policy impediments that keep the micro-entrepreneur from entering the formal sector.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$147,824

To organize a conference in June 2000 that will build the capacity of women's business organizations and equip them with the skills to bring women entrepreneurs from microenterprises into the formal business community.

Human Rights Program of the Fund for Peace

\$45,000

To continue to expand its Institution Building handbook series and related training program. The Fund will complete, print, and distribute the third and fourth volumes of its handbook series, conduct initial research on its fifth volume that focuses on evaluating human rights work, and develop new regional training initiatives.

International Republican Institute

\$63,685

1994 REPROGRAMMING

To send nine participants to the World Movement for Democracy meeting in New Delhi.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$109,653

To promote cooperation among democratic political parties of diverse orientations in their respective efforts to support democratic movements around the world. Activities include bringing experienced political party leaders together for a panel at the World Movement for Democracy meeting, publishing and distributing a proceedings report from that panel, and convening officials of major party internationals to develop a strategy for strengthening parties and party systems.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$177,880

To enhance the leadership skills of political parties elected to the newly-created Northern Ireland Assembly. The program will assist the Assembly's political parties in Northern Ireland's evolving peace and reconciliation process.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$120,814

To organize an international forum, "Managing the Twin Transitions: The Politics of Democratic and Economic Reform in Emerging Democracies," (Yemen, June 1999).

Miscellaneous

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$90,749

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$100,000

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$176,514

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$94,503

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$405,930

To support grant management and monitoring.

International Republican Institute

\$140,000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

International Republican Institute

\$90,000

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

International Republican Institute

\$30,773

1995 REPROGRAMMING

To develop and publish four manuals that describe the Institute's training programs, the steps that IRI takes to design and conduct these programs, and the lessons learned in implementing them.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$243,200

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$104,199

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$157,747

To evaluate four multiyear programs in Kenya, Slovakia, West Africa, and the West Bank/Gaza.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies

research

information

analysis

discussion

support

enhancement

In 1994, NED established a new division dedicated to the study of democratization. The International Forum for Democratic Studies (Forum), whose activities are funded primarily by private contributions, has become a leading center for analyzing and discussing 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 the Endowment's grants program and the World Movement for Democracy.

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 occasional publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;
- A Democracy Resource Center, consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a website 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 the Endowment 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



In February 1999, the International Forum held a workshop on "Policy Research Institutes and Democracy" at the first assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in New Delhi.

International Forum Holds Workshop at World Movement Conference

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 number of meetings in 1999, including a workshop on "Policy Research Institutes and Democracy" at the first assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in New Delhi, India, on February 15. The workshop, cosponsored with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (New Delhi), enabled institutions around the world that are concerned with the study and practice of democracy to get to know one another and to develop a more active network of interaction and exchange. The workshop was attended by more than 50 participants who discussed common topics of research; opportunities for collaboration and exchange; strategies and programs for influencing

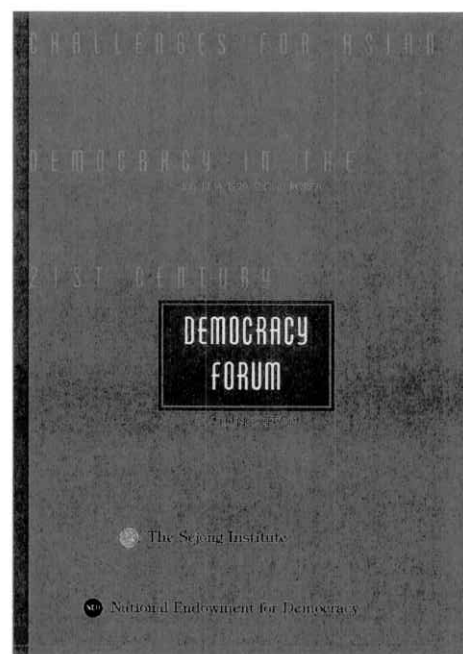
public policy and improving democratic institutions; and building a network of international cooperation among research institutes focused on democracy. The Forum is now working with World Movement for Democracy staff to solidify the network, primarily through the electronic resources of the Forum's Democracy Resource Center.

Challenges to Asian Democracy Addressed at Conference

In 1999, the Forum also organized the inaugural conference of the Democracy Forum for East Asia, a project cosponsored with the Sejong Institute (Seoul). The conference, entitled "Challenges to Asian Democracy in the 21st Century," took place in Seoul, South Korea, on July 13–14, and featured a keynote address by Harold Hongju Koh, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. The conference brought together democracy scholars and

practitioners from the United States, Korea, and other East Asian countries. A series of workshops was planned for the project, the first of which took place in Seoul on December 11–12 on "The Politics of Economic Reform and Civil Society Responses."

The Forum also sponsors smaller conferences and meetings on timely issues and particular countries or regions. The Forum cosponsored with the African Studies Program of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) a one-day meeting on "The 1999 Elections and the Future of Democracy in Nigeria." The meeting, held at SAIS on March 18, featured discussions on assessing the recent elections in Nigeria and the prospects for democracy in the country, and a luncheon address by Congressman Donald Payne. The conference panels featured a number of election observers, including Clement Nwankwo of the Nigerian Transition Monitoring Group, who



NED visiting fellow researches democracy and Confucianism

Visiting Fellows benefit from NED resources, Washington research network



NED Fellow Chaibong Hahm is photographed at NED's 10-year anniversary event for the *Journal of Democracy* in January 2000.

What is Confucianism, and is it compatible with democracy? These are among the key questions that Chaibong Hahm addressed as a visiting fellow at the Endowment's International Forum for Democratic Studies.

Mr. Hahm, a Ph.D. recipient from Johns Hopkins University, and a leading Korean expert on democracy and Confucianism, joined the Forum's visiting fellows program in January 1999. His fellowship, which is supported by the Korea Research Foundation, includes projects on "The Confucian Gentleman and the Private Individual" and "Liberal, Social, and Confucian Democracy."

Chaibong Hahm is associate professor of political science at Yonsei University, director of the Comparative Cultural Studies Center at the Institute of East and West Studies at Yonsei, and editor-in-chief of Jontong Gwa Hyundae (Tradition and Modernity).

"Few Koreans would call themselves 'Confucian,'" Mr. Hahm told participants of a September 1999 NED seminar, "but research indicates that a vast majority of them are."

He noted a reemergence of interest in Confucianism in recent years by intellectuals of both the left and the right, and explained that while terms such as 'democracy' or 'human rights' are fairly new to Koreans, certain Confucian values can help them to understand these concepts.

FELLOWS PROGRAM CONNECTS SCHOLARS, PRACTITIONERS

Established in 1995, the visiting fellows program enables scholars, journalists, and democracy advocates to spend three to ten months in residence at the Forum exploring the theory and practice of democracy.

The program is one example of how the Endowment's activities to promote research and dialogue on democracy have expanded over the years. The Endowment began its research activities in 1990 with the founding of the Journal of Democracy (page 72), which has become a highly-acclaimed resource around the world. In 1994 the International Forum was established (page 66); it now encompasses the visiting fellows program, the Democracy Resource Center (which includes a library and web site), and a variety of other programs including conferences and publications.

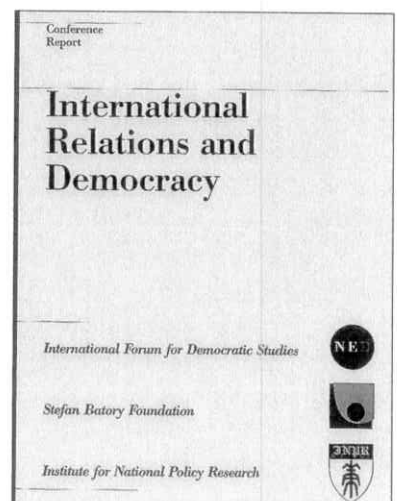
In addition to addressing the NED seminar mentioned above, Mr. Hahm contributed an article, "The Cultural Challenge to Individualism," to the tenth anniversary issue of the Journal of Democracy and participated in a panel discussion on January 20, 2000, commemorating that anniversary.

"I couldn't ask for a better environment in which to work," Mr. Hahm said of the International Forum. "I urge anyone who has the opportunity to come and work here to do so."

received the Endowment's 1999 Democracy Award at a Capitol Hill ceremony in May. A report based on the conference, which also contains excerpts from presentations made at the award ceremony, has since been published.

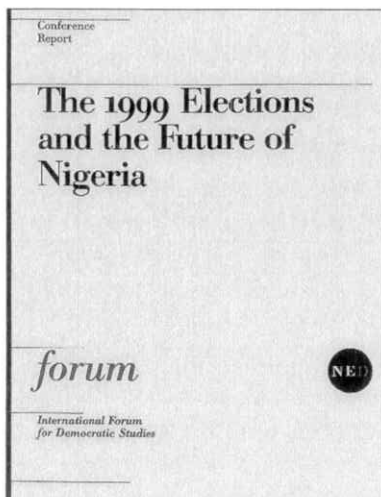
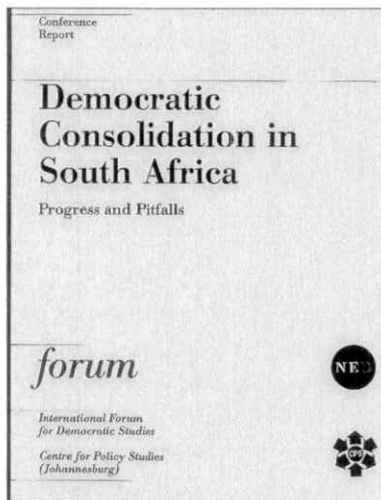
On April 16, the Forum and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace cosponsored a half-day meeting on "What Went Wrong in Russia?" The meeting, held at the Carnegie Endowment, included two panels, one on economics and one on politics, and featured discussion among the authors of several articles on Russia published in the April 1999 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*. The meeting was attended by more than 100 members of the scholarly and public policy communities in Washington.

This past year also saw the conclusion of "The Democratic Invention" lecture series, which began in June 1997. The series, cosponsored with the Mário Soares Foundation and the Luso-American Development Foundation and hosted by The George Washington University, has brought leading democratic thinkers and activists to Washington, D.C. Bronisław Geremek, foreign minister of Poland, concluded the series in April, speaking on "The Transformation of Central Europe."



A volume containing lectures in the series has been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

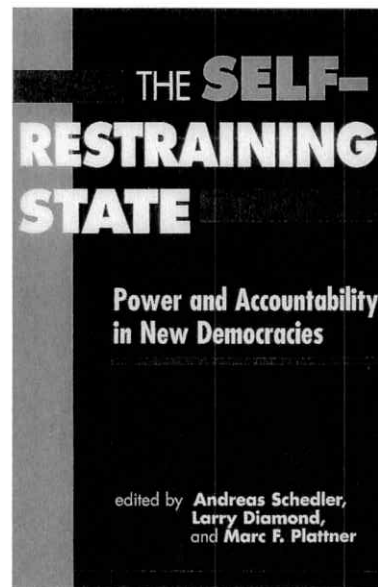
The Forum also published three conference reports during the last year: *International Relations and Democracy* is based on a major conference the Forum cosponsored with the Stefan Batory Foundation (Warsaw) and the Institute for National Policy Research (Taiwan) in Warsaw, Poland, in June 1998; *Democratic Consolidation in South Africa: Progress and Pitfalls* is based on a conference held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in February 1998, cosponsored with the Centre for Policy Studies (Johannesburg); and, as indicated above, *The 1999 Elections and the Future of Nigeria* is based on



1999 International Forum Colloquia:

- *Jeffrey Gallup*, Forum Visiting Fellow, "The 1998 Cambodian Elections: A Step Toward Democracy or War by Other Means?"
- *Ladan Boroumand*, Forum Visiting Fellow, "Civil Society in Iran: Illusion and Reality."
- *Elizabeth Spiro Clark*, Forum Visiting Fellow, "Rethinking Support for Transitional Elections."
- *Chaibong Hahm*, Forum Visiting Fellow, "Confucianism, Citizenship, and Democracy."
- *S.N. Eisenstadt*, Rose Isaacs Professor of Sociology Emeritus, Hebrew University, Jerusalem and former Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, "Multiple Modernities: Democracy and Fundamentalism."
- *Abdou Filali-Ansary*, director of the King Abdul-Aziz al-Saoud Foundation for Islamic Studies and Human Sciences, Casablanca, Morocco, "Islam, Secularization, and Democracy."
- *G.M. Tamás*, a founder of the Free Democratic Alliance in Hungary and former E.L. Wiegand Distinguished Visiting Professor of Democratization at Georgetown University, "Eastern Europe a Decade After 1989: Victory Defeated" with a response by University of Maryland Professor *Vladimir Tismaneanu*.
- *Steven Friedman*, director of the Centre for Policy Studies, Johannesburg, South Africa, "South Africa's Upcoming Elections: Is Democracy at a Crossroads?"
- *Pierre Manent* of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, "The Fate and Meaning of Political Philosophy in Our Century."

a one-day meeting held in March 1999 in Washington, D.C., cosponsored with the SAIS African Studies Department at Johns Hopkins University. In early 1999, *The Self-Restraining State: Power and Accountability in New Democracies* was published by Lynne Rienner Publishers and coedited by Marc F. Plattner, Larry Diamond, and Andreas Schedler.



Democracy Resource Center

The Democracy Resource Center (DRC) collects, organizes, and disseminates information and analysis produced by and about the wide range of groups and organizations working to strengthen democracy abroad. The DRC seeks to facilitate a genuinely multidirectional flow of information and ideas among developed and developing democracies, grant providers and recipients, and scholars and practitioners.

Library and Archives. The library and archives house a collection of 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 the Endowment and programs it has funded; and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations. These resources have been entered into an online catalog that is accessible via the Internet.

Democracy Projects Database. The DRC created and maintains an online database with information on more than 5,000 projects supported by NED (dating 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.

Democracy Experts Database.

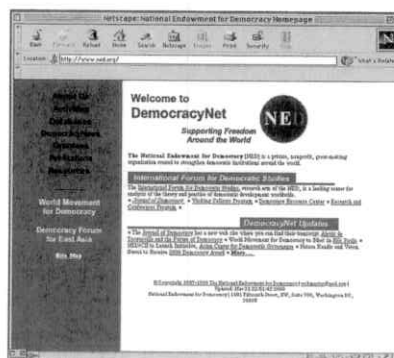
Entries in this online searchable database are drawn from members of the Forum's Research Council as well as contributors to the *Journal of Democracy*, participants in Forum conferences and seminars, and past visiting fellows at the Forum. For each of some 130 experts entered at present, the database 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.

DemocracyNet. Extending the reach of the NED via the Internet, *DemocracyNet* 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.

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, opinion pieces, and journal articles on topics related to democracy.

DemocracyNews is available to all interested subscribers. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: demnews-on@free.ned.org

Workshop at the First Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy. The DRC's head librarian, Allen Overland, and NED's Program Officer for Central & Eastern Europe, Paul McCarthy, organized a workshop on "New Communications Technologies: Tools for Democracy-Building" at the first assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in New Delhi, India, in February 1999. The workshop, which was attended by more than 35 NGO practitioners, focused on how democracy organizations around the world are utilizing communications technologies — including the Internet, electronic media, and satellite TV — to promote their work, and how they are coping with threats by repressive regimes to curtail their access to these technologies.



The Visiting Fellows Program

The Visiting Fellows Program, initiated in January 1995, enables scholars, journalists, and democratic activists to spend from three to ten months in residence at the Forum exploring the theory and practice of democracy. The program — small, personalized, and flexible — is open to applicants of all nationalities and seeks to reflect a wide geographical diversity each year. No more than six Fellows can be in residence at one time.

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 results of the program — new information and analysis, deeper insights, improved understanding, and extensive communication — are of benefit not only to the individual Fellows, but to the wider community of democrats and students of democracy as well.

A secondary goal of the program is 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. 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.

During the past year, the following distinguished scholars working on issues related to democracy have been in residence at the Forum:

Jeffrey C. Gallup (United States)
(February – May 1999)

Mr. Gallup served most recently as senior advisor to the Director of the Cambodian Institute of Human Rights (CIHR), a local NGO specializing in human rights, democracy, peace, and good governance education. He was also an advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Cambodian National Election Committee and an advisor to the President of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, an election monitoring group, in Phnom Penh. While at the Forum, Mr. Gallup authored a study of the 1998 Cambodian Elections.

G rard Conac (France)
(January 1998 – September 1999)
Professor Emeritus of political science at the University of Paris I (Panth on-Sorbonne) and director of the Research Center on Constitutional Law, Professor Conac is conducting a comparative analysis of democracy building in European and African states in transition, focusing on Romania and Benin and on Bulgaria and Madagascar.

Elizabeth Spiro Clark (United States)
(September 1998 – May 2000)

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. While at the Forum, she is conducting research on "Democracy Promotion and Elections: Case Studies in the Policy Process."

Ladan Boroumand (Iran)
(September 1998 – May 2000)

A historian from Iran who has written an extensive study of the French Revolution, Dr. Boroumand is beginning a similar long-term study of the Iranian Revolution. She is preparing the first part of the study, an analytical chronology of the Islamic revolution and republic in Iran, during her fellowship at the Forum.

Chaibong Hahm (South Korea)
(January 1999 – August 2000)

Dr. Hahm, who earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Johns Hopkins University, is an associate professor of political science at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, director of the Comparative Cultural Studies Center at the Institute of East and West Studies at Yonsei, and editor-in-chief of *Jontong Gwa Hyundae (Tradition and Modernity)*, a quarterly journal. While at the Forum, Dr. Hahm is conducting research on "The Confucian Gentleman and the Private Individual," as well as working on the continuation of an international project on "Liberal, Social, and Confucian Democracy."

Journal of Democracy

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 main-

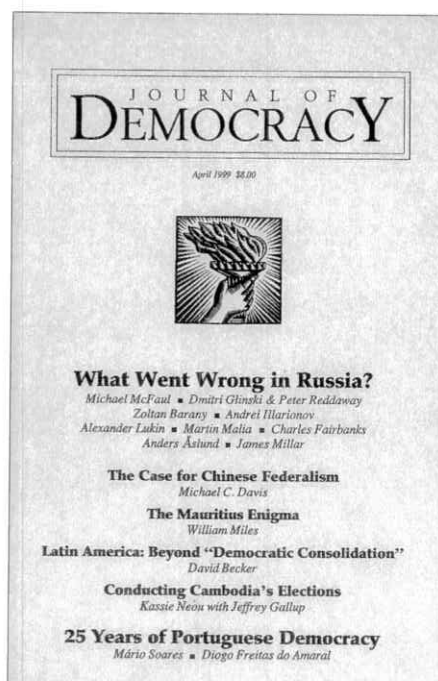
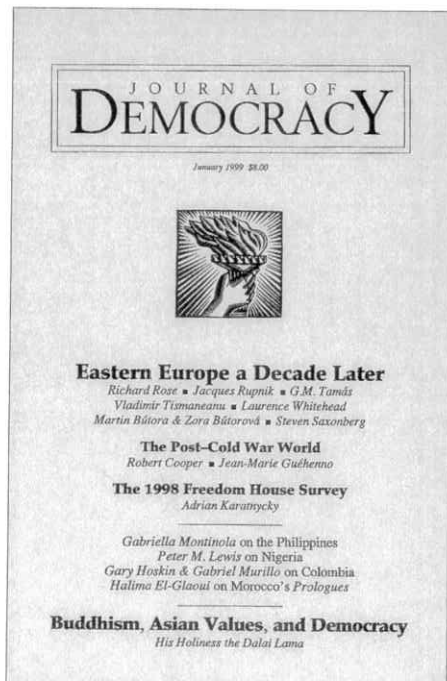
tains the highest scholarly standards, it is written and edited for the general reader as well. The *Journal's* authors include eminent social scientists and historians, statesmen and leaders of democratic movements, and renowned intellectuals. A truly global publication, the *Journal* attracts both authors and readers from all over the world.

- In its January 1999 issue, the *Journal of Democracy* analyzed political developments in Eastern Europe ten years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Contributors included Richard Rose, Jacques Rupnik, G.M. Tamás, Vladimír Tismaneanu, Laurence Whitehead, Martin Bútorá and Zora Bútorová, and Steven Saxonberg.
- In the April issue, the *Journal* traced the roots of Russia's economic and political crisis. Contributors included Michael McFaul, Dmitri Glinski and Peter Reddaway, Zoltan Barany, Andrei Illarionov, Alexander Lukin, Martin

Malia, Charles Fairbanks, Anders Åslund, and James Millar.

- The *Journal* contemplated the challenges to democratization in Latin America in the July 1999 issue. Contributors included Diego Abente-Brun, Amaury de Souza, Steven Levitsky, Scott Mainwaring, Jennifer McCoy, and Manuel Pastor and Carol Wise.
- In the October issue, the *Journal* debated the merits of democracy assistance abroad. Contributors included Marina Ottaway and Theresa Chung, E. Gyimah-Boadi, Elizabeth Spiro Clark, and Irena Lasota. This issue also explored the effects on Southeast Asia of its economic crisis, with contributions by Donald Emmerson, Suchit Bunbongkarn, and Bambang Harymurti.

The four 1999 *Journal* issues also included contributions by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on "Buddhism, Asian Values, and Democracy" (January); Mário Soares on "The Democratic Invention" (April); Diogo Freitas do Amaral on "Reflections on the Portuguese Revolution" (April); Amartya Sen on "Democracy as a Universal Value" (July); Abdou Filali-Ansary on "Muslims and Democracy" (July); Alfred Stepan on "Federalism and Democracy: Beyond the U.S. Model" (October); and Laurence Whitehead on "The Drama of Democratization" (October).



Selected essays originally published in the *Journal* have been collected into a series of books coedited by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond 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 1999, the *Journal* collaborated with the Johns Hopkins University Press to produce *Democratization in Africa*. Published *Journal of Democracy* books include:

- *Democratization in Africa* (1999);
- *Democracy in East Asia* (1998);
- *Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies* (with Yun-han Chu and Hung-mao Tien, 1997);
- *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).

The *Journal of Democracy* is published quarterly by the Johns Hopkins University Press in January, April, July, and October. Subscriptions are \$30.00 per year for individuals and \$81.00 for institutions. Subscribers in Canada and Mexico add \$4.30 for postage; those outside North America add \$9.00.

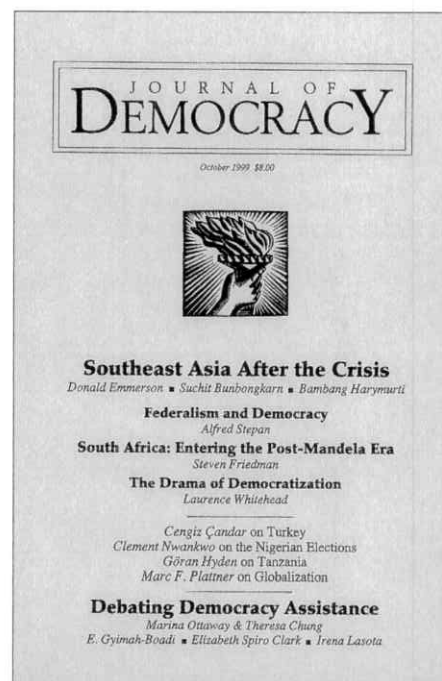
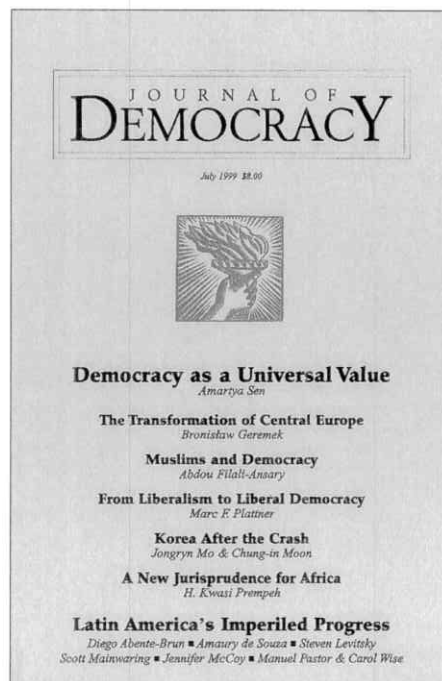
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
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, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.


We conducted our audits in accordance with 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, 1999 and 1998, 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 the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 1999 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 24, 1999

McLean, Virginia

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deloitte & Touche LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 927,880	\$ 1,543,889
Investment in common stock	81,843	–
Grants receivable (Note 3)	37,367,078	26,399,396
Prepaid and other assets	13,331	13,331
Pledges receivable (Note 4)	100,000	100,000
Total current assets	<u>38,490,132</u>	<u>28,056,616</u>
Furniture and Equipment – Net (Note 2)	576,403	350,600
Pledges Receivable – Long-term	–	95,000
Total Assets	<u>\$39,066,535</u>	<u>\$28,502,216</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 313,867	\$ 361,904
Grants payable (Note 5)	26,849,017	24,276,855
Deferred grant revenue – government agencies (Note 6)	10,478,852	2,465,665
Current obligations under capital lease (Note 9)	66,484	31,680
Total current liabilities	<u>37,708,220</u>	<u>27,136,104</u>
Capital Lease Obligations –		
Long-term portion (Note 9)	237,526	65,257
Total liabilities	<u>37,945,746</u>	<u>27,201,361</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	800,797	810,343
Temporarily restricted	319,992	490,512
Total net assets	<u>1,120,789</u>	<u>1,300,855</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$39,066,535</u>	<u>\$28,502,216</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Years Ended September 30, 1999 and 1998

	Unrestricted	1999 Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	1998 Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue (Note 6):						
Grant revenue – government agencies	\$36,385,104	\$ –	\$36,385,104	\$32,188,830	\$ –	\$32,188,830
Other grants and contributions		387,092	387,092	–	1,107,064	1,107,064
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	72,312	–	72,312	63,961	–	63,961
Total support and revenue	36,457,416	387,092	36,844,508	32,252,791	1,107,064	33,359,855
Net Assets Released From Restrictions:						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	557,612	(557,612)	–	616,552	(616,552)	–
Total revenues	37,015,028	(170,520)	36,844,508	32,869,343	490,512	33,359,855
Expenses:						
Program Services:						
Federal Grant Programs:						
USIA	29,210,459	–	29,210,459	26,337,675	–	26,337,675
DOS	1,897,200	–	1,897,200	1,282,979	–	1,282,979
Total Federal grant programs	31,107,659	–	31,107,659	27,620,654	–	27,620,654
Other Activities:						
International Forum:						
Management and Support	43,863	–	43,863	36,865	–	36,865
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	76,710	–	76,710	81,133	–	81,133
Democracy Resource Center	73,930	–	73,930	127,575	–	127,575
Research and Conferences	71,830	–	71,830	142,801	–	142,801
Visiting Fellows Program	–	–	–	16,308	–	16,308
World Alliance for Democracy	219,716	–	219,716	34,880	–	34,880
NED Events and Development	160,942	–	160,942	176,990	–	176,990
Total other activities	646,991	–	646,991	616,552	–	616,552
Supporting Services	5,269,924	–	5,269,924	4,520,421	–	4,520,421
Total expenses	37,024,574	–	37,024,574	32,757,627	–	32,757,627
Changes in Net Assets	(9,546)	(170,520)	(180,066)	111,716	490,512	602,228
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	810,343	490,512	1,300,855	698,627	–	698,627
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 800,797	\$ 319,992	\$ 1,120,789	\$ 810,343	\$ 490,512	\$ 1,300,855

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended September 30, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Changes in net assets	\$ (180,066)	\$ 602,228
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	121,249	139,664
Unrealized loss on investment	17,076	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	(10,967,682)	3,693,946
Pledges receivable	95,000	(195,000)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(48,037)	(66,590)
Grants payable	2,572,162	(2,090,067)
Deferred grant revenue—government agencies	8,013,187	(1,347,998)
	<u>(377,111)</u>	<u>736,183</u>
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities—		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(111,148)	(124,336)
Donation of stock	(98,919)	-
	<u>(210,067)</u>	<u>(124,336)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		
Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities—		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(28,831)	(68,032)
	<u>(28,831)</u>	<u>(68,032)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		
(Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(616,009)	543,815
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>1,543,889</u>	<u>1,000,074</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 927,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,543,889</u>
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:		
Capital lease assumed	\$ 309,058	\$ 138,800
Capital lease disposal	73,154	-
Donation of stock	98,919	-

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 1999 and 1998

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 and DOS 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.

Investments - The Endowment accounts for investments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations." The Endowment is required to carry its investments at fair value with any related gain or loss reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

2. Furniture and Equipment

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

	1999	1998
Furniture and equipment	\$1,085,384	\$989,462
Equipment under capital lease	<u>328,606</u>	<u>274,292</u>
Total	1,413,990	1,263,754
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(837,587)</u>	<u>(913,154)</u>
Furniture and equipment, net	<u><u>\$576,403</u></u>	<u><u>\$350,600</u></u>

3. Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are from the U.S. Government and represent balances of Federal Reserve Letters of Credit and direct funding established by 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, 1999 and 1998, contributors to the Endowment have made written unconditional promises to give totaling \$100,000, which is due in less than one year, and \$200,000, respectively. These unconditional promises to give are temporarily restricted.

5. Grants Payable

Grants payable represent the undisbursed balances of funds obligated to the Endowment's grantees. Grantee organizations are entitled to collect grant funds as needed by presenting requests for funds to the Endowment.

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, 1999 and 1998:

	Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year	Add: Grants Awarded/ Amended	Less: Grants Obligated	Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year
USAID Grants - Nicaragua	\$ 755,577	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 755,537
USIA Grants - Primary Funding	1,277,853	31,112,644	31,434,432	956,065
Balkan	-	5,375,000	2,463,606	2,911,394
Belarus	168,624	850,000	160,105	858,519
Civitas - India	-	95,800	95,800	-
DOS Grants - Burma	263,611	4,873,000	2,056,189	3,080,422
India	-	275,000	249,596	25,404
Korea	-	278,000	40,489	237,511
China	-	1,654,000	-	1,654,000
Total 1999	<u>\$2,465,665</u>	<u>\$44,513,444</u>	<u>\$36,500,257</u>	<u>\$10,478,852</u>
Total 1998	<u>\$3,813,663</u>	<u>\$30,840,832</u>	<u>\$32,188,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,465,665</u>

The deferred grant revenue will be recognized as revenue when the Endowment incurs valid obligations in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreements.

7. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, as follows:

	1999	1998
International Forum:		
Management Support	\$ 18,135	\$ 36,865
Journal of Democracy	76,710	81,133
Democracy Resource Center	22,425	127,575
Research and Conference	59,684	142,801
Visiting Fellows Program	-	16,308
World Alliance for Democracy	219,716	34,880
NED Events and Development	160,942	176,990
Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$557,612</u>	<u>\$616,552</u>

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

	1999	1998
International Forum:		
Management and Support	\$ —	\$ 13,135
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	67,157	53,867
Democracy Resource Center	—	22,425
Research and Conference	—	(10,316)
Visiting Fellows Program	942	942
World Alliance for Democracy	98,479	270,271
NED Events and Development	153,414	140,188
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u><u>\$319,992</u></u>	<u><u>\$490,512</u></u>

8. Related Parties

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs which the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the Act. Some of the organizations which submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Board of Directors represented on the Board of Directors of the Endowment.

Article VI, Section V, of the Endowment's bylaws provides that any Board member who is an officer or director of an organization seeking to receive grants from the Endowment must abstain from considering and voting on such grant. This provision shall not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

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 2004. Accumulated amortization for property under capital leases was \$27,482 and \$183,891 as of September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2000	\$ 66,156	\$ 533,883
2001	66,156	533,883
2002	68,682	533,883
2003	61,812	533,883
2004	113,330	533,883
Thereafter	<u> </u>	<u>1,067,766</u>
Total minimum payments	376,136	3,737,181
Less: Interest	<u>(72,126)</u>	<u> </u>
Present value of minimum payments	<u><u>\$304,010</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,737,181</u></u>

Lease expense was approximately \$491,774 and \$473,372 for the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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).

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, 1999 and 1998, were approximately \$232,408 and \$231,696, respectively.

12. Transfers to Government Agencies

Commencing in fiscal year 1987, the U.S. Government established a policy whereby recipients of federal funds are required to deposit grant funds in interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned in excess of \$250 per fiscal year must be remitted back to the U.S. Government. Total interest earned in fiscal year 1999 and 1998 was approximately \$34,595 and \$39,260, respectively. Interest earned has been netted against transfers of interest to USIA and DOS for financial statement purposes. Interest payable to USIA and DOS at September 30, 1999 and 1998, of \$6,830 and \$5,367, respectively, is included in the balance of accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying statements of financial position. In fiscal year 1999, the U.S. Government granted the Endowment an interest waiver for its grantees. With the approval of the Endowment, grant funds made available by the Endowment may be deposited in interest-bearing accounts pending disbursement, and any interest earned may be retained by the grantee and expended for the purposes for which the agreement was made.

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, 1999 and 1998.

Schedule of Natural Expenses Year Ended September 30, 1999

	DOS	USIA	USAID	Total Supporting Services	Other Programs	Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$151,084	\$3,183,457	\$ -	\$3,334,541	\$249,943	\$3,584,484
Professional fees	10,765	254,108	-	264,873	44,522	309,395
Occupancy	32,920	439,106	-	472,026	19,749	491,775
Communications	1,860	179,173	-	181,033	60,835	241,868
Travel and transportation	194,314	343,498	-	537,812	89,233	627,045
Supplies and equipment	16,018	82,247	-	98,265	-	97,335
Insurance	-	25,848	-	25,848	-	25,848
Depreciation and amortization	-	121,249	-	121,249	-	121,249
Conferences and meetings	40,727	27,388	-	68,115	115,677	183,792
Other	511	30,881	40	31,432	63,507	95,869
Periodical	875	133,855	-	134,730	3,525	138,255
TOTAL	<u>\$449,074</u>	<u>\$4,820,810</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$5,269,924</u>	<u>\$646,991</u>	<u>\$5,916,915</u>

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from USIA and DOS in the total amount of \$31,107,659, 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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