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# Chairman's Message

"I count it a great privilege to have served NED, and I wish this remarkable bipartisan product of American leadership continued success in the struggle to help men and women everywhere enjoy the blessings of freedom and self-government."

At a time when, after a highly contentious election, American opinion seems

sharply divided on a number of issues, I think it significant that one entity that has continued to win support from Presidents of both parties and both Democrats and Republicans in Congress is the National Endowment for Democracy.

In remarks last year, then Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright declared:

"There are those who scoff and say that promoting democracy is all well and good, but what about our specific national interest? My reply — and I think this would be backed up by modern Presidents from Truman to Reagan, and Bush to Clinton — is that our identification with democracy is vital to the pursuit of our interests."

That conviction was central to the decision of President Ronald W. Reagan, a Republican, Congressman Dante Fascell, Democrat of Florida, and a Democratic Congress to create, in 1983, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

As this is my last "Chairman's Message"— I joined the NED Board in 1992 and have had the honor of serving as Chairman for the past seven years — I look back on the record of that period and conclude that key to this bipartisan support are several factors:

- a judgment on the part of the nation's political leaders of both parties that championing democracy is an essential goal of U.S. foreign policy
- the commitment of the NED Board, composed of knowledgeable and experienced men and women from various walks of life. I pay special tribute to the three outstanding Board members with whom I this year retired: Fred C. Iklé, Richard G. Lugar and Stephen I. Solarz.
- a dedicated, highly competent and fair-minded staff, superbly led by President Carl Gershman
- the engagement, through NED's four "core institutes" the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), International Republican Institute (IRI), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) their boards and staff, in generating proposals for consideration by the NED Board and then effectively implementing approved grants.

Here I must salute two members of the NED family who died last year — John D. Hurford, a generous and devoted Board member, and John Alvis, an idealistic and energetic IRI officer in Azerbaijan.

Of course, indispensable to understanding NED's record over nearly two decades are the Endowment's concrete contributions to building democracy in many places in the world. Last summer, for example, NED honored Natasa Kandic, a human rights activist in Belgrade, and Veton Surroi, editor of an independent newspaper in Kosovo — two vigorous voices for freedom in their turbulent region. Six months later, the people of Yugoslavia, through an election and demonstrations, threw out of power Slobodan Milosevic, last of East Europe's dictators.

This victory for democracy would not have been possible without the courageous efforts of men and women like the two persons NED honored nor, I

must add, without the assistance provided to independent media and non-governmental organizations in Yugoslavia by the National Endowment for Democracy.

Even as democracy has made historic gains in the century just ended - Nobel Laureate economist Amartya Sen told the First Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD) in New Delhi in 1999 that "the rise of democracy" was the "preeminent development [of] the 20th century"progress toward democracy is not inevitable. Serious, sometimes grave, challenges remain and that is why, in addition to operating the grants program, NED works for democracy in other ways:

- its Journal of Democracy, founded in 1990, now the leading voice for research and debate on democratic advances throughout the world
- the International Forum for Democratic Studies, a center for analysis of democratic development
- · the World Movement for Democracy, initiated by NED, to bring together democratic activists and scholars of democracy to share ideas and information. Last Fall, over 400 democrats from more than 80 countries met in São Paulo, Brazil, for the Second World Movement Assembly.
- · cooperating with other democratic foundations and sparking new ones. In 1999, in Ibiza, Spain, Carl Gershman and I addressed a conference at which leaders of the country's two major political parties announced the creation of a Spanish National Commission to Support Democracy.

During 2000, I also spoke on democracy at conferences in Berlin, Istanbul, Salonika, Sarajevo, Warsaw, and Puebla, Mexico. And last summer I led a group of former Members of Congress to Cuba where we met with cultural and religious leaders as well as independent journalists and three dissidents, just released from prison for having called for free elections there. One dissident praised essays he had read in NED's Journal of Democracy!

Although I retired from the NED Board last January, I intend to keep active in the democratic cause. I'm a founding director of the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe. Headquartered in Salonika, this NGO encourages free and democratic institutions in the Balkans. I also serve on the U.S. and International Advisory Councils of Transparency International, the organization that combats corruption in crossborder business transactions. And, of course, I stand ready to help in the work of the World Movement for Democracy.

My late Greek immigrant father told me as a child, "John, we Greeks invented democracy. Some of us should practice it."

After 14 campaigns for election to the U.S. House of Representatives, 22 years as a Member of Congress and nearly a decade of service on the Board of the National Endowment for Democracy, I obviously have democracy in my blood!

I count it a great privilege to have served NED, and I wish this remarkable bipartisan product of American leadership continued success in the struggle to help men and women everywhere enjoy the blessings of freedom and self-government.

John Brademas

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January, 2001

<sup>1</sup> Rostov Lecture Series, School of Ad- arced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Washington CS, January 18, 2000.

# President's Message

A sense of global mission has always been at the core of the National Endowment for Democracy's (NED) institutional identity. What is not always well understood is why NED has this orientation and how, given its limited resources, it is able to carry out an effective strategy of democracy-promotion on a worldwide basis.

A number of practical factors account for NED's approach. The United States has global interests and responsibilities that are unmatched by any other coun-



try in the world. While the U.S. cannot be "the policeman of the world," it is nevertheless expected to demonstrate concern about problems of human rights and democracy everywhere. The creation of the NED was a manifestation of this concern, which is rooted in the founding principles of the United States and is today powerfully reinforced by the growing diversity of the American population. Another factor is the globalized nature of politics and economics in the contemporary world. Given these realities, the Endowment cannot simply disregard whole regions where democracy needs help, despite its limited

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resources and the inherent difficulties of operating on a global scale.

The central challenge for the Endowment has always been to shape a coherent global strategy that focuses resources on critical situations where there is the potential for a democratic breakthrough, while allowing the NED to stay engaged in the many countries where the process of democratization is inevitably long-term and uneven. In response to this challenge, each of NED's three strategic plans during its 17-year history (1984, 1992, 1997) has focused on advancing the same two fundamental objectives:

- exploiting the Endowment's unique strengths as a nongovernmental grant-making institution with a multi-sectoral structure, and
- developing to the maximum extent possible the NED's ability to act as a catalytic center of ideas and action serving democracy groups around the world.

With respect to the first objective, there are five key factors that account for the success and effectiveness of the NED's global grants strategy:

#### A Regional Approach

The NED has six regional program divisions covering Asia, Africa, Latin America, Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East. Each division has a staff of program officers who possess regional expertise and language skills as well as detailed knowledge of local NGOs and democratic movements. It is the Endowment's commitment to making each region a stable component of the grants program that gives us the capacity to carry out a global grants program. Within the context of this regional approach, NED develops an overall grants strategy, setting forth priorities in each region. While each regional plan directs most of the funds at three or four priority countries, some funds are left available for other countries where there is a real potential for back-sliding or where modest NED assistance can meet a pressing need and achieve significant results.

#### A Multi-Sectoral Approach

The distinguishing feature of the NED has always been its special relationship with four "core" institutes the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS or the "Solidarity Center"), the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the International Republican Institute (IRI), and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). The institutes represent important sectors of American society - labor, business, and the political parties - and their mission is to help to build those sectors in developing democracies. The NED complements the work of the institutes with its wide array of discretionary grants that provide support to NGOs working in various other sectors of civil society - civic education, independent media, human and minority rights, and the rule of law.

The role of the different sectors in democratic development varies, depending on the conditions within particular countries. In authoritarian states, discretionary grants to groups that represent the interests of civil society are often the most effective way to foster democratic breakthroughs. While civil society can initiate a process of transition and serve as a watchdog and channel for citizen participation in the period following a democratic breakthrough, it alone is not capable of consolidating a new democratic system. For that, the institutions of political society, especially parties, and economic society, mainly unions and business groups, are essential. The work of democratic consolidation must proceed on all these fronts simultaneously, an undertaking the NED, which incorporates all of these elements, is ideally suited to assist.

#### **Bottom-Up Assistance**

As a non-governmental institution providing political assistance to activist groups, the NED has always seen its role as working primarily at the grassroots with institutions like unions and parties and with civil society groups, all of which stimulate change from the bottom up.

The NED has never assumed that democracy can be literally engineered with sufficient funding and technical help from the outside. The NED views its assistance more as helping to "seed" a society, providing aid to indigenous groups that have roots in society and, with modest funds and training, can carry forward the step-

by-step process of democratization. For this approach to work, the critical factor is choosing the right people to work with — activists with experience, credibility, motivation, and an ability to define and carry out initiatives that enable a society to "take the next step" in the process of democratization. This approach does not require a great deal of central planning or large resources and explains how the Endowment can carry out a global program.

#### **Small Grants**

The Endowment can point to countless situations where a small grant (less than \$50,000) to the right NGO has produced significant results, and examples of small but effective grants are included throughout this report (see pp. 16, 24, 36, 47, 53 and 61). The small grants philosophy rests on the belief that modest support to a wide variety of indigenous groups can effect long-term change by building the capacity of civil and political society and exposing large numbers of citizens to a broad array of programs related to democratic principles.

When asked to describe how small grants can be effective, one of NED's Program Officers explained it this way: "Supporting organizations that set standards; act as watchdogs; help define and defend human rights; strengthen democratic values through civic education; and especially those that provide leadership in any democratic pursuit does not require huge amounts of funding. But it is important to get a small amount of funding to as many democrats as possible, and the human spirit and striving for democracy does the rest."

#### Networking

A natural outgrowth of the small grants approach is the creation of networks among local and regional NGOs, on the theory that they can reinforce and help each other, creating a web that is stronger than its individual members. NED saw this play out in Nigeria where we funded a broad array of democracy, human rights, and civil society groups during the period of dictatorship. This proliferation of NGOs, small and spread out, but loosely connected, created an at first barely audible but eventually dull roar for democracy that was impossible to ignore.

Once again, the point is that limited funding can have great impact if it goes to the right groups and if NED

can help-them establish the right connections. Since democracy promotion is a human endeavor and not a program of social engineering, it depends ultimately upon the resourcefulness and dedication of the people involved. Helping such people build support networks can amplify the impact of the grants involved and also give them a way to affect the larger political environment, which they would otherwise be too isolated to influence. This is especially important in the present context of political and economic globalization.

t is precisely this last consideration — the need for local groups to establish effective linkages nationally, regionally, and worldwide — that explains the importance NED has placed upon developing its own capacity to serve as a catalytic center for programming, research, and networking among democracy activists throughout the world. This is the second core objective of the Endowment's strategy, and its implementation has advanced significantly in recent years.

There are now four principal initiatives developed by NED that complement the grants program by broadening and strengthening the networks of groups and individuals working to advance democracy, and also by deepening the knowledge within this community of the difficult challenges and complex issues that democrats face on a daily basis. (The first three of these initiatives are described in greater detail inside this report.) These initiatives are:

- The World Movement for Democracy (see pp. 9-11)
- The International Forum for Democratic Studies (see pp. 64–66)
- The Democracy Resource Center (see p. 67)
- The Network of Democracy Assistance
   Foundations which has met periodically since the NED first convened it in 1993 and has continued to expand as additional democratic countries establish institutions to foster democracy internationally.

Participating foundations represent the U.K., Germany, Sweden, Canada, Australia, France, Spain, the Netherlands and Poland.

Through the grants program and its other initiatives, the Endowment has tried to reach out to a vast community of people working to strengthen democracy — those in the advanced and new democracies who are providing democracy assistance, those working to consolidate democracy in countries where it is weak, and those who are working to achieve breakthroughs to democracy where it does not yet exist.

It is probably the last group — those who are living within or in exile from dictatorships — who stand to benefit the most from the Endowment's grants program, the World Movement for Democracy, and the other activities NED is conducting. It is they, after all, who face the harshest conditions and the longest journey to democracy. They are also the ones who are most likely to be neglected by an international community that, with only some exceptions, continues to believe that governments represent the people they rule, regardless of whether or not these governments have been democratically elected.

By conducting a global program, NED is stating not only its intention to assist such people, but also its belief that they have just as much right to live under democracy as those from countries and cultures where democracy may come more swiftly and easily. By asserting this belief in democratic universalism, and by backing it up with an ambitious and far-reaching program of democracy assistance, NED seeks to give hope to the hopeless and to assure them that in their struggle for democracy, they are not alone.

Carl Gershman President

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## 2000 NED News & Events

# Leading Democratic Voices from Serbia and Kosovo Receive 2000 Democracy Award

Veton Surroi, editor and publisher of Koha Ditore, the most widely read independent Albanian-language daily in Kosovo, and Natasa Kandic, founder and head of the Belgrade-based human rights organization, the Humanitarian Law Center, received the NED 2000 Democracy Award on May 3 at a Capitol Hill ceremony.

NED honored the pair for their tireless efforts to promote human rights and bring about inter-ethnic understanding in Kosovo and all of Serbia.

During the war, Surroi remained in the province, emerging afterward as a hero to his fellow Kosovars, to whom he has continued to preach the importance of mutual tolerance in the postwar period. Kandic's organiza-

tion gathers evidence of human rights abuses and disseminates it to the outside world. At great personal risk during the war, she went to Kosovo to save her Albanian staff, many of whom she took back to Serbia.

NED Chairman John Brademas presented the award to Kandic and praised her unflagging dedication to the development of democracy in Serbia. NED
President Carl Gershman commented that Kandic's "courage
and effectiveness are only exceeded by her modesty and her unassuming devotion to the cause of
democracy and freedom."

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) a member of NED's Board of Directors, called Surroi a "true hero" and " a man of modera-



Senator Richard Lugar (right) presented the 2000 Democracy Award to Vetton Surroi, editor and publisher of Kosovo's independent daily, Koha Ditore.

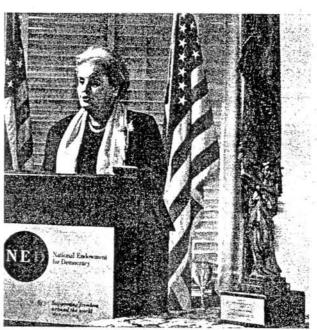


NED Chairman John Brademas presented the Democracy Award to Serbia's Natasa Kandic, who heads Serbia's Humanitarian Law Center.

tion in an area of the world where moderation and reconciliation have been extraordinarily difficult to practice," as he presented his award. Surroi thanked NED for honoring "those who have fought not only for their rights, but for the prevention of the denial of the rights of others; those who may feel like standing against persecution, but are uncomfortable about remaining alone; those whose hopes are dampened by the ruthlessness and strength of intolerance, totalitarian thought and action; [and] those who believe that intolerance must be overcome."

## NED Remembers Burma's 1990 Stolen Elections

Members of Congress, State Department Officials, including Secretary of State Madeleine



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressed strong support for Burma's pro-democracy movement at a May 16, 2000 NED luncheon on Capitol Hill.

Albright, and friends of NED gathered on May 16, 2000 to mark the tenth anniversary of the elections in Burma which were won by the National League for Democracy (NLD) and nullified by the country's military dictatorship. NED sponsored the event in cooperation with the Open Society Institute/Burma Project and the Institute for Asian Democracy.

In 1990 the NLD won more than 80 percent of the parliamentary seats in Burma "Instead of respecting the people's voice, the military tried to silence it," said Albright. "The authorities consolidated their own powers, threw dozens of elected representatives in jail, and drove others into exile." Albright reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to the NLD and to the restoration of democracy in Burma. "As long as you struggle, we will do all we can to assist," she said. "And we know that you will not stop struggling until you prevail."

A videotaped message sent from NLD Secretary General and Nobel Peace Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was played for participants at the event.

"If the people of Burma had not voted for us in 1990, the world would not have known that this country wanted democracy," she said. "And by refusing to honor the results of the election, the military regime also made it clear to the world that they did not want democracy."

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#### Democracy in the World

Tocqueville Reconsidered
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The 1999 Freedom House Survey

The 10th Anniversary Issue of the Journal of Democracy was published in January 2000.

## Journal of Democracy Celebrates its Tenth Anniversary

On January 20, 2000 the Journal of Democracy (JOD) celebrated its 10th anniversary with a panel discussion that highlighted a special anniversary issue of the IOD entitled, "Democracy in the World: Tocqueville Reconsidered." The issue included more than 20 short essays by authors from around the world who "updated" the key themes treated in Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America in light of the worldwide experience with democracy.

"It shows that after a century dominated by the intellectual influence of Marx, there is remarkable evidence of a return to Tocqueville — a trend worthy of reflection as we enter the new millennium," said Marc Plattner, coeditor of the JOD. For more information about the 10th Anniversary issue and the JOD, see page 67.

# World Movement for Democracy www.wmd.org

# Confronting the Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century

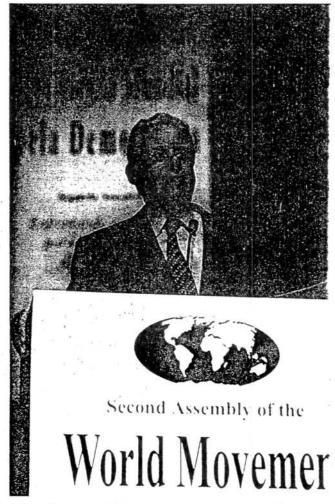
"Confronting the Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century" was the theme of the Second Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy, a global initiative to unite democrats around the world. Some 400 democrats from more than 80 countries met in São Paulo, Brazil, on November 12–15 to share their experiences in fighting for political change and to seek solidarity, support, and, most importantly, advice from others who face similar struggles in other parts of the world. The National Endowment for Democracy serves as the current Secretariat of the World Movement, and coordinated the Brazil Assembly as well as the World Movement's Inaugural Assembly held in New Delhi, India, in February 1999.

Brazilian President Fernando
Henrique Cardoso opened the
Assembly with the keynote
address that set the tone for the
ensuing discussions. "Everyone
assembled here today works for a
common ideal," the President
remarked, "the ideal of a political
system rooted in the imperatives
of freedom and equality, in the
values of pluralism and solidarity,
and in dialogue as an instrument
for overcoming differences."

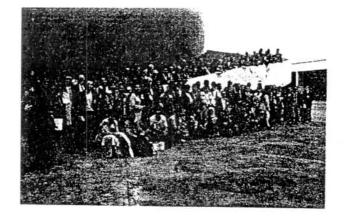
The objectives and achievements of the World Movement for Democracy were articulated in a Pre-Assembly Statement issued by the World Movement Steering Committee. "The establishment of this World Movement has been made possible by advances in information technology and enhanced economic interdependence," according to the Statement, "but its realization is the result of the tireless and often courageous work carried out by democratic activists in every region and culture of the world."

The main work of the Assembly was undertaken in nearly 40





Brazil's President Fernando Henrique Cardoso gave the keynote address at the São Paulo Assembly (above). Some 400 democrats from more than 80 countries participated seeking solidarity, support and advice from fellow activists around the world (left).



highly-targeted practical workshops that engaged participants across their different geographic regions and areas of expertise. Participants included activists, thinkers, and practitioners from political parties, trade unions, business associations, NGOs, research institutes, civic education organizations, anti-corruption groups, and democracy-support foundations, as well as parliamentarians and government officials with a special interest in democracy. Through the various workshops, they shared their practical experiences in building democracy, exchanged information on activities in their respective areas of work, and developed strategies to address the particular obstacles they face in their countries and regions. Workshops also addressed more universal concerns that encompass all regions and disciplines, such as how to assist democrats in closed societies. Most importantly, participants used the workshops to formulate the next steps that the international democratic community can take to meet the broad



## **Democracy Courage Tributes**

A highlight of the Assembly was the recognition of five groups, selected by the World Movement Steering Committee, representing some of the most challenging and courageous work being pursued in the cause of democracy. The five "Democracy Courage Tributes" sought to draw attention to the struggle of those working in particularly difficult circumstances, many in extreme isolation. The tributes were presented to:

The Democratic Mayors of Colombia — who bravely carry out their duties as local elected officials despite the constant threat of assassination by armed groups in opposition to the elected government.

The Tiananmen Mothers Network — which is pressuring China's government for accountability for the 1989 massacre of peaceful demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, and for an end to impunity.

**LAM** — The Center for Research and the Popularization of Chechen Culture — a Chechen nongovernmental group working to assist refugees and displaced persons, find a peaceful solution to the war in Chechnya, help with reconstruction and to revive Chechen culture and civil society.

Iran's Pro-Democracy Student Movement — whose peaceful protests have spearheaded the Iranian people's struggle for basic freedoms and whose leaders have been met with intimidation, torture and even death.

The Civil Society Movement of the Democratic Republic of Congo — composed of thousands of nongovernmental organizations working to bring an end to the war in Congo and to promote dialogue about how best to chart a democratic future for the country.

The Latin American Memorial and Latin American Parliament provided the venue in São Paulo and were the Brazilian co-hosts of the Assembly. In addition to widespread media coverage in Brazil and elsewhere, Brazil's TV Cultura served as the official television channel for the Assembly and conducted a "Democracy Week" to coincide with the week's events.

Other support for the Assembly was provided by a variety of U.S. and international sources, including:

the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Starr Foundation, Guardian Industries Corporation, German Marshall Fund, Goals for Americans Foundation, Forum of Federations (Canada), Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal), Federation of Industry in São Paulo (Brazil), Institute for National Policy Research (Taiwan), Inter-American Development Bank, United States-Japan Foundation, Centre for Democratic Institutions (Australia), American Chamber of Commerce, São Paulo (Brazil), Associação Alumni (Brazil), Westminister Foundation for Democracy (Great Britain), and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and Bureau of South Asian Affairs.

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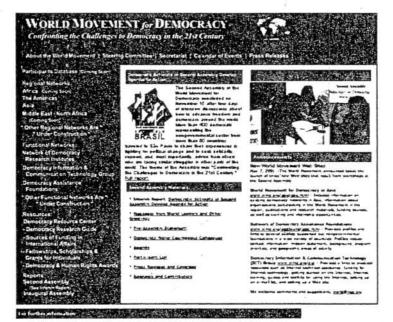
Each workshop produced short lists of collaborative strategies and recommended actions that can be undertaken within countries and regions, as well as globally, following the The World Movement for Democracy offers a new way to give practical help to democrats who are struggling to liberalize authoritarian 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.

Assembly. The World Movement Web site www.wmd.org is now serving to keep World Movement participants — both those who have been able to attend the assemblies thus far and those who have not - informed of activities and networking in various areas of democracy work and in their respective countries and regions. A report on the Assembly, containing all of the participants' recom-

mendations based on the workshops, will be published and posted on the Web site.

Participants in the Assembly are now drawing on the support of the networks established through the World Movement. The next assembly is scheduled



for early 2003. The Steering Committee of the World Movement is considering several possible locations, including venues in Africa, the Far East and Eastern Europe.

## 2000 NED Regional Highlights

## Africa

As the year began, a wide array of crises battered the African continent. Fighting erupted in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, Nigeria, and continued in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Angola, and Sudan, creating tens of thousands of new refugees. The toll from HIV/AIDS threatened social progress in southern Africa. Military coups destabilized civilian governments in Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau. Floods pounded Mozambique and Madagascar while drought threatened millions in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. The economic prospects across an impoverished continent remained dim.

Despite all of these impediments, African democrats made significant gains in the past year, and the Endowment was often there to help them. By the end of the year, free elections brought an alternation of power in Senegal as well as in Ghana. Peace was finally achieved between Ethiopia and Eritrea; a provisional government was cobbled together in Somalia; and an uneasy truce restored some calm to Sierra Leone.

NED made decisive contributions to the struggle for freedom in Africa, helping to tip the balance from despair to hope. By targeting small grants to indigenous groups on the cutting edge of Africa's dynamic democracy movement, NED enabled human rights organizations to press for reform in Nigeria, monitor abuses in Congo, and stand up to violence in Sierra Leone. NED empowered women's groups to campaign for peace in Sudan and gain greater political rights in Ethiopia and Ghana. NED assisted peace efforts in Angola and Somalia, and the press was strengthened in Liberia, Nigeria, and Congo. Material and technical assistance boosted the democratic political forces in Zimbabwe. Free market and anti-corruption reforms were promoted in Nigeria and Cameroon, and free trade unions were strengthened in Congo and Sierra Leone. What follows are a few specific highlights.

#### ZIMBABWE

Just as Zimbabwe's economy collapsed and the increasingly corrupt and authoritarian regime of Robert Mugabe attempted to further entrench its power through a constitutional referendum, a remarkable coalition of Zimbabwean trade unionists, human rights activists, and other citizens emerged to organize the National Constitutional Assembly. The NCA successfully resisted approval of the referendum in February, paving the way for major unprecedented gains by the opposition parties in parliamentary elections held in June. IRI provided critical support to the NCA and other democratic leaders during the referendum and elections, while NDI trained party poll watchers. A NED grant also supported polling by the Public Opinion Institute that helped level the political playing field.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO In 2000, the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo suffered still more government repression, and even worse atrocities perpetrated by the rebels and their foreign allies, who killed an estimated 1.7 million Congolese. Undeterred, democratic activists increased their vigilance and agitation for peace and democracy. In Kisangani, three NED grantees, Amis de Nelson Mandela, Groupe Lotus, and Justice et Liberation, worked together to document the atrocities committed by Ugandan and Rwandan forces against innocent Congolese civilians, precipitating a (thus far futile) UN demand that the two invading armies withdraw. In Kinshasa, journalists and human rights activists cooperated under the aegis of Medias pour la Paix to promote ethnic tolerance and less corruption. In Kananga, three womenled organizations, the Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme, Voix du Handicapé,



SUPPORT
AND
VOTE
THEM INTO
POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP



and
Promotion
de la Femme Rurale reached
thousands of citizens with civic
education through workshops,
radio and even television. ACILS
launched an intensive program
of civic education, public dialogue and coordination with
Congolese trade unions.

#### NIGERIA

Nigeria's transition to democracy held firm, despite the challenges of ethnic strife, corruption scandals, and economic malaise. Under the initiative of the Civil Liberties Organization and Huri-Laws, the first Africa Democracy Forum was convened in Abuja to begin a systematic monitoring of Nigeria's democratic performance, and to link up with democrats from other African countries to set an agenda for the World Movement for Democracy conference that was held later in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Meanwhile, the Human Rights Monitor, League for Democratic Women, and a coalition of other groups combated religious intolerance in Kaduna. The Center for Law Enforcement Education (CLEEN) promoted reforms in the police service. Huri-Laws helped draft and lobby for anticorruption and freedom of information legislation. The Institute

for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law monitored and advocated for human rights in the Niger Delta. The Nigerian Automobile Technicians Association launched a massive grassroots civic education effort by its members around the country; and a new scholarly journal, the Constitution, was launched by the Center for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization, CIPE expanded its assistance to the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

#### SUDAN

Taking advantage of the glimmers of political liberalization in Sudan, a coalition of women's organizations resisted efforts by the Khartoum State government to impose greater restrictions on the right of women to work in public. The Kwoto theater group held performances in every corner of the country promoting peace, democracy, and cultural awareness, culminating in a performance before Pope John Paul II in Rome at a ceremony canonizing the Sudanese Sister, Josephine Bakhita. And a magazine, the South Sudan Post, was launched, strengthening the voice of Southern Sudanese for peace and democracy.

As rebel leader Foday Sankoh was captured and calm returned to Sierra Leone, NED continued to be a key supporter of the country's emerging human rights movement. NED renewed support to the Campaign for Good Governance for its human rights monitoring and education campaign, as well as to Radio Bo, the most prominent independent radio station in the country. ACILS continued support to the .. Sierra Leone Labor Congress for . civic education.

SIERRA

LEONE

Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Center led civil society groups at a conference in Djibouti, succeeding in increasing women's representation in the provisional parliament and pressing an end to impunity for human rights abuses. The Ligue Ivoirienne des Droits de l'Homme appealed for calm and respect for human rights, as Cote d'Ivoire held elections and replaced a military regime with civilian government. CIPE organized a historic gathering of women business leaders from throughout Africa in Malawi.

## Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Africa

## Angola

#### Grupo Angolano para a Promocao da Cultura da Paz (GAP) \$26,260

To promote a culture of peace throughout Angola. GAP will train peace makers and conduct a media campaign on peace, democracy, human rights and universal education.

#### Search for Common Ground \$50,000

To promote dialogue within camps of displaced persons and help each camp to set up councils to address problems. In addition, SCG will continue to train local activists in the provinces of Huila and Kwanza Sul and support six working groups, known locally as nucleos, to carry out extensive conflict resolution activities.

## Burundi

#### League Iteka \$30,000

To train and establish a network of rural-based human rights monitors throughout the country. Monitors will include representatives of both the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic groups, recommended by their communities.

## The Right to Hope Trust (RHT) \$30,000

To train journalists. The South Africabased RHT will sharpen journalists' reporting and technical skills and emphasize professional ethics. With NED assistance, RHT will provide computers and other technical equipment to Burundian media institutions to facilitate training.

#### Cameroon

#### The Center for International Private Enterprise

\$95,969

To conduct a one-week intensive training for about 30 senior staff and/or board members of chambers of commerce and business associations, focusing on the role of business associations in democratic development.

## Congo-Brazzaville

#### Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme

\$35,000

To monitor and document human rights conditions in Congo-Brazzaville. The Congolese Human Rights Observatory will conduct regular investigations, publicize human rights problems and provide legal assistance to victims.

#### Côte d'Ivoire

#### Ligue Ivoirienne des Droits de l'Homme (LIDHO)

\$40,000

To expand its program of human rights advocacy, monitoring, seminars, public meetings and training workshops. LIDHO will organize a public information campaign on democratization processes and also carry out a pilot project promoting understanding of women's rights, targeting a primarily male audience.

## Democratic Republic of Congo

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$103.997

To support trade unions such as the Confederation Démocratique du Travail (CDT) and the Union Nationale des Travailleurs du Congo (UNTC) in the democratic process through civic education and public dialogue.

#### Association Africaine de Défense des Droits de l'Homme (ASADHO) \$42,500

To monitor human rights violations in Goma and compile an annual report to distribute 2,000 copies to journalists, activists, diplomats and citizens

#### Centre Mater Misericordiae (CMM) S25.000

To implement human rights advocacy and education programs and monitor the human rights situation in South Kivu. Building on last year's program, CMM will provide medical assistance to prisoners, and work with community and religious groups as well as local government to integrate child soldiers into society.

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

\$34,000

To gather information on human rights abuse in Katanga Province. CDH will publish a newsletter, La Voix du CDH, and distribute 3000 copies of each issue to human rights activists, church leaders, teachers, government officials and diplomats. CDH will mobilize primary and secondary schools, religious and youth groups in the task of promoting human rights.

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

\$25,000

To conduct civic education for peaceful resolution of conflict in the Great Lakes region, through conferences, public meetings, production of a quarterly bulletin, Mwangaza, radio programs, calendars, stickers and mural paintings. CADDHOM will also urge respect the for Lusaka agreement and investigate violations of human rights in eastern Congo.

#### Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme (FEDHO) \$25.000

To promote human rights through education and legal assistance. FEDHO will conduct nine seminars for the general public, particularly women, focusing on realistic strategies for defending human rights in Kasai Occidental. FEDHO will use a quarterly newsletter, a weekly 30-minute radio program and TV to facilitate its work.

#### Groupe Justice et Liberation (GJL) \$26,210

To implement a human rights education and advocacy program targeting 5,000 students in 32 Kisangani schools and using 64 teachers as peace facilitators. GJL will also train 100 women in each of the six zones of the area. In addition, GJL will conduct four regional workshops for 40 activists and civic leaders.

#### Groupe Lotus \$35,000

To conduct a training of trainers program for 20 human rights activists from Oriental Province. The trainers will then conduct 24 training sessions for 30 urban and rural paralegals each. Groupe Lotus will also publish four quarterly human rights reports and a newsletter.

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

To monitor the human rights situation and continue advocacy and education activities in Katanga province, sharing information with local human rights activists. In Kinshasa and surrounding areas, VSV will organize community fora on democracy, focusing on issues such as arbitrary detention, prison conditions, violence against women and strategies to promote peace.

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

To conduct a general assembly meeting of all LANM activists in Kisangani, in November 2000, to reinforce understanding of human rights. The meeting will gather activists from Kinshasa, Orientale province, Mbuji-Mayi and surrounding regions.



NED grantee Kwoto Popular Theatre Group held performances in every corner of Sudan, including the displaced persons' camps around Khartoum, to promote peace, democracy and cultural awareness, and to ease tensions by emphasizing the need for peaceful coexistence, mutual understanding and human rights.

#### Ligue des Electeurs \$45,000

To conduct a 10-day civic education program in and around Kinshasa. The Ligue will mobilize activists to emphasize the importance of free and fair elections, and facilitate preliminary policy negotiations before and during the National Dialogue

#### Ligue Nationale pour les Elections Libres et Transparentes (LINELIT) \$24.000

To publish human rights reports and a civic education publication, Le Scrutin (the Ballot), and to train NGO and church activists on how to promote the Lusaka peace process and U.N. resolutions on Congo.

#### Medias pour la Paix \$34,410

To organize training on peace and ethnic harmony in Kinshasa and ten provinces, followed by a peace campaign throughout the country. Medias pour la Paix will also use NED support to investigate claims of tribal favoritism.

## Promotion de la Femme Rurale (PROFER)

\$25,000

To promote a culture of peace through educational conferences on the importance of peace and human rights, targeting the youth, women, traditional chiefs and soldiers in the Western Kasai region. Implementation of the Lusaka peace accords will also be a focus of the conferences.

#### Promotion et Appui aux Initiatives Feminines (PAIF)

\$46,000

To conduct monthly networking and women's rights meetings for women's associations and other NGOs. To promote women's rights, PAIF will also use a weekly radio program, monthly street theater performances and lobbying visits to authorities in Goma. Among the top issues to be tackled are rape, domestic violence and torture.

#### Solidarité pour la Promotion de la Personne Humaine et de la Paix (SOPROP)

\$25,000

To document human rights violations in North Kivu. SOPROP will also publish and distribute 100 copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 455 copies of an educational cassette promoting human rights and peace.

#### Union Nationale des Femmes (UNAF) \$20.000

To prepare a national action plan for women's rights. UNAF will organize a four-day seminar for activists from local UNAF member organizations in

local UNAF member organizations in five provinces. Key topics at the seminar will include women's rights during wartime and human rights protection.

#### Unit for the Production of Civic Education Programs (UPEC) \$25,000

To conduct a pilot project in Kinshasa, creating 24 community listening clubs, eventually expanding this network throughout Congo. Each club will promote civic education at the grassroots level. Working with five Congolese groups, UPEC will produce television and radio programs on democracy and human rights.

#### Voix du Handicape Pour les Droits de l'Homme (VHDH) \$25,000

To continue its media campaign in Kasai Province using local government radio to discuss the cultural perceptions towards the disadvantaged people and the struggle to encourage their participation in the political life of the country. In advocacy sessions to follow, VHDH will mobilize activists, politicians and government officials.

#### Ghana

#### Network of African Women in Politics \$25,000

To develop a model training program in Ghana, fostering women's political involvement. NAWIP will conduct a national survey of 2,000 women to assess their perception of politics and economic empowerment. The findings will be incorporated into a week-long workshop, addressing political hurdles facing women, with participants from women's organizations, parliament, education and the private sectors.

## Small Grants = Big Impact

## Congo Small Grants

he Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is one of NED's top priorities for the African continent, yet 17 of NED's 19 grants for the DRC in 2000 were for amounts of less than \$50,000. This reflects NED's philosophy that small grants are often more effective than large ones, and that a large network of small organizations working in support of common goals can form a whole that is a much more powerful force than any individual member group.

In the DRC, a brutal war and poor infrastructure have made it more practical to work with a network of smaller organizations that can reach out to the maximum number of citizens in this massive country, often in remote areas that have been neglected by other funders. NED supports a wide variety of civil society groups that document human rights violations and educate the general population about their rights and how to defend them; advocate for peace and provide education in methods of conflict resolution; and provide basic givic education to Congo's citizens in order to build the capacity of civil society. This is a daunting challenge and a long-term endeavor, but recent developments demonstrate

that this commitment to building a network of small groups throughout the country is having an impact.

When Joseph Kabila came to power in

JAMCHAMI São Paulo I

In November 2000 the World Movement for Democracy honored the Civil Society Movement of the Democratic Republic of Congo for their efforts over the past decade to move the country from dictatorship to democracy.

Congo he quickly called for a meeting with civil society groups to discuss a national dialogue on the country's future. The meeting was chaired by the president's Deputy Chief of Staff (and the founder of the Center for Human Rights, a NED grantee) and included representatives of more than a dozen NED grantees. The groups discussed a long list of recommendations regarding political reform and improvement in human rights and democratic practices. This important recognition demonstrates that modest, long-term investment in building the grassroots can eventually have an impact far greater than any \$50,000 investment would predict.

#### Liberia

#### The Carter Center \$30,000

To provide logistical and managerial support to ensure the delivery and set up of a previously purchased printing press, which will be jointly owned and operated by members of the independent media in the country, and continue its training and technical assistance program to the Justice and Peace Commission.

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

To provide legal assistance to victims of human rights abuse, and to continue its civic and human rights education through radio programs. The center will also organize workshops and a seminar, targeting the legislature, the executive, the judiciary, the police and the armed forces of Liberia, focusing on human rights and the rule of law.

#### Justice and Peace Commission \$44,000

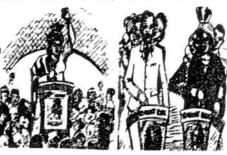
To monitor and publish human rights violations in Liberia and among the many Liberians still displaced in neighboring countries. JPC will conduct human rights training workshops, and provide legal assistance to victims of human rights abuse.

#### Liberia Human Rights Chapter \$24,000

To conduct research and publish cases of human rights violations, conduct public awareness campaigns, hold seminars and lectures and press for the enactment of legislation to strengthen the protection of human rights in Liberia, LHRC will also monitor and attempt to influence the political behavior of government officials regarding human rights and democracy.

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A postcard developed by the group Women in Nigeria (WIN) as part of a campaign to provide information and encourage political mobilization among women, and to lobby for changes in state and national policy toward women.

#### Liberian Women's Initiative \$25,000

To increase the involvement of women from two war-torn Liberian counties in the nation's peace process and political development, extending the "Bridges to Peace" educational program to Lofa and Nimba counties.

#### Press Union of Liberia \$35.000

To complete a wide range of training programs, public forums, advocacy and civic action in defense of press freedom, and to pay the bail of journalists who are arrested, usually for writing articles critical of the government.

## Malawi

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$61,000

To enable the National Association of Business Women to implement and refine a private sector blueprint that will increase the involvement of women in Malawi's democratic and economic development.

#### Mali

#### Center for International Private Enterprise/Center of Studies and Research for Democracy, Economics, and Social Development.

\$61,000

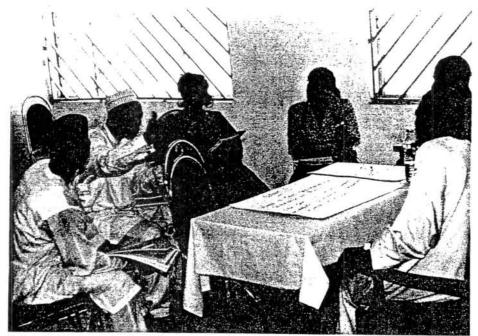
To train officials, consumers, and members of the private sector, media, and civil society on methods, techniques, and implications of privatization and procurement in a market-based economy, during an intense one-week workshop with participants from five West African countries.

## Niger

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$120,000

To conduct a legislative program in Niger to enhance the capacity of newly-elected Nigerien legislators to understand the institutional and operational norms of a representative body in a democracy and to improve their skills. NDI will host an orientation session for new legislators, and provide assistance to strengthen the informational capacity of the legislature.



Human Rights Monitor organizes training on government and democracy for a wide range of civil society organizations in an effort to develop common positions on issues among citizen groups working for reform in Nigeria.

#### Radio Anfani

\$25,000

To provide a forum for public discussion on topics such as the upcoming elections, corruption, children's rights and the problems of rural women, and to translate the Nigerien constitution into several local languages and open a new radio station in Tahoua.

## Nigeria

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$121,847

To provide training in key topics of association management, public policy advocacy, and the role of business associations in démocratic development. CIPE will carry out this training in conjunction with the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture.

#### Center for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization \$24,000

To produce a quarterly journal, The Constitution, and distribute 800 copies quarterly to Nigerian lawmakers, opinion-makers, the media, and military leaders to enrich the democratic debate on the country's political development, and help chart the future course of Nigeria's delicate experiment in restructuring the state

#### Center for Law Enforcement Education

\$25,000

To conduct a pilot program to build a police-community partnership in Nigeria, and to organize three, two-day workshops at the local government level in the states of Enugu, Kaduna and Oyo that will introduce the concept of community policing to Nigerians.

### Centre for Constitutional Governance

\$40,000

To design and carry out a popular democracy education program, complementing a separately funded project to help local communities to protect democracy. CCG will disseminate informational and educational material, including video and audiotapes of songs and poetry, to educators in local communities.

#### Civil Liberties Organization \$76,000

To develop the infrastructure for a "Democracy Perception Index" (DPI), a set of benchmarks that will measure democratic governance at the federal and state levels in Nigeria. Monitors from Nigeria's 36 states will be trained to use the index to evaluate federal and state governments, the results of which will be published in a report.

#### Constitutional Rights Project (CRP) \$49,900

To engage the new institutions of democracy, including the National Assembly, in a program of legislative advocacy, legal and constitutional reforms, and new forms of civic education. CRP will continue publishing its popular weekly newspaper column in the independent Guardian newspaper on human rights and political developments in Nigeria.

#### Human Rights Monitor 38,000

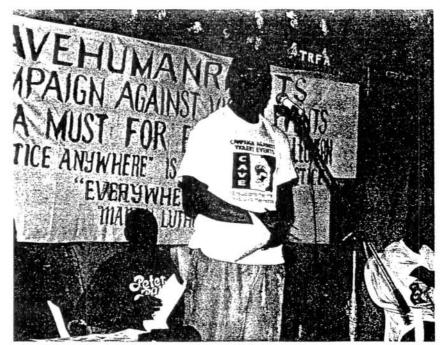
To organize training on government and democracy for officials of the Citizens League for Peace and Democracy, grassroots, women and student organizations, labor unions, and other civil society groups in a bid to formulate common positions on issues. HRM will continue to publish its quarterly journal, Equal Justice, with a print order of 1,000 per issue.

#### Huri-Laws \$32,000

To advocate for transparency in governance through anti-corruption legislation and promote the establishment of systems, processes and institutions to control corruption in Nigeria. Huri-Laws will scrutinize nominees to the anti-corruption commission and mobilize support for the commission by various means, including the mass media.

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

To monitor human rights violations and train grassroots organizations, hosting 60 town hall meetings and community forums conducted by paralegals who have had IHRHL training, where citizens can meet their elected representatives to discuss the concept of representative democracy. IHRHL will also produce its quarterly magazine, Human Rights Defender.



The Campaign Against Violent Events (CAVE) conducts community-based programs to promote peace and to rebuild a sense of community and purpose within the youth of Sierra Leone.

#### Media Rights Agenda \$20,000

To develop a research and legislative advocacy program that will identify restrictive press laws, create momentum for legal reform, and draft and promote legislation to reform media laws.

#### Movement for National Reformation \$25,000

To undertake a campaign of mass awareness on the need for political reform, using radio, debates, seminars, lectures and conferences to encourage dialogue, culminating in a national conference on constitutional reform.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$93,660

To organize a national conference to provide Nigeria's 36 state governors with an opportunity to evaluate the achievements and challenges faced during their first year in office and to discuss solutions to problems as they seek to consolidate democratic gains.

#### Nigeria Automobile Technicians Association \$12,200

To train a nationwide network of trainers on democracy issues, acquainting them with the basic concepts of democracy, human rights, and strategies for securing redress from abuses by state officials.

#### Women in Nigeria – Kaduna (WIN) \$28,600

To provide information and encourage political mobilization among women, local opinion leaders, religious leaders, and local government officials. WIN will also analyze the needs, difficulties and challenges facing women in Kaduna state and lobby for changes in state and national policy toward women.

#### Sierra Leone

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$103,430

To assist Sierra Leone Labour Congress in contributing to the establishment of peace from which the reconstruction of the society and the economy can progress; increase the awareness and participation of citizen groups in décision-making; and return the SLLC to normal, peacetime operations.

#### Campaign Against Violent Events \$20,000

To rebuild a sense of community and purpose within the youth of Sierra Leone. CAVE will organize small-scale concerts and theater workshops emphasizing positive elements of life in Sierra Leone to motivate young people to help rebuild and strengthen institutions and values.

#### Campaign for Good Governance (CGG)

\$40,000

To organize human rights education workshops, focusing on women's and children's rights in the twelve aistricts of Sierra Leone, bringing together traditional, religious and women leaders, as well as police and army officers. CGG will also develop human rights handbooks for high schools

#### Radio Bo \$20,000

To buy equipment and provide training to expand Radio Bo's limited capacity. With this equipment and a transmitter from the Voice of America (VOA), the station will broadcast programs on the peace process and the roles of internally displaced persons, refugees, combatants, donors. NGOs, government ministries and the public

#### Somalia

#### Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization (DIJHRO) \$30.710

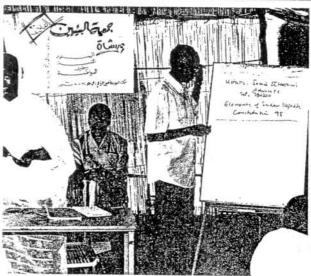
To train and support the staff of human rights groups, through workshops in Merca, Baidao and Bosasso, and to monitor and report on human rights violations.

## South Africa

#### International Republican Institute \$45,718

To assist the South African Institute of Race Relations' Free Society Project (FSP) enabling it to play a vital role as a nonpartisan, government watchdog organization. The FSP will work to deter proposed legislation which threatens to undermine freedom and will offer and promote effective policy alternatives.





In Sudan, activists from the Environmentalists Society conduct a survey session at a displaced persons camp to investigate the impact of urbanization on traditional democratic structures among displaced persons in greater Khartoum.

## Sudan

#### Badya Centre for Integrated Development Services \$23.500

To build a culture of peace among the Nuba communities through educational books distributed to schools and other institutions for street children and other adolescents, and to document the impact of armed conflict on children. Badya will also host soccer matches with a Peace Cup awarded to participating teams.

#### Center for Documentation and Advocacy \$20,000

To publish the South Sudan Post, and to distribute 1,000 copies of the magazine throughout South Sudan and internationally every month.

#### Center for the Strategic Initiatives of Women \$40,000

To prepare trainers in traditional methods of conflict resolution. The trainers will then conduct workshops in five regions, focusing on democratic principles. The second set of the three-day workshop will be held for the civic leaders, to help them design a strategic plan for governance based on the recommendations by their communities.

## Environmentalists Society \$22,900

To carry out surveys in three displaced persons camps: Umm
Badda, Dar el Salaam and Jebel
Awlia/Mayo, and produce a report on
political implications of urban institutions on traditional democratic structures among displaced persons in
greater Khartoum.

#### Kwoto Popular Theatre Group \$25,000

To stage 45 performances, primarily in the displaced persons' camps around Khartoum, to ease tensions and violence and emphasize the need for peaceful coexistence, mutual understanding and human rights.

During a field assessment tour to the refugee camps in the Democratic Republic of Congo. a member of the Sudan Human Rights
Association, a NED grantee, reads a NED-funded publication after holding a meeting with refugee elders over the plight of Sudanese refugees in Congo

#### Mutawinat Benevolent Company \$30,000

To provide legal aid and monitor women's rights abuse MBC's activities, primarily focusing on women, will include counseling, representation before the courts and writing of appeals.

#### New Sudan Council of Churches \$26,838

To gather local communities in Southern Sudan to discuss problems and organize programs for peace and reconciliation; and to educate women on organizational and leadership skills.

#### Sudan Democratic Gazette \$20,000

To publish 5,000 copies of the 12page newsletter and widen its distribution in Sudan.

#### Sudan Human Rights Association \$30,500

To conduct a variety of human rights activities for people in southern Sudan and among Sudanese refugee populations in the East African region. These include human rights training, monitoring, advocacy and education.

#### Sudan Human Rights Organization (SHRO) \$50,000

To give legal aid and support activities of Sudanese human rights groups; to conduct research to promote the country's transition to democracy; and to raise the political awareness of women. The Cairobased SHRO will publish three editions of the Sudanese Human Rights Quarterly and distribute 850 copies per issue.

#### Tanzania

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$107, 618

To organize an intensive, one-week training for 30 senior staff and/or board members of chambers of commerce and business associations in democratic development.

## Uganda

#### Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) \$26,500

To produce a human rights report for the year 2000 on Uganda, and distribute the 500 copies to Ugandan and foreign government officials and others. FHRI will monitor the human rights situation in Uganda and come out with interim reports, which will aid in the production of the final country report. FHRI will also produce 500 copies of an organizational report highlighting its activities.

## Lwo Development Incorporated \$30,000

To set up two offices in northern Uganda and one in southern Sudan to facilitate peace and pave the way for reconciliation between Sudanese rebel factions and northern Ugandans.

## Zimbabwe

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$152,322

To conduct education and campaign monitoring to correspond with the April 2000 national elections. To provide electoral process training for workers in all 120 electoral constituencies in order to ensure free and fair elections. ACILS will involve civic and labor groups in all prodemocracy programs.

#### International Republican Institute \$275,000

#### 1996 REPROGRAMMING

To cooperate with Civic Education Trust and the National Constitutional Assembly to encourage multi-party democracy, good governance, citizen involvement, and respect for human rights, and to provide technical assistance to opposition political parties. IRI will also promote anti-corruption election related constitutional reform activities.

#### International Republican Institute \$198,287

To support the Women's Resource and Support Network and the Zimbabwe Council of Churches Youth Leadership in their efforts to assist reform political parties and civic organizations in Zimbabwe, thus strengthening the multi-party system:

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$416,433

To assist political party leaders in their efforts to develop consensus on the role of the electoral process in preparation for the 2000 parliamentary elections; and to identify and advocate for reforms that level the playing field to meet accepted international standards.

#### Public Opinion Institute \$30,000

To conduct a poll on the parliamentary elections in Zimbabwe, disseminate the results to policymakers and the public through news releases, panel discussions, public seminars, and a public opinion bulletin; and to break the barriers between policymakers and the people.

## Africa Regional

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$118.854

To work with the Africa America Institute, Eastman Kodak, and other American corporations to host a two-day leadership development program, followed by a privately funded business networking session, for African women leaders to foster women's business associations in key African countries.



A trainer at a session on the workings of government institutions in a democracy, organized by Human Rights Monitor, a NED grantee in Nigeria.

#### Foundation XXI \$25.000

To hold a conference for NGOs that will address democratic development in Portuguese-speaking African countries, with representatives from Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome & Principe, Portugal and the US. A key topic will be how civil society in their countries could contribute to the strengthening of democracy.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$60,000

To facilitate the efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations Center for Peace and Disarmament in Africa to articulate, promote and adopt an African armed forces code of conducts consistent with civilian democratic control of armed forces and provide guidelines for an African code of conduct for the armed forces.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$94.622

To help develop standards and best practices on accountability and transparency in political party financing. NDI will conduct comparative research on African and other electoral systems and hold a political party regional conference, establishing a working group to draft standards and best practices. This will be disseminated to parliamentary committees in the region.

# 2000 NED Regional Highlights

# Așia

NED's programs in Asia were tailored to the unique democratization challenges in the region. While the grants program remained engaged in emerging democracies, funding concentrated on closed societies. Highlights included major support for the Burmese prodemocracy movement, an emphasis on both human rights promotion and internal reform in China, and expanded assistance for human rights work in North Korea.

#### BURMA

NED's Burma program was enhanced, for the fourth year, by a grant from the Department of State. The additional funding allowed NED and its core institutes to augment their Burma programs and to support various independent media and information projects, institution-building programs, and women's projects.

In 2000, NED broadened its . Burma program by increasing support for ethnic nationalityrelated projects aimed at raising awareness about ethnic issues. building support for national reconciliation and dialogue, and educating youth and leaders about democracy and human rights. More than a dozen modest grants supported valuable channels for ethnic organizations to articulate their views, cultivate a broad group of leaders for a future civil society, gain exposure to the norms of democracy, and conduct programs to promote democratic values.

These projects took a variety of forms. For example, while a Mon human rights organization focused on educating the Mon people about human rights and democracy through newspapers, newsletters and radio programs produced in their own language, the multi-ethnic National Council of the Union of Burma worked to build trust, understanding and unity among ethnic and prodemocracy forces.

#### CHINA AND TIBET

Endowment grants enabled a variety of Chinese and Tibetan prodemocracy and human rights organizations to support the free flow of information, advocate for political change and the protection of human rights, and promote dialogue. As in past years, NED supported a number of publications addressing censored or restricted issues in China. The publications included Chinese and Tibetan language newspapers, a quarterly Chinese language journal on public policy issues, and several popular electronic mail and Web news services and magazines, featuring commentary, analysis and opinion. Grantees also conducted research, circulated detailed study proposals for democratic solutions to intractable public policy problems, undertook human rights advocacy and doc-

umentation, and collaborated on programs to foster Chinese-Tibetan dialogue on the future of Tibet. In addition, 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 circulated a vast amount of timely and thought-provoking literature, in Chinese, Tibetan and English, aimed at promoting the development of a democratic culture.

The NED also provided funding for organizations to implement programs in China in line with official Chinese reform policies. This strategy was pursued by most of the NED core institutes. The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) launched a program to circulate comparative information on democratic legislatures, supporting a new Beijing-based clearinghouse on democratic legislative norms. The International Republican Institute (IRI) continued to foster legislative independence, to expose judicial officials to the procedural norms





of democratic systems, and to strengthen

mechanisms conducive to transparent local elections. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) continued to support an extremely successful symposium series on public affairs in Beijing and several other projects to carry out independent research on economic and governance reform.

Human rights remained a key focus of NED support for China. Human Rights in China, which has received NED funding since 1992, has become the most comprehensive source of human rights information on China anywhere in the world. The Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, also supported by NED, has become the leading watchdog on rule-of-law issues in Hong Kong.

#### NORTH KOREA

Putting emphasis on closed and severely repressive systems, NED expanded its small portfolio of grants supporting initiatives on North Korea, with a first grant to the Network for Democracy and Human Rights in North Korea. The Seoul-based NGO spe-

cializes in human rights advocacy on behalf of the people of North Korea. NED also supported the Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea to conduct research and to publish its findings and appeals in English and Korean language periodicals.

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

NED provided critical assistance in other countries in the region. The Endowment supported IRI in setting up the first formal program of political dialogue and civic education in East Timor after the 1999 independence referendum. In Cambodia, NED supported the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee, a coalition of 17 human rights groups that is the country's leading public voice on the most sensitive and politically risky human rights cases. NED continued to support other human rights groups in Cambodia as well as IRI's pro-





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gram to enhance the involvement of civic groups in maintaining accountability and

expanding participation in Cambodia's political process.

In addition, NED continued programs to strengthen civil society and aid the consolidation of democracy in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Support for human rights and legal aid programs continued for Vietnam and Pakistan, respectively. NED also supported regional programs.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Asia

#### Burma

#### A) Capacity and Institution Building \$60,000\*

To promote the rule of law in Burma by documenting violations of human and civil rights; to conduct seminars on law and training workshops for ethnic leaders and grassroots prodemocratic organizations; and to promote women's participation in decision-making.

#### \$65,000\*

To support the prodemocracy movement in Burma through the distribution of human rights and democracy material, the collection of information about conditions in Burma, and the training of activists on nonviolent political action.

## International Republican Institute \$270.000\*

To support organizing and capacitybuilding programs for exile-based prodemocracy organizations and for the dissemination of information in Burma about democracy and nonviolent political struggle.

#### \$75,000\*

To promote unity among the prodemocracy forces in Thailand and the ethnic areas along Burma's borders and to encourage a commitment to common goals among all the groups working towards the establishment of a federal union of Burma.

#### \$25,000

To work with the Burmese prodemocracy movement to improve their effectiveness in planning and implementing nonviolent political action campaigns.

#### \$10,000

To support programs on ethnic rights and democracy, including publications, workshops, seminars and roundtable meetings.

#### B) Education and Outreach \$15,000\*

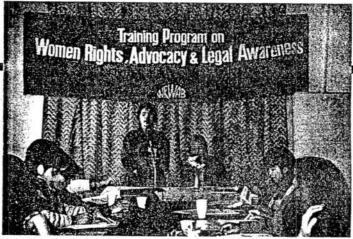
To distribute human rights and democracy material, collect information about conditions in Burma, and work to educate the people of Burma about democracy, human rights, and nonviolent struggle.

## Small Grants = Big Impact

#### Building a Foundation for Burmese Democracy

he struggle for democracy in Burma is one of the toughest cases in Asia. Although leaders of the National League for Democracy, Burma's democratic opposition led by Aung San Suu Kyi, won more than 80% of the seats in Burma's 1990 Parliamentary elections, they have yet to be allowed to sit as a parliament. In addition to the challenge of working from exile, or under highly repressive conditions inside Burma, to influence change in a country where there is no political space, the Burmese democracy movement must also coordinate among many ethnic groups with language, religious, and often political differences.

Sixteen of the 25 grants NED provided to groups working for democracy in Burma in the year 2000 were for amounts of \$50,000 or less. These modest grants went to a wide range of groups working in the areas of civic education, tactics of nonviolent political action, human rights documentation and advocacy, independent media, humanitarian relief for refugees, internally displaced populations and political prisoners, and support for women's organizations. Through the small grants program, NED places special emphasis on coordination among the large number of



NED grants for Burma include support for programs and seminars, like the one pictured above, for Burmese women to increase their participation in the struggle for democracy, national reconciliation and development.

prodemocracy and ethnic groups working for political change in Burma.

NED's approach of spreading modest resources broadly among many groups — but with a high degree of coordination — has proven to be effective. An independent evaluation of NED's ethnic-minority projects in Burma, the majority of which are less than \$50,000, concluded that the NED's support for these projects allows minority groups to articulate their opinions, build capacity and leadership, and gain exposure to the norms of democratic politics, thereby laying the foundation for democracy and multi-ethnic coexistence.

<sup>\*</sup>indicates funding source other than annual Congressional appropriation.

#### \$40,000\*

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

#### \$40,000

To promote cooperation between ethnic groups and prodemocracy forces, and to provide the Burmese prodemocracy movement and the international community with credible information and analysis that is not readily available elsewhere.

#### \$450,000\*

To support the Burmese prodemocracy movement to create an environment conducive to a dialogue among the National League for Democracy, ethnic leaders, and the Burmese military junta, through political action, coalition-building, transition planning, and institutional development.

#### \$45,000\*

To support empowerment training courses for women, a series of workshops on human and women's rights, a bimonthly Burmese language newsletter, and a new library in Thailand.

#### \$28,000\*

To educate Thais about Burma, Burmese refugees, migrants and the Burmese prodemocracy movement; and to encourage Thai and international support for the Burmese prodemocracy movement.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$124.879

To support efforts to restore democracy in Burma by seeking international recognition and support from parliamentarians, government and political party leaders; and to provide specialized training and assistance for leaders of the prodemocracy movement.

#### \$50,000\*

To support a Bangkok-based foreign affairs office to provide research and policy papers on regional and international politics and their effect on Burma, and to maintain a network of Asian NGOs, political parties and regional associations to promote democracy in Burma.

#### \$35.000\*

To increase women's participation in the struggle for democracy and human rights and in Burma's national reconciliation and development process; to conduct a series of training courses and seminars for Burmese women; and to build mutual understanding among all nationalities.

#### \$10,000\*

To create a forum for ethnic and Burman women to discuss common problems and goals; to improve cooperation among the women of Burma; and to contribute to the development of a democratic civic culture, emphasizing tolerance, respect for human rights, and concern for public welfare.

#### C) Humanitarian Assistance \$29.000\*

To collect accurate information on internally displaced persons and manage humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people in Burma.

#### \$40,000\*

To support a Thailand-based committee composed of most of the major Burmese prodemocracy and ethnic organizations and to coordinating health and education programs for refugees in Thailand and India, and ethnic populations in Burma.

#### D) Information and Media \$18,000

To publish and distribute an English language newsletter on the human rights situation in Western Burma, and to train field reporters and editorial staff in human rights monitoring and reporting.

#### \$175,000\*

To produce and transmit a twicedaily shortwave radio broadcast of independent news and opinion into Burma and to strengthen ethnic language programming.

#### \$40.000\*

To support an ethnic language bimonthly newsletter distributed in Burma, in refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border, in Thailand, and internationally; to produce regular reports in English on numan rights violations in southern Burma; and to introduce a monthly ethnic language newspaper.

#### \$80,000\*

To support the production, printing and distribution of an English language magazine providing accurate and independent news and information about Burma and events in Southeast Asia, and to sponsor a program to train Burmese journalists and educate Burmese about the functions of an independent media.

#### \$11,000

To support a trilingual monthly newsletter that provides an alternative news source for targeted communities in Burma, in refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border, and in exile in Thailand; and to provide international human rights organizations and other groups with reliable information on human rights violations in Eastern Burma.

#### \$170,000\*

To publish a monthly Burmese language newspaper offering a forum for diverse opinions and commentary from Burmese prodemocracy activists at home and in exile, and in-depth news about the Burmese prodemocracy movement and international campaigns to support the Burmese prodemocracy movement.

#### \$25,000\*

To write, edit, publish, and distribute a trilingual monthly newsletter.

## Cambodia

#### Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee \$13.080

To promote human rights by coordinating investigation teams, joint letters, public statements and negotiations with government officials regarding sensitive or significant human rights cases and issues.

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

To conduct human rights education, mobilization, monitoring, advocacy, and institution building.

#### Human Rights Vigilance of Cambodia \$46,000

To promote human rights and democracy in Cambodia through human rights education and by investigating, monitoring and reporting on human rights abuses.

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

To provide training for democracy activists on grassroots organizing, communication and message development, and to engage democratic parties in the formulation of and debate on the commune election law and framework.

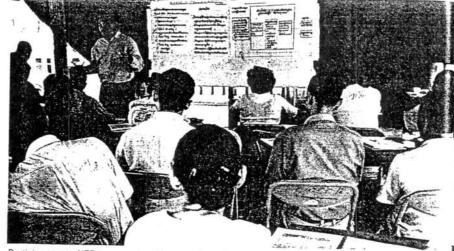
## China

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$192,190

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

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$184,560

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



Participants at a NED sponsored training session in Cambodia review the key points learned from Cambodian Human Rights Task Force trainers.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

1997 REPROGRAMMING \$56,000

To support a biweekly symposium on China's transition to a market economy, to reproduce and distribute symposium papers, and to produce short studies suggesting policy improvements for technical and administrative reforms.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$59,000

To promote the effective privatization of state enterprises by supporting research, conferences and articles encouraging public participation in economic reform processes.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$79,500

To expand and improve a nationwide Internet network on modern economic reform and to provide economics management courses for participants from around the country.

#### Center for Modern China \$55,000

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

#### Democratic China Magazine \$75,000

To publish its monthly Chinese language Internet magazine on politics, society, and culture, promoting democracy and pluralism in China through articles contributed by writers from China, the U.S. and other countries.

#### Foundation for China in the 21st Century \$60,000

To carry out a multi-faceted program of research, publications, and seminars on inter-ethnic relations, globalization and modernization, and democracy in China.

#### Human Rights in China \$200,000

To support a program of human rights information gathering, reporting, publicity and advocacy; direct support for victims of political persecution; and production and circulation of materials informing Chinese citizens of their rights.

#### International Republican Institute \$489,716

1999 REPROGRAMMING

To support electoral reform at the village level, and to support a research program, publications, and communication with Chinese officials on political prisoners, legal reform, and human rights.

#### International Republican Institute \$460,000

To promote electoral reform in China at the village level, legal reform at the municipal and provincial level, and legislative reform and public policy implementation at the provincial and national levels

# International Republican Institute 1997 REPROGRAMMING \$165,000

To sponsor seminars for newly elected village committee leaders and election officials on practices and transparent local governance, and to promote election monitoring through a conference for monitors and sponsorship of observation missions.

#### Laogai Research Foundation \$85,000

To support a research and publication program on the Chinese system forced-labor prison camp (laogai) and to investigate and document other human rights violations occurring in China.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$209,666

To support a seminar on the role of the legislature in democracies, and to assist in the development of an information clearinghouse on democratic legislative norms.

#### Press Freedom Guardian \$48,000

To publish a twice-monthly Chinese language newspaper providing news and analysis on democracy, human rights and the activities of the Chinese democracy movement.

## China (Hong Kong)

#### Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor \$48,000

To carry out human rights reporting, casework, campaigning and public education drawing local and international public attention to the Hong Kong laws and practices that fail to safeguard human rights.

## China (Tibet)

#### International Campaign for Tibet \$30,000

To support meetings, symposia, speeches, publications and articles designed to improve communication between Tibetans and Chinese.

#### Tibetan Literary Society \$20,000

To publish the Tibet Times, a Tibetan language newspaper providing indepth coverage of Tibetan, local and international issues for Tibetans in Tibet, international audiences and Tibetan exiles.

#### Tibetan Multimedia Centre \$30,000

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

#### Tibetan Review \$20,000

To publish and distribute Tibetan Review, a monthly English language news magazine, throughout the Tibetan community in exile and the international community.





Human Rights in China produced Chinese and English language postcards as part of a campaign in support of the Tiananmen Mothers who are fighting for government accountability for the June 4,1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square.

#### East Timor

International Republican Institute \$67,800

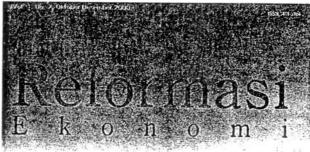
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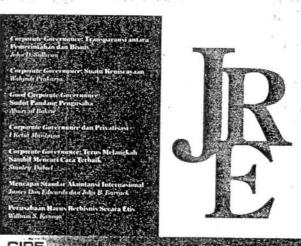
To promote a grassroots communication and dialogue program designed to increase public participation in decision-making processes in East Timor, and to establish a civic education program to facilitate the development of a multi-party democratic system of government and strengthening of local civil society institutions.

#### Indonesia

Center for International **Private Enterprise** \$111,393

To organize a business association management training program for small and medium enterprise business associations in Indonesia, with special emphasis on small business issues and advocacy.





Economic Reform Journal, a Center for International Private Enterprise project supported by NED, is one of the tools being used in Indonesia to encourage economic reform and democratization.



Participants at the Second International Conference on North Korean Human Rights and Refugees, held in Seoul, South Korea, organized by the Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$70,707

To educate policymakers, business leaders, and financial institutions on corporate governance practices in democratic societies and the need for business to develop ethical standards of conduct, and to strengthen the capacity of business associations to play a role in public policy development on corporate governance issues in a democratic environment.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$39,334

To support the publication of one edition of the Jurnal Reformasi Ekonomi (Economic Reform Journal) and to organize two workshops to examine the interaction between political and market forces and their relationship to the cause of democratization in Indonesia.

## Malaysia

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$8.837

To conduct a civic education program to inform Malaysian citizens about the electoral process and encourage future democratic electoral reform.

#### Southeast Asian Press Alliance \$40,000

To foster the emergence of independent media and promote press freedom in Malaysia.

## Mongolia

#### Liberal Emegteichuudiin Ojuni San (LEOS)

\$34,000

To conduct programs fostering democratic education, the development of civil society, and the participation of women in public life. including public office.

## Nepal

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$140,000

To help strengthen the oversight functions of Nepali legislative bodies to increase the accountability and transparency of Nepal's government.

## North Korea

#### Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea \$43,000

To support research into and dissemination of evewitness accounts of human rights abuses and prison camp operations in North Korea, and to support a campaign to bring North Korean human rights issues to South Korean and international attention.

#### Citizens' Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea \$35,000

To convene a strategy meeting for non-governmental organizations concerned with the human rights situation in North Korea.

#### Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights (NKNet)

\$40,000

To maintain an English language version of the NKNet Web site, and to publish a Korean language monthly bulletin and an English language quarterly journal drawing South Korean and international attention to the issues of democratization and human rights in North Korea.

#### Pakistan

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$130.000

To support a labor watch group; to support a program to provide union services to Pakistan's most exploited workers; and to support a coalition of NGO and labor groups seeking to eliminate child labor and uphold the rights of female workers.

#### Sri Lanka

#### People's Action for Free and Fair Elections

\$15,000

To implement a grassroots campaign to develop citizens' watch groups throughout Sri Lanka to monitor the performance of local elected representatives and bodies.

## Thailand

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$150,000

To provide technical assistance and advocacy training for an anti-corruption network in Thailand, and to assist a leading NGO in developing a national education campaign against corruption and for increased public participation in provincial-level watchdog initiatives.

#### Vietnam

#### Association of Vietnamese Overseas \$70,000

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

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$59,001

To conduct radio and television broadcasts through which private business owners can learn about and speak out on policy issues that directly affect their businesses.

## Asia Regional

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$522.217

To broaden the civic participation of workers, promote labor law reform, and enhance worker participation in politics in Asia.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$456,700\*

To support the independent Burmese labor movement in exile, educate workers and other citizens both inside Burma and in exile about labor rights and democracy, and document violations of internationally recognized labor rights.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$298.144

To promote dialogue regarding rule-oflaw issues and furnish technical support to legal activists, scholars, community groups and NGOs in Asia.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

To sponsor a regional workshop to identify corporate governance best practices, offer recommendations for reforms in Asia, and promote a more transparent relationship between the public and private sectors



New Era Journal, a monthly Burmese language publication, provides a diversity of opinion and commentary from democracy activists living inside Burma and in exile, as well as in-depth news about the democracy movement and international campaigns to support Burmese activists.



The book, In Search of Sunlight, is published by the Thai organization, Friends Without Borders, which seeks to educate and inform Thai citizens about the problems of Burmese refugees living in Thailand, and the struggle for democracy in Burma

# 2000 NED Regional Highlights Central and Eastern Europe

Endowment programs in Central and Eastern Europe contributed to critical breakthroughs in the troubled Balkan region during the year 2000. In both Croatia and Serbia, where nationalist authoritarianism had fueled conflict for most of the preceding decade, democratic forces scored major victories in critical elections, strengthening the possibilities for peace in the region.

A major trend was the increase in cross-border programs of assistance, especially from NGOs in countries that had just gone through successful elections to countries still under authoritarian rule. Supplemental funding for urgent work in the Balkans enabled the Endowment and its institutes to support many of these efforts, especially in Croatia and Serbia.

The additional resources allowed NED to expand its direct grant programs to pro-democracy groups in Southeastern Europe. Croatia and Serbia had major democratic breakthroughs. In both countries, NED focused on helping NGOs mobilizing voter turnout and monitoring activities ahead of and during crucial elections. NGO networks adapted experiences from the civic sector in Slovakia, which had organized similar programs in the run-up to the 1998 elections. In Serbia, crucial infrastructure assistance was provided to the opposition through IRI and NDI.

#### SERBIA

Mass demonstrations on October 5, 2000, forced Slobodan Milosevic to recognize the September 24 victory of Vojislav Kostunica in the Yugoslav presidential elections. The demonstrations in Belgrade were fueled not only by the Democratic Opposition of Serbia (DOS) but also vibrant NGOs, independent media, trade unions, students, and a grassroots citizens' movement.

Assistance was targeted to the beleaguered independent media in Serbia, which continued to disseminate vital information in a society that remained tightly controlled by the Milosevic regime. The grantees included the prominent news agency, BETA, Serbia's best source of independent information, and the Association of Independent Electronic Media (ANEM), which organized an effective "Rock the Vote" campaign during the pre-election period. NED also assisted programs in Serbia which encouraged the youth to get more involved in politics.

Through IRI and the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (IDEE), NED supported student organizations involved in the movement for change in Serbia, in particular the youth movement, Otpor, and the Students Union of Serbia. ACILS continued to support the pro-

democratic trade union confederation, UGS Nezavisnost, which countered the Milosevic regime's attempts to quash the development of democracy. NED funding provided through CIPE energized the Serbian business community around an agenda for economic and democratic development in municipalities throughout the country.

#### CROATIA

In the run up to the January 2000 parliamentary elections in Croatia, NED provided crucial assistance to nongovernmental groups working to promote free and fair elections and increase voter participation, particularly among the youth and workers. Glas 99, a coalition of more than 100 NGOs, promoted voter turnout and conducted a program modeled on the successful OK 98 experience in Slovakia. The program consisted of a media, poster and leaflet campaign to increase voter participation, a "Rock the Vote" campaign to increase the participation of youth, and a monitoring program to encourage objective media coverage of the election campaign.

ACILS assisted a nonpartisan program supporting unions'







fforts to increase worker particpation in the elections. NED rovided funds to the election nonitoring group, the Citizens Organized to Monitor Elections GONG), to carry out a parallel ote tabulation, which helped nsure fair vote counting.

n January 2000 parliamentary lections, an opposition coalition ommitted to political and economic reform, defeated the ruling IDZ party by a wide margin. Voter turnout was over 78%, and international observers ound the voting process to be generally free and fair. These esults were due in part to efforts of NED-supported organizations. The new Prime Minister, Ivica Racan, thanked GONG and Glas 19 for their contribution to the election process.

#### LOVAKIA

After the successful election the previous year, NED programs in blovakia continued to support he transition to democratic governance and a free market economy. Programs for encouraging routh participation in politics, eivic initiatives in the remote listricts of Eastern Slovakia, professionalizing the media, and

civil society support for reforms were conducted by many organizations including the Foundation for a Civil Society, Milan Simecka Foundation, Presov Civic Forum, MEMO '98, and Association Civic Eye. NDI conducted a major program to strengthen party youth organizations and develop leadership skills in Slovakia.

NED continued its support of IRI's regional program for a second year in 2000. Working with political and civic leaders from twelve countries in the region, the program has been the catalyst for the development of intra-regional leadership support networks. Following the successful participation of NGOs in the elections in Slovakia, Croatia and Serbia, many organizations are now poised to expand their regional outreach and share their experiences and expertise with NGOs in countries that still struggle under authoritarian regimes.

#### TURKEY

In 2000, the Turkish parliament elected a pro-reform jurist Ahmet Sezer as President. Following this development, NED is continuing to support programs that aim to address Turkey's high level of corruption, weak democratic institutions and inability to implement reforms.

With NED support, the Foundation for the Research of Societal Problems (TOSAM) maintained Democracy Radio programs on democracy and minority issues, particularly between Turks and Kurds. TOSAM also developed a manual and curriculum for leadership training of multi-ethnic and multi-religious groups of youth and local community leaders and elected representatives. The Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (HCA) conducted constitutional reform workshops, developed a network of NGOs and activists, and advocated freedom of speech, assembly and association.

NDI helped members of parliament, political parties and local institutes to promote a political code of ethics and anti-corruption legislation.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Central and Eastern Europe

#### Albania

#### Albanian Study Center on Parliamentary and Democratic Practices

\$31,746\*

To encourage public understanding and debate on key legislation being introduced by parliament. The Center will publish six issues of a new journal, Review of Parliamentary Law and Politics, which will document and analyze the work of the National Assembly.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$33,444

To enable the Albanian American Trade and Development Association to assess the entrepreneurial climate in Albania, focusing on overcoming barriers to investment, eradicating corruption and bureaucracy.

#### Institute for Policy and Legal Studies (IPLS) \$50.000\*

To help local public administrators to better understand and effectively implement the new Code of Public Administration, and to raise the awareness of ordinary citizens about the importance of properly implementing the Code and to promote greater cooperation between the governmental and non-governmental sectors on this issue.

## "Women in Development" Association

\$32,790\*

To organize grassroots seminars to encourage women's participation in the local political process, promote greater awareness among local government officials of women's rights issues and assist Albanian women in their efforts to articulate policy options for their problems.

# SIK jednačina!



A sticker produced by CeSID (Center for Free Elections and Democracy), warned citizens of the potential for government manipulation of the September 2000 election results in Serbia (above); an Otpor "Get out the vote" button (right).

## Bosnia - Herzegovina

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$66,376

To support the hiring of an attorney to provide legal counsel and educational services to local unions and workers in Brcko. The attorney will be a part of the Legal Network established in Bosnia-Herzegovina by the International Confederation of Trade Unions.

#### Centers for Civic Initiatives (CCI) \$75,000\*

To monitor the country's October 2000 elections in cooperation with more than 250 NGOs from both entities of Bosnia-Herzegovina. CCI will recruit and train election monitors for about 2,600 polling stations throughout the country, and encourage citizen participation in the process.

#### Helsinki Citizens Assembly -Banja Luka / Helsinki Citizens Assembly - Tuzla \$43,000\*

To promote the development of an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening emerging youth organizations at the grassroots level. The youth will be trained on how to defend their rights and how to develop their organizational, networking and leadership skills.

#### Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Republika Srpska \$49.160\*

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 on their basic human rights. The committee will provide legal aid to those whose rights have been violated.

#### Tuzla Citizen's Forum \$44.980\*

To promote an independent civil society in Bosnia by strengthening NGOs at the grassroots level, and to encourage participation in the upcoming nation-wide elections. The Forum will foster cooperation and information exchanges and strengthen the Citizens Alternative Parliament, which defends the interests of the non-governmental sector.

#### Tuzla Human Rights Office / Bijeljina Human Rights Office \$40.600\*

To provide citizens of the Serb Republic entity of Bosnia a place where they can obtain information on international standards of human rights and report human rights abuses. The Offices will serve as important domestic nongovernmental sources of information on human rights practices in the Serb Republic.

## Bulgaria

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$56,000

To enable the Center for the Study of Democracy / Corporate Governance Initiative to support the development of advocacy programs to advance economic policy reform, legislation and regulatory development; provide training and technical assistance to companies primarily through business associations; and increase public awareness on corporate governance.

<sup>\*</sup>indicates funding source other than annual Congressional appropriation.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$220,367

To enhance parliamentary caucuses to effectively communicate with their respective constituencies. The Institute will also provide comparative information to relevant committees on political party finance and registration laws to improve Bulgaria's Parliamentary process.

## Tolerance and Mutual Aid Foundation \$31,920\*

To provide leadership training to young Roma in Bulgaria to enable them to influence decisions at the municipal level. The Foundation will establish regional Roma contact groups to act as liaisons between local government officials and the Roma community.

#### Croatia

#### Citizens Organized to Monitor Elections (GONG)

\$25,000\*

To conduct an independent parallel vote tabulation, the first of its kind in Croatia, during the country's January 2000 Parliamentary elections.

#### Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (CHC)

\$41,700\*

To conduct a media monitoring project, including the publication of a quarterly bulletin containing examples of news distortion, and carry out an advocacy campaign to encourage the Croatian government to amend the country's libel laws in accordance with international standards of freedom of media.

## Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina

STINA News Agency \$30,000\*

To improve its information-gathering capacity in "Herceg-Bosna" by expanding its strong network of correspondents in the statelet and Bosnia-Herzegovina as a whole.

#### Lithuania

#### U.S. Baltic Foundation Lithuania \$24,500

To promote civic activism in five rural regions of Lithuania. The Foundation will conduct twenty training seminars and a conference. Approximately 350 NGO activists, community leaders and local government officials will participate.

#### Macedonia

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$63,486

To support labor education in Macedonia, with the assistance of Bulgarian trade union educators and activists, and to facilitate changes to the Labor Code and help union leaders to formulate better strategies for social security systems.

#### International Republican Institute \$92,454

To help the new Macedonian government to complete a successful transition to power. IRI will conduct policy forums with new leaders on economic development and sponsor a national opinion poll for the new government.

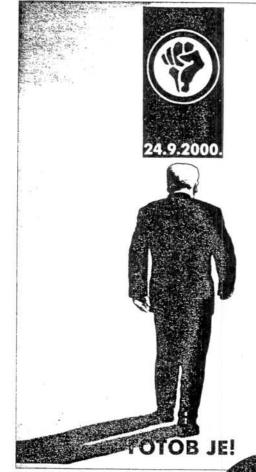
#### Romania

#### The Association for the Protection for Human Rights in Romania - The Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH) \$55,438\*

To encourage political leaders to create a legislative framework which respects civil liberties, provide legal advice to victims of human rights abuses, monitor and document violations, and to educate citizens on egal remedies. APADOR-CH will work to influence the drafting of legislation to protect human rights.

#### Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF) \$30.000\*

To expand the only NGO database in Romania to keep the public informed about the activities of NGOs. CSDF will organize a three-day civil society fair, to be attended by hundreds of Romanian NGOs in Bucharest, which will help counter popular misconceptions about NGOs in Romania.



September 2000 Serbian elections poster and buttons produced by Otpor proclaiming, "He is finished," referring to Slobodan Milosevic.

#### International Republican Institute \$107,543

To promote political dialogue and motivate the public to vote. IRI will sponsor monthly tracking polls and focus groups in each of the five months preceding the November 2000 elections. The polls will encourage Romania's major political parties to focus on issues, target key demographic voter groups and articulate how they plan to address the nation's problems.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$81,384

To improve political skills of Romanian women party activists. NDI will focus on improving campaign planning and voter contact. NDI will counter the stereotypes that party leaders have about women party activists.



"Get out the vote" poster produced by the Pro-Democracy Association prior to the November 2000 elections in Romania. The slogan translates, "Vote or shut up!"

#### Pro Democracy Association (APD) \$100,000\*

To carry out a nation-wide get-outthe-vote voter education campaign targeted at first-time and rural voters at the local level. Through these activities, APD hopes to combat widespread voter apathy and public mistrust in the electoral process, while encouraging greater youth and rural participation in the elections.

#### Pro Democracy Association \$64,945\*

To train and place 45 university students in parliamentary committees. government ministries, the presidency as well as municipal and county offices for twelve-month internships. The program is aimed at preparing future leaders for Romania.

## Slovakia

#### Association Obcianske Oko (Civic Eye) S35,000\*

To monitor, analyze, advocate for and disseminate information on legislative reform issues important to young people and Slovakia's democratic transition. Civic Eye will conduct two public opinion polls on youth issues and a media campaign on pending legislation.

#### Association of Regional Press Publishers

\$30.000\*

To promote civil society in rural Slovakia by producing and distributing Obcianske listy (Civic Letters), a fourpage newspaper supplement which reports on topics related to the country's democratic transition. Twelve issues of the supplement will be distributed as an insert in fifteen regional newspapers throughout the country.

#### Center for International **Private Enterprise** \$54,000

To enable the Center for Economic Development to conduct research, education and advocacy programs focused on harmonizing corporate governance in Slovakia with current international standards and best practices. The program will help to facilitate fairness, accountability, transparency, and responsibility.

#### Foundation for a Civil Society (FCS) \$40,000\*

To promote Slovakia's democratic transition through meetings, networking and partnerships with US donors and Slovak NGOs. FCS will also publish a Slovak News Update newsletter to facilitate its work.

#### Freedom House \$45,000\*

To assist Slovakia's democratic transition by training key reformers in the new government and strengthening relations between them and their American counterparts. Freedom House will organize a twoweek study tour in the US for four senior government spokespersons and a 10-week training program for two young Slovak leaders.

#### Institute for Public Affairs \$30,000\*

To publish 2,000 copies of a survey on Slovakia's democratic and free market transition, the Global Report of the State of Society, which will be disseminated at press conferences and seminars.

#### Milan Simecka Foundation (MSF) \$40,000\*

To conduct human rights and citizenship education in Slovak schools MSF will conduct 12 workshops. each of which will train 20 to 30 local teachers, and promote tolerance and minority rights.

#### Jan Hus Educational Foundation \$49,360\*

To expand its small grants program, which supports local grassroots initiatives of rural NGOs in Slovakia. Three rounds of a grants competition will be organized and at least 25 small grants of approximately \$1,000 will be made. The Foundation will also conduct training seminars for activists from local NGOs.

#### MEMO '98 \$40,000\*

To promote reform in Slovakia's media by monitoring and assessing media coverage of Slovakia's most pressing political issues and by working with Parliament to reform Slovakia's Media Law.

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$254,608

To increase youth participation in politics. NDI will work with party youth organizations in Slovakia to develop leadership, party organizing and communication skills to attract new members, expand contacts with voters and strengthen ties with political parties.

#### The Permanent Committee of the Civic Institute (SKOI) \$35,000\*

To continue the work of its network of civic clubs located throughout Slovakia. Activities will include conducting some 100 town meetings. 12 discussion for with government officials, 12 regional democracy seminars, three media discussions and 68 student meetings.

#### Presov Civic Forum \$19,260\*

To promote citizen activism in the eastern region of Slovakia. The Forum will educate and mobilize citizens in rural areas, conduct

November 2000 election campaign button produced by the monitoring group. Centers for Civic Initiatives in Bosnia (Left). Button produced by Association of Free and Independent Trade Unions, calling for workers' participation in Serbian elections (Right).

post-election accountability fora in towns and villages, carry out public surveys on local issues, hold public hearings on the surveys and train local activists.

#### Presov Community Foundation \$14,951\*

To foster civic activism in rural areas in eastern Slovakia. Six to ten small grants, averaging from \$500 to \$1,500, will be awarded to local NGOs that will carry out civic education and citizen participation projects.

## Turkey

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$63,000

To support the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) to examine household perceptions of corruption, through the development of a focus group discussion and a household survey to define corruption in Turkey. TESEV will also build a coalition of nongovernmental organizations in Turkey to develop an anti-corruption action plan that will introduce and advocate for reforms.

#### European Center for Common Ground \$42,000

To work with the Foundation for the Research of Societal Problems (TOSAM) to produce and broadcast Democracy Radio, an interactive radio program and call-in show which covers democracy, pluralism, governance and minority issues, particularly between Turks and Kurds. Twenty-four radio programs will be produced and will discuss democracy, tolerance, and women's rights.

## European Center for Common Ground \$25,000

To work with the Foundation for the Research of Societal Problems (TOSAM) to develop a test manual and curriculum for leadership training of multi-ethnic and multi-religious groups of youth and local community leaders and elected representatives. The manual will help Turkish leaders to create a democratic environment.

#### Helsinki Citizens' Assembly \$45,000

To conduct workshops in Istanbul, Mirsin and Van to develop a network of NGOs and activists, advocating the removal of legal barriers against the freedom of expression, the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of association.

#### International Republican Institute \$235,747

To train youth on integration techniques and boost their participation in Turkish civil and political issues. Volunteer Turkish celebrities will be involved in IRI efforts, which will also include the creation of a Web site to help unite Turkey's youth NGOs. IRI will also co-host an anticorruption conference to highlight the social costs of corruption.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$236,175

To support Turkish initiatives to enact a code of conduct for public officials. NDI will conduct a two-day seminar, followed by smaller meetings for legislators, journalists and respected academics to discuss ethics legislation, parliamentary immunity and constitutional reform. NDI will continue joint programs with NGOs in Turkey.

## Yugoslavia (Kosovo)

#### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

(1998 REPROGRAMMING) \$75,979

To work with the Independent Trade Unions of Kosovo and the Union of Science, Culture and Teachers to increase the participation of workers in the electoral process. ACILS will prepare union leaders for a post-war democratic system, and will help trade unions to design voter education programs to facilitate the election process.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$49.500

To work with the Riinvest Institute for Development and Research to conduct a research and advocacy program to assess the impact of the Yugoslav conflict on ethnic Albanian businesses. CIPE will initiate a dialogue with the international community on reconstruction and promote Kosovar participation in new governance structures.

#### Council for Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms \$50,000\*

To monitor the human and minority rights situation in the province and inform the international community. The Council will publish information bulletins and organize lectures and workshops on human rights for local activists.

#### People in Need Foundation \$23,240\*

To raise professional and managerial competence of independent news organizations in the province and to promote a free and democratic media.

#### Zeri I Dites (The Daily Voice) \$50,000\*

To provide readers with timely, regular and objective information on political, cultural and economic developments. Zeri will increase its coverage of political developments and the international community's efforts to bring peace to the province.

## Radio TV 21

\$75,000\*

To provide timely and objective information on political, cultural and economic developments for listeners in Kosovo.

## Yugoslavia (Montenegro)

#### Center for Democracy and Human Rights \$49.630\*

To monitor and analyze the legislative transition, the independent media, and privatization in Montenegro. The analysis will be published quarterly and distributed to key governmental and non-governmental representatives in Montenegro and in the international community.



#### Center for Development of Non-governmental Organizations (CRNVO) \$30,250\*

To strengthen NGOs in Montenegro by improving their leadership and fund-raising skills. CRNVO will expand the only NGO database in Montenegro, which will facilitate better information exchange among civic groups and promote cooperation between the government and NGOs in country.

### Yugoslavia (Serbia)

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$196.994

To help UGS Nezavisnost cover nine months of basic operating expenses at the national and regional levels. UGS Nezavisnost will acquire computer and communication equipment for three new regional offices, offer legal and

technical assistance, produce union publications, and conduct policy analysis and civic activities.

#### Association of Independent Electronic Media (ANEM) \$150,000\*

To organize an extensive "get-out-the-vote" campaign, titled "Rock for Change, Rock the Vote." The campaign will consist of 48 concerts featuring Serbia's most popular rock bands organized in 24 cities and towns throughout the country in the two to three months prior to the local and federal elections.

#### Association of Free and Independent Trade Unions (AFITU) \$62.154\*

To conduct a broad-based civic education program and "get-out-thevote" campaign to increase workers' involvement in the 2000 local and federal elections. The union will



"Whom do you want for your new Mayor?" is the message of a flyer advertising a candidates forum organized by the Presov Citizens' Forum of Presov, Slovakia.

increase the number of its branch offices; conduct meetings throughout Serbia and publish a union newspaper focused on increasing support for the political opposition.

### Small Grants = Big Impact

### Bosnian Youth Work for Democracy Across Ethnic Divide

ith a grant of \$43,000 from NED, the Helsinki Citizens Assemblies (HCAs) of Tuzla and Banja Luka are coordinating an impressive array of activities for a Democratic Youth Network that includes more than 70 youth organizations in Bosnia-Hercegovina. The goal of the HCAs is to build a strong civil society and to help youth overcome the ethnic partition and continued intolerance that is the aftermath of the brutal civil war Bosnia fought in the early 1990s. Through the Youth Network, the HCAs are working to strengthen the leadership capacity of Bosnian youth and to help instill an understanding of democratic values and practices. The Youth Network activities encourage debate among young people on fundamental issues affecting Bosnia's future, and help new youth groups develop leadership, organizational and conflict resolution skills.

Communication between youth organizations in the two ethnically-based entities of Bosnia is very difficult, and one of the important roles the HCAs have played is to facilitate the exchange of information. Through an E-mail network, a quarterly magazine and monthly bulletins the HCAs spread the word about the recent activities of the network and its member groups, and the HCAs publish a directory with pro-

files and contact information for each network affiliate. The HCAs also act as an "NGO incubator" providing crucial advice, office space, and other resources to nascent youth organizations struggling to get started in a difficult environment.

Other activities in 2000 included a seminar series on "Promoting Youth Activities Through the Media," that focused on practical skills like how to organ-

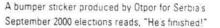
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The Helsinki Citizens Assemblies of Tuzla and B Luka help to bridge the ethnic divide in Bosnia-Hercegovina by coordinating activities for a you network that includes more than 70 organization

ize a press conference, produce TV and radio ads, create Web sites and E-mail "list-servs." A separate two-day nation-wide Youth Network Conference was the group's third annual meeting and focused on networking, regional cooperation, and improving relations with local officials.



# STOTOBJE.

#### Belgrade Center for Human Rights \$33,000\*

To encourage Serb academics, journalists and civic activists to participate directly in the formation of policy for the democratic political opposition in Serbia; and to prepare the citizens of Serbia to take a more active role in promoting their country's democratic transformation.

#### BETA News Agency \$48,000\*

To provide free subscriptions to BETA's news services to six struggling independent radio stations in the Bosnian Serb Republic, the Local Press Association of Serbia and the Belgrade-based independent daily newspaper, Danas.

## Center for Anti-War Action \$66,600\*

To encourage disparate civic groups to form a more cchesive pro-democratic civil society movement at the local level and to maintain the momentum for democracy in the post-election period.

#### Center for Free Elections and Democracy (CeSID) \$75,000\*

To sensitize citizens, especially young people, to the importance of volunteering as monitors for the September 2000 elections. The campaign will consist of TV and radio spots, newspaper and magazine advertisements, bill-boards, posters and leaflets.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$73,263\*

To work with the Belgrade-based Economics Institute and the Serbian Economist Magazine to hold round-table discussions, highlighting reform issues and policy recommendations. The discussions will enable politicians and the general public to better understand the nature of economic reform and democratic transition.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$78.200

To enable the Alliance for Local Communities and Sustainable Development to increase cooperation among business organizations, local governments and civil society, and to educate representatives of each sector on public advocacy, coalition and business plan development and the role of each sector.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$65,000

To enable the Center for Liberal Democratic Studies to undertake education, policy and advocacy campaigns, highlighting the negative impact of corruption in Serbia.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$34,284\*

To assist the Organization for Private Enterprise (OPEN Chamber) to educate the Pancevo business community on the Chamber's advocacy and service role. CIPE will provide the chamber with technical assistance in strategic planning and program development.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$9,486

To assist the Center for Entrepreneurship to assemble Serbian language publications on economic and democratic reform into one large publication, entitled Economic Freedom Reader, a thousand copies of which will be distributed to Serb-speaking people throughout the Balkan.

#### Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia \$45.000\*

To continue the operation of its Legal Aid Office in Belgrade, where individuals can report human rights abuses and seek assistance.



The Newsletter of the Centers for Pluralism helps to connect a network of over 50 democracy-building NGOs in 20 countries that is coordinated by the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (IDEE).

#### Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe / Student Union of Serbia (SUS) \$56.400\*

To support the Student Union of Serbia to encourage greater student involvement in the nationwide movement for democratic reform, and to unite student organizations, pro-democratic civic groups, independent trade unions, and opposition political parties.

#### Narodne Novine (People's News) \$47,000\*

To provide timely and objective information on political, cultural and economic developments in the region; and to provide a forum for Kosovar Serb refugees in southern Serbia to exchange information and views.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$11.585\*

To provide emergency assistance to Serbia's Alliance for Change to facilitate public coverage of Alliance activities with the publication of its free daily newspaper, Promene (Changes).

#### Open University - Subotica \$22,725\*

To cooperate with the area's vibrant NGOs to conduct a "get out the vote" campaign in Subotica. The University will use leaflets, newsletters, youth magazines and newspaper advertisement, focusing on voters, particularly young people, in the 33 districts comprising Subotica municipality.

#### Otpor (Resistance) Student Movement \$189.600\*

To expand its network of offices and to communities throughout Serbia, thereby promoting pro-democratic civic activism at the local level, and to give the student movement a base on which to mount a major get-out-the-vote campaign.

#### Otpor (Resistance) Students Movement 47.790\*

To educate and encourage citizens to take an active role in the political process in Serbia. Otpor will use famous actors, musicians, scholars and other artists to educate the voters about the importance of the September 24, 2000 elections, and provide information about their choices.

#### Radio Index

\$36,430\*

To continue providing unbiased news and information to the inhabitants of Belgrade. The assistance will allow the station to pay its staff and acquire much-needed equipment.

#### RTV Pancevo

\$24,960\*

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to the inhabitants of Pancevo and the nearby capital of Belgrade.

#### TV 5 (Nis)

\$39,690\*

To offer objective information to the citizens of southern Serbia. The station will expand and strengthen its programming and help to break the stranglehold of government-dominated media in Serbia.

#### VK Radio \$23.820\*

To continue offering unbiased news and information to the inhabitants of the Vojvodina region of northern Serbia. The assistance will partially cover operating expenses and staff salaries.

#### Vranjske Novine (Vranje News) \$22,000\*

To provide timely and objective information on political, cultural and economic developments in southern Serbia.

#### Central and Eastern Europe Regional

#### Center for Civic Education Poland - Belarus \$40,000

To enable the Center for Human Rights "Spring '96" to support a network of human rights offices, publish a report on the status of human rights in Belarus, and to train local activists to run the branches offices.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$142,461

To support the civil society and the business community in promoting and advocating corporate governance principles in the emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States. CIPE, working with a local co-host and long-term partner, the Center for the Study of Democracy, will sponsor a regional conference on corporate governance.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$142,461

To support civil society and the business community in promoting and advocating effective corporate governance principles in the emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States. CIPE will also foster the exchange of experience between the more advanced economic democracies and their neighbors to the east.

#### East European Democratic Center-IDEE \$50,000

To support the development of NGOs and the independent press in Belarus. The Center will conduct small grant competitions, training seminars for NGO activists and independent journalists.

#### Foundation for Education and Democracy \$120,000

To expand its regional civic education-training program which will conduct 39 workshops for democratic activists in Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, the Baltic States, Central Asia and "To expand its regional civic education-training program which will conduct 39 workshops for democratic activists in Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, the Baltic States, Central Asia and the Caucasus."

#### Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe \$300,000

To continue its unique Centers for Pluralism (CfP) program. The Institute will support up to 10 centers in the region with small grants, publish four issues of the Centers for Pluralism Newsletter; maintain a database and information clearinghouse for NGOs in Eastern Europe and the NIS, and conduct NGO training in Poland.

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

To enable the Rebirth of Crimea Foundation and the Ukrainian Home Foundation to promote civil society in Crimea and Ukraine, and provide institutional support to key NGOs, conduct training and consultative visits and provide infrastructure and operating support to democracy-building NGOs.

#### Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe / Warsaw \$75,000

To support the development of the independent local press in Belarus by supporting local newspapers and information bulletins. The Institute will also organize regional training workshops for unregistered local newspapers.

#### Institute for Southeastern Studies \$20,000

To address the problem of Polish-Ukrainian relations in the border region of Przemysl through civic education programs which promote ethnic, religious, national and cultural tolerance and understanding. The Institute will host public lectures by experts and conduct seminars for secondary school students.

#### International Republican Institute \$899,288

To support IRI's regional office which is working to consolidate the new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe through programs designed to enhance political party and parliamentary infrastructures and encourage young people to participate in the political process.

#### KARTA Center Foundation \$80,000

To continue its "Common Ground" civic education program, conducted in cooperation with partners in 19 countries in Eastern Europe and the New Independent States. The Foundation will chart the history of democratic movements in the region, document the crimes of totalitarianism, and educate citizens about these two topics.

#### Lithuania Foundation for the Protection of Citizens \$20,000

To create an information outreach

and networking program for members of parliament and NGOs from nine countries to promote human and civil rights in Belarus.

#### Municipal Training Center of Kaunas Technical University \$25,652

To continue its cross-border program to strengthen civic activism, NGOs and local government in Kaliningrad. Russia. The Center will conduct two pilot programs to increase civic participation in the municipalities of Sovetsk and Slavsk.

#### Nadacia pre Obciansku Spolocnost (NOS Foundation) \$30,000\*

To provide training in planning, designing and implementing voter education and mobilization programs. NOS will work with Otpor, the leading pro-democratic student movement in Serbia, and will also cooperate with other organizations in Serbia involved in increasing citizen participation in the 2000 elections.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

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To cooperate with the European Institute for Democracy to conduct political party and coalition building training programs in Poland for participants from the former Soviet Union, focusing on addressing the needs of democratic political parties in Armenia, Azerbaijarı, Belarus, Georgia, Russia and Ukraine.

#### Partners for Democratic Change \$40,000

To support a regional network of indigenous training centers in Eastern Europe and the NIS. Partial funding will also cover the cost of training for women NGO leaders. young women activists, and anti-corruption initiatives in the Balkans.

#### People in Need Foundation (PINF) \$50,000

To build on the training, material support and networking activities with democracy groups in Belarus, which was begun in 1998. PINF will organize training for Belarusian economists; study tours for Belarusian law, economics and political science students; and working visits for Belarusian and Czech journalists, opposition leaders and former dissidents.

#### People in Need Foundation (PINF) \$47,400

To support human rights, humanitarian assistance and freedom of the media in the Northern Caucasus. The PINF will collect and disseminate information on human rights violations, humanitarian needs and media access in the region.

#### Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation

\$25,000

To conduct internships in Poland for representatives of the emerging independent media in the new republics of the former Soviet Union, with emphasis on those from Belarus and Ukraine.

#### Radio Baltic Waves \$50,000

To support an independent radio station which will disseminate uncensored and objective political, economic, cultural and educational information to the citizens of Belarus and eastern Lithuania.

#### Radio Racia Ltd.

\$150,000

To support an independent radio station which is disseminating objective political, economic, cultural and educational information to the citizens of Belarus and eastern Poland.

#### Stefan Batory Foundation \$13,921

To organize internships for up to twenty young Belarusian scholar-activists at universities in Poland. Participants will spend one month at Polish institutions of higher learning, under a Polish mentor, working on a doctoral-level project focusing on an aspect of Belarus' democratic and free market transition.

## 2000 NED Regional Highlights

## New Independent States

The democratic prospect became increasingly clouded in Russia and Ukraine during the year 2000 as there was considerable backsliding on human rights and press freedom and widespread corruption stalled economic development throughout the region. The assault on democratic freedoms was especially acute in Belarus.

#### RUSSIA

The Russian Federation's political life was dominated by the election of President Vladimir Putin. Formally elected President in March 2000, Mr. Putin moved rapidly to consolidate his power, causing a sharp deterioration in civil society, characterized by limitations on freedom of speech and association, and the deterioration of human rights.

NED's grantees in Russia led the opposition to these trends. The Information Center of the Human Rights Movement worked against restrictions on the press by placing dozens of stories about human rights and democracy in several widely-read national newspapers. Meanwhile, the Glasnost Defense Foundation published in-depth analysis of conditions in the mass media, and trained journalists to cope with outside pressures.

The Glasnost Public Foundation, whose offices were raided by security forces in August, investigated the legal difficulties facing NGOs and was preparing to offer legal aid to NGOs that had been denied registration. The Center for Independent Legal

Expertise participated in largescale campaigns against the worst features of pending legislation on trade unions.

The Endowment continued to support human rights legal clinics in Russian regions, including Tatarstan and the Urals. NED supported the LAM Center to preserve civil society in Chechnya.

CIPE focused on improving the business climate in Russia, especially for small businesses, and on fighting corruption. IRI focused on increasing the role of women in politics and civic life and on training elected officials in Russia's regions.

#### UKRAINE

NED programs in Ukraine supported civil society in the broadest possible sense. The Kharkiv Center for Human Rights Protection and the Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights operated free legal clinics and researched Ukraine's longstanding problems with torture and abuse of the judicial system.

The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) continued monitoring

and analyzing draft laws in the Ukrainian legislature, while the Center of Information and Documentation of Crimean Tatars worked to integrate the Crimean Tatars into Ukrainian society. Youth Alternative, with its internship program in the Ukrainian national legislature, and Smoloskyp, Inc., with a series of seminars, conferences and publications, educated Ukrainian youth about democratic ideals and practices. CIPE sponsored research on the development of Ukraine's economy.

#### BELARUS

The greatest challenge was in Belarus, where the political situation deteriorated in an assault on the democratic community by Aleksander Lukashenka's authoritarian regime. NGOs were ransacked, independent newspapers closed down and democratic activists imprisoned or made to "disappear." The government's actions have been repeatedly condemned by international organizations such as the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the U.S. Government.







NED grantees rose to the challenge and developed programs to preserve and strengthen the fledgling institutions of civil society. Attempts to blockade all objective information and attacks on the independent media were countered by support to Radio Racja and Radio Baltic Waves, which broadcast into Belarus from outside the country. More than 50 national, regional and local independent newspapers received assistance. NGO resource centers provided training, equipment and material support to hundreds of independent groups. Youth and women's organizations also received assistance.

One of the most successful aspects of assistance to Belarus was the positive response by civil society organizations in the region. Belarusian democrats are now being assisted by activists from the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania and Russia.

#### CAUCASUS

In Georgia, the Horizonti Foundation for the Third Sector worked to strengthen NGOs and the Caucasian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development concentrated on diffusing tension among Georgia's ethnic groups.

In Armenia, the Helsinki
Association and the Republican
Center for Democracy worked
to protect the rights of citizens,
while the Association of
University Women worked on
training women's groups to pursue equality in the political and
social spheres.

The Azerbaijan Association of Lawyers and the Model Constitutional Court expanded their programs to support the rule of law and provide legal assistance. CIPE used Endowment funds in all three countries in the region to work with independent business groups to disseminate information about new legislation, to fight corruption and to improve conditions for independent entrepreneurs. ACILS continued its regional workers rights program in all three countries.

#### CENTRAL ASIA

Democratic development in the countries of Central Asia continued to backslide, as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan consolidated authoritarian and strongman regimes.

Endowment programs in this region concentrated on building a culture of democracy through NGO development, protecting basic human rights, and training the next generation of democracy activists. The Institute for Regional Studies in Kyrgyzstan and the Tashkent Public Education Center in Uzbekistan worked on civic education with participants from all levels of society.

Endowment-funded organizations were also active in human rights monitoring and legal representation. These included the Jalal-Abad Regional Rights Organization, the Youth Human Rights Group, and the Krygyz Committee for Human Rights in Kyrgyzstan, and the Memorial Human Rights Center and the Human Rights Society in Uzbekistan.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: New Independent States (NIS)

#### Armenia

#### Association of Women with University Education \$30.632

To identify and train women leaders to be informed and active in strengthening democratic processes and building civil society in Armenia's capital city and provinces. The association will conduct seminars for rural and small town women to raise awareness of their role in building civil society.

#### Helsinki Association \$25,000

To protect human rights and foster solidarity among lawyers and advocates who support the rule of law in Armenia. The Association will monitor the drafting of legislation on fundamental issues of human rights and civil liberties.

#### Republican Center for Democracy (RCD) \$28.743

To continue to promote human rights and strengthen civil society by supporting its centers in Yerevan, Gyumri, Goris and Gavarh. RCD will provide legal advice and conduct educational and outreach programs.

#### Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$245,692

To support the efforts of labor unions in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan to develop into strong, independent, and viable organizations capable of promoting democracy and actively participating in civil society within their countries.

#### Azerbaijan

#### Association of Lawyers of Azerbaijan \$35.990

To provide free legal consultations to low-income people in Baku. By focusing on legal rights, this project will assist in raising the popular awareness of such issues as equality under the law and other essential principles of civil and criminal law.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$79.500

To enable the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation to publish 12 Parliamentary Bulletins in the Azeri language. The Bulletins will discuss proposed legislation on economic reform and corruption. CIPE will conduct a training course for business print and electronic journalists.

#### Model Constitutional Court \$24,820

To raise public understanding of the rule of law in Azerbaijan by holding monthly public mock-trials to ascertain the constitutionality of Azerbaijani laws, decrees and draft legislation relating to human and civil rights. MCC will focus on corruption.

#### Support Center for Democratic Elections (SCDE) \$30,000

To encourage civic participation in local government and to increase the effectiveness of elected officials. SCDE will publish a manual that will be used to conduct 19 training sessions for local government officials, NGO activists and individuals in the provinces of Azerbaijan.

#### Zerkalo Newspaper \$50,284

To monitor and publish objective information about the candidates, political parties and the electoral process for the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan.

#### Belarus

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$135,080

To protect workers' rights in Belarus by building democratic union structures and increasing member participation. Seminars will be organized to address broad policy areas including international labor codes. The Solidarity Center's strategy is to include all trade unions in an effort to develop coordination and cooperation.

In 2000, NED provided direct assistance to organizations in Belarus working in the following areas:

#### A) Independent Media \$274.270\*

To strengthen sources of objective information, including independent newspapers, press agencies and web sites, that are attempting to break the information blockade maintained by the government of Belarus.

#### B) Human Rights \$85,000\*

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

#### C) NGO Development \$159,403\*

To develop and strengthen the third sector in Belarus, especially NGOs based in the country's regions, through support for training seminars, networking, equipment and other operating expenses.

#### D) Citizens Education and Mobilization Programs \$125,000\*

To strengthen the capacity for citizens to promote change in Belarus by improving cooperation, coordination and networking among democratic activists; building pro-democracy coalitions of independent organizations; conducting training programs for young political activists; and supporting get-out-the-vote campaigns for the country's 2001 presidential elections.

### Central Asia Regional

#### International Memorial Society \$24,390

To provide objective and comprehensive information on the human rights situation in Uzbekistan,

Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, which will be disseminated to international human rights organizations.

#### Central Asian /Caucasus Region

#### Tsentral'naya Aziyai Kavkaz Journal \$49.980

To provide a forum for political leaders and civic activists to present alternatives to government views on regional developments, particularly on how to cultivate democratic values along with native traditions.

#### Georgia

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$56,000

To enable the Georgian Association of Women in Business to increase public understanding, appreciation and outreach regarding the role of economic reforms and democratic development. The center will disseminate its information through four issues of the Georgian Economic Reform Today magazine and the monthly bulletin, Business Herald.

#### Horizonti, Foundation for the Third Sector

\$34.572

To advance democratic processes in Georgia. The foundation will organize video and TV programs where NGOs will invite government representatives and prominent individuals to discuss issues of concern to Georgian society.

#### Kyrgyzstan

#### Institute for Regional Studies \$26.820

To continue its program of civic education for teachers, high school and university level students, and to prepare a publication for use in schools. The Institute will conduct seminars to instill tolerance and democratic values into the educational process.

#### Jalal-Abad Regional Human Rights Organization Spravedlivost \$22.807

To support five legal aid offices to provide advice and legal assistance to the poorer people in Jalal-Abad and the surrounding region. The organization will also publish a human rights bulletin, Rights for All.

#### Kyrgyzstan Human Rights Committee \$30,000

To continue to provide free legal aid to victims of human rights violations and to challenge the arbitrary exercise of power by the authorities. KHRC will also take part in drafting legislation for the new position of Ombudsman for Human Rights.

#### Youth Human Rights Group (YHRG) \$26,847

To educate young people about their rights and their role in promoting democracy. YHRG will hold civic education classes in fifteen high schools in Bishkek; and monitor the human rights situation in psychiatric institutions.





TOP: A trainer from the Institute for Regional Studies (IFRS), a NED grantee, conducting Seventh Grade civic education class in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. BOTTOM: Students in Kyrgyzstan participating in a lesson on human rights law, conducted by IFRS.

#### Russia

#### Agency for Social Information (ASI) \$40,010

To promote local activism by drawing public attention to successful citizen initiatives in Russia's regions. Working with partner organizations in fourteen Russian cities, ASI will identify ongoing successful citizen initiatives and offer local NGOs assistance in publicizing their activities.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$48,240

To enable the North Chamber of Commerce and Industry to promote democracy and small business in the Murmansk region, and support advocacy campaigns, involving business and policy development.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$21,135

To enable the Institute for Humanitarian Communication to support civil society organizations and journalists who are attempting to combat corruption in Russia, and sponsor a two-day conference for participants from diverse sectors



Russian regional Chamber of Commerce and industry leaders at a CIPE-sponsored training seminar.

## Center for International Private Enterprise \$134,922

To conduct roundtable discussions on small business in four regions of Russia, focusing on barriers to its development. Participants will include representatives of small business, business associations, journalists, human rights organizations and government policymakers.

#### Center for Social Projecting "Vozrozhdenie" \$30,000

To foster interaction between voters and local political parties by offering seminars for Pskov Oblast political party activists and organizing meetings between voters and party workers.

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

To expand teacher training, human rights curriculum development and publications. The center will develop a pilot civic education curriculum for students in the Perm region and offer professional training for civic education and social studies teachers. The center will organize "olympiads" to motivate student interest in democracy and human rights.

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

To provide information on land reform and to offer legal assistance for rural residents who wish to leave collective enterprises and establish their own private farms. The center will consult with collective farm managers and government officials on reform and defense of rural citizens' rights.

#### The Chelyabinsk Oblast Public Fund "Helping Hand" \$29.964

To provide basic management training to NGO leaders and to educate victims of human rights violations on how to protect themselves.

#### The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Tatarstan \$24,996

To monitor human rights abuses in Tatarstan, and set up joint human rights monitoring programs with NGOs in the neighboring republics of Bashkortostan and Udmurtia.

#### Coordinating Council for Assistance to Refugees and Forced Migrants \$39.895

To expand its legal assistance to refugees and forced migrants to Voronezh, Kursk, Kaluga and Kostroma. The council will evaluate the problems faced by migrants and refugees and help migrants to secure residence.

#### Development Through Education Foundation (DEF)

\$37,000

To establish a regional civic education resource center for all interested primary and secondary school teachers. This center will train teachers and equip them with skills to use the Internet.

#### Express Chronicle \$70,000

To publish its print and electronic weekly newspaper and expand international coverage. For more than seven years, Express Chronicle has offered Russians detailed coverage and analysis of human rights and related legislative and international developments.

#### Glasnost Defense Foundation \$40.676

To publish several books on freedom of the press, including books on journalists' rights, specific cases of violations of freedom of the press, and the relationship between a free press and Russian society.

#### Glasnost Public Foundation \$24,500

To investigate and analyze the NGO re-registration situation in Russia. The Foundation will gather information regarding the refusal of government officials to re-register NGOs, patterns of refusal, and the consequences suffered by NGOs.

#### Globe Independent Press Syndicate \$34,440

To provide regional independent press with stories and resources on the 2000-01 elections, and to publish a weekly bulletin on coverage of the elections in 51 regions of the Russian Federation. Globe will also post the bulletin on the Internet.

#### Globe Independent Press Syndicate \$14,600

To collect articles from prominent democratic journalists, politicians and pro-free-market economists regarding the presidential election. The articles will be distributed to more than 100 provincial newspapers.

#### Human Rights Foundation for Civil Society-\$59,960

To continue its small grants program that assists regional human rights groups.

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

To publish Human Rights Defender (Pravozashchitnik) quarterly which will be distributed throughout the Russian Federation. The journal will analyze Russian and international human rights issues and help to enhance the knowledge and professionalism of local human rights activists.

#### Independent Council of Legal Expertise

\$32,380

To capitalize on regional human rights activism by providing human rights organizations with expert analyses of laws and legal problems. The council will monitor legal developments in Russia and provide analyses on pending and actual human rights legislation.

#### Information Center for the Human Rights Movement \$34,800

To publicize the goals and activities of the human rights movement by continuing a campaign of press releases, press conferences, and press monitoring.

#### Information Research Group "Panorama" \$34.996

To gather and disseminate information on important events and trends in 15 major city governments.

#### Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe \$25,000

To support refugees stranded in Ingushetia following the Russian-Chechen conflict.

#### International Republican Institute \$52,000

To support the League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg to establish six regional affiliates in Arkhangelsk, Tver, Kaliningrad, Apatity, Vyborg, and Boksitogorsk. The League will conduct training on logistical issues and assist women interested in becoming involved in politics.

#### International Republican Institute \$160,000

To train local government bodies on the development of the economy and an effective tax system, and how to improve city services and property management in Tambov, Vologda, Krasnoyarsk, Siktivkar and Pskov.

#### LAM Center for Complex Research and Popularization of Chechen Culture \$40,000

To promote democratic institutions, ideas and the rule of law. LAM will hold conferences, produce publications and provide small grants to other Chechen NGOs to support renewed development of Chechen civil society.

#### The Moscow Helsinki Group \$36.023

To publish the Chronicle of the Moscow Helsinki Group, a newsletter which will provide news and information to human rights groups throughout Russia and abroad.

#### Nizhnyi Tagil Human Rights Protection Center (NTHRPC)

\$32,686

To support human rights programs in the city of Nizhny Tagil and the Urals region as a whole. The Center will continue to produce human rights videos for local television, a radio program on human rights, and provide free legal assistance to the local population.

#### Regional Strategy - Kaliningrad \$24,294

To conduct training for young political activists in Kaliningrad oblast, and train a core of 70 to 100 volunteer youth activists in practical aspects of political organization.

#### Ryazan Regional Branch of the Memorial Society

\$35,000

To publish Karta, a journal of recent Soviet history, comparative politics and human rights issues.

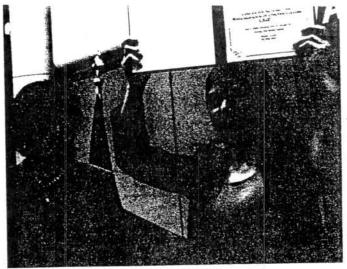
## The Saratov Legal Reform Project \$35,000

To collect and document local laws for distribution to lawyers and ordinary citizens, and to maintain its free legal aid clinic.

#### Third Sector

\$17,696

To continue publishing
Obshchestvennaya Gazeta (Social
Gazette), its monthly NGO newspaper, which addresses issues of
interest to a wide range of NGOs,
from charities to human rights
defenders and political activists.



Zuleikhan Bagalova (right) of the Chechen NGO LAM, which organizes democratic education programs in Chechen schools and refugee camps, received a Democracy Courage Tribute from the World Movement for Democracy in November 2000. Irena Lasota, a member of the World Movement Steering Committee, (left) presented the award.

#### Tomsk Research Center for Human Rights

\$23,094

To improve human rights in Tomsk Oblast, a western Siberia region of about a million people, and the surrounding areas by providing free legal aid to victims of human rights abuses. The center will monitor the situation in Tomsk Oblast and publish its findings.

#### Uchitel'skaya Gazeta \$30,000

To publish Grazhdanovedenie, its widely read weekly, devoted to the introduction and dissemination of civic education curricula, teaching methods and materials.

#### Urals Foundation for Social Innovations \$43.978

To foster understanding between local government officials, NGOs, the economic sector and to promote citizen involvement in decision-making. UFSI will also publish a reference book, Local Government in the Urals-21st Century, to facilitate local legislation and policy.

#### Voronezh United Democratic Center \$17,143

To expand legal aid centers in Voronezh Oblast and extend them to more isolated regions.

#### Voronezh United Democratic Center (VUDC) \$40,249

To establish three more legal centers in Voronezh Oblast to help in the promotion of human rights, and to conduct seminars for pensioners in rural areas. VUDC will also publish a monthly newspaper on human rights and politics.

#### Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture \$53,000

To establish a resource center for human rights and legal education. The Moscow-based center will gather, evaluate and distribute new civic education teaching materials and provide consultation to civic education groups.

#### Za Prava Cheloveka \$34,815

To coordinate human rights organizations throughout Russia. Using its network of human rights organizations, Za Prava Cheloveka will provide free legal assistance to victims of human rights violations, and to analyze and publicize human rights violations.

#### Za Prava Cheloveka \$20,000

To organize an all-Russian human rights conference, inviting human rights activists from throughout the Russian Federation to Moscow to discuss recent developments in . Russia's human rights situation and means of combating negative developments in respect for human rights.

#### Turkmenistan

#### "Flamingo" Public Education Center \$24,700

To provide civic education for lowincome people in Turkmenbash. The center will also offer legal advice and provide training on using the Internet to collect and disseminate information.

#### Ukraine

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$73,680

To sponsor discussions in Kyiv to develop a strategy for the establishment of freedom of association in Ukraine.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$75,482

To conduct discussions between local organizations, policymakers, journalists and other interested parties to enhance transparent and open public policy debate, a key element in building democracy in Ukraine. CIPE will support a survey of 2,000 businesses to measure the impact of recent legislation in Ukraine.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$39,415

To enable the Youth Alternative to build a network of young political activists who are likely to become future leaders, and to conduct seminars on economic reform.

#### Crimean Tatar Center for Information and Documentation \$25,000

To educate the Ukrainian public and officials about political and economic issues in Crimea.

#### Dnipropetrovsk Center for Social Research (DCSR) \$25,000

To support a weekly television program on social and political issues and to organize a group of local political experts to coordinate the activities of NGOs in Donetsk region. DCSR will publish 1,000 copies of a 150-page guidebook on local political parties.

#### Donetsk Human Rights School (DHRS) \$29.005

To conduct teacher training and curriculum development for secondary school teachers, and to conduct seminars and conferences for teachers and those interested in civic education. DHRS will develop and test a civic education curriculum in Donetsk region schools. It will also develop a Web site.

#### Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies \$52,000

To develop a training program and consultancy on human rights, and to promote the activities of the Interregional Women's Coalition of Ukraine, raising awareness of women's issues.

#### The Kharkiv Group for Human Rights Protection \$40,000

To improve human rights in Ukraine through education and seminars for human rights teachers and law enforcement officials.

#### Lokhvytski Rayon Civic Association of Landowners (LRCAL) \$20,000

To help rural residents and to promote land privatization in Ukraine, offering legal aid to those who need it.

## Regional Information Center for Women

\$24,945

To provide men and women with basic skills in use of the Internet and elementary principles of democracy and NGO management.

#### Smoloskyp, Inc. \$55,000

To conduct workshops and conferences on democracy and political activism for young people to promote participation of Ukrainian youth. Smoloskyp will publish a reference book, ABC of Ukrainian Politicians, and support an archive, a library and a museum, in Kyiv.

#### Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research \$99.980

To prepare materials and collect and monitor democratic processes and political events in Ukraine, make this information available to the media and for publication and to analyze and propose amendments to select-

ed bills before the Ukrainian parliament. The center will publish Democracy in Ukraine 2001, which will analyze important events in Ukrainian politics.

#### Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights (UABPHR) \$36,400

To promote reform, transparency and accountability in Ukraine's governing agencies and ministries, and to evaluate the impact on human rights by the Ukrainian prison and the court systems, alternative forms of punishment and the psychiatric care system.

#### Youth Alternative \$54,861

To place 40 student interns in the Ukrainian Parliament, providing democratic parliamentarians with knowledgeable assistants at no cost, and providing the students with experience in public affairs. This program will be supplemented with seminars and discussions with guest speakers.

#### Uzbekistan

#### Association Central Asia \$25,000

To continue publishing the Uzbek independent journal, Harakat. The Association will also establish two more regional centers, which will be equipped with printers and computers to reprint the journal.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$42,808

To enable the Tashkent Business Club to support 12 monthly round-tables covering a wide variety of topics, including legal defense of entrepreneurs, and advocacy for better registration and licensing procedures. These roundtables will actively seek to represent the interests of honest business leaders and increase business participation in the policy framework.

#### Tashkent Public Education Center \$31,191

To provide information and training on how to teach civic education in

Uzbekistan's high schools. The program will include consultations for teachers and NGOs on civic education issues and the creation of a library.

### NIS Regional

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$91,880

To organize an international conference, in Kyiv, for trade unions representatives from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Lithuania. The conference will discuss legal, institutional and practical challenges to independent trade unions in the region.

#### Glasnost Defense Foundation \$39,920

To conduct seminars in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine on legal issues of concern to journalists in the region. GDF will monitor freedom of the press and provide journalists and lawyers with skills to defend press freedom.

### Small Grants = Big Impact

#### Russian Center Raises Public Awareness of Human Rights

ven as human rights organizations emerged in response to persistent human rights violations in Russia, human rights issues continued to receive little discussion in the Russian media. This vacuum has left many Russians unaware of their rights and the means to defend them, and many human rights organizations are isolated both from society and from each other, leading to violations of individual rights with impunity.

The Information Center for the Human Rights Movement, with a grant of \$38,400 from NED, works to connect the media with the human rights community. The Center maintains regular contact with human rights organizations, as well as some government officials, in Moscow, the Russian provinces and overseas. These contacts supply the Center with information on developments relating to human rights issues, including human rights violations, important court cases, legislation and other government activities. The Center's staff distributes this information to a wide range of media contacts through frequent press

releases, press conferences and round-table discussions. In the first eight months of 2000, the center organized 39 press conferences and distributed 238 press releases to more than 100 outlets, including the major Russian television networks as well as foreign newspapers and press agencies, resulting in about 300 articles. The center staff also produced a daily summary of articles appearing in the national press and distributed it by e-mail to 1,500 human rights and related organizations in Russia and abroad.

With its small grant, the Center is among the Endowment's most effective grantees in Russia and the former Soviet Union. By presenting information to journalists in convenient and timely fashion, the Center promotes the discussion of issues that would otherwise receive scant attention from the press. The Center's information reaches hundreds of thousands (and in the case of television news, millions) of Russian citizens, who might otherwise remain entirely uninformed about important issues facing Russian society and government.

## 2000 NED Regional Highlights

# Latin America and the Caribbean

Democracy in Latin America remains fragile, and in some cases, is at grave risk. While democracy made an historic advance in Mexico with the first democratic transition after seven decades of one-party rule, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador experienced a deepening crisis.

In response to the opportunities and challenges of last year, NED focused its efforts on the monitoring and observation of elections in Mexico, Peru and Venezuela, protecting freedom of expression in Peru and Colombia, and promoting political party reform and renewal in Venezuela, Guatemala, Colombia and Bolivia. In addition, NED expanded its programs in Cuba to work with a broad spectrum of independent pro-freedom movements — from independent unions to human rights activists.

#### MEXICO

One of the most important democratic breakthroughs in 2000 was in Mexico. On July 2, 2000, in the freest and fairest election in Mexican history, citizens overwhelmingly elected PAN President Vicente Fox as the country's President, ending 71 years of one-party government under the PRI. The elections were NED's primary focus for its 2000 program in Mexico. With NED support, Mexico's Civic Alliance monitored preelectoral conditions nationwide. This program addressed persistent concerns about vote buying

and voter coercion. Another NED-supported group, Citizen's Presence, worked with universities throughout the country to conduct a get-out-the vote campaign targeting Mexican youth, who voted in record numbers.

#### CUBA

In the face of the growing civic movement on the island, the Castro regime stepped up its repression of independent civic actors. Despite the regime's brutal tactics, the independent civic movement continued to expand. In 2000 the IRI supported Revolutionary Democratic Directorate reported that independent civic activity and protest more than doubled from a year before. 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 Cuba.

With NED support, the
Committee in Support of the
Independent Farmers'
Cooperatives provided technical
and organizational support to

the independent farmers' cooperatives that have formed across Cuba. NED also enabled the Federation of Utilities Workers to train Cuban workers in international labor rights and to establish a private library dedicated to labor law and independent trade unions.

CubaNet, another Endowment grantee, supports independent journalists and media associations on the island by publishing and distributing their articles on the Internet. NED support to IRI and its partner, the Revolutionary Democratic Directorate, has been used to develop and send much needed material and technical assistance to the island that help democratic activists organize and share information.

In 2000, NDI launched a program to strengthen Cuban political parties in exile and to promote awareness of the role of the military in other democratic transitions.



#### PERU

In Peru, the controversial presidential elections and subsequent collapse of the Fujimori government shaped NED programs in 2000. In the lead up to the first and second round elections, IRI worked with Foro Democrático to organize and train a national network of party-poll watchers and monitor pre electoral conditions.

NED support for the Peruvian Press and Society Institute (IPYS) helped to mobilize and defend journalists and freedom of expression during the tense electoral process. Four months later, conditions changed significantly with the resignation of Fujimori and the appointment of a transition government. The Political and Strategic Studies Institute (PSSI) worked with the transition delegated civilian and military officials in providing advice and support to reform the intelligence service and establish transparency in military procurement and budgets.

#### COLOMBIA

Colombia continued to struggle with floundering peace negotiations, escalating violence, and national corruption scandals.

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New areas of support for NED in 2000 were local government and freedom of expression, NED grantees, the Colombian Federation of Mayors and the Javeriana University, worked with local governments and elected officials to improve the administration of municipal governments and to control corruption. In September, NED hosted Colombian mayors in Washington for a joint conference with Georgetown University to increase awareness of the plight of elected officials in Colombia and the risks they face governing amidst armed conflict.

Journalists and the freedom of expression have also been under attack by all sides of the armed conflict in Colombia. A NED-supported association, Foundation for New Journalism, developed a network that provides professional training to journalists covering the armed conflict. The network also provides a national alert system to protect and defend journalists who are threatened or attacked by armed groups.

#### VENEZUELA

In Venezuela, President Hugo Chávez's self-proclaimed "peaceful revolution" continued, as the country approved a new "Bolivarian" constitution and held new elections that reelected Chavez to a six-year term. The elections gave the president a majority in the new single chamber of congress.

Chávez has attacked critics as obstacles to his reforms on the Church, the media, civil society and the labor unions.

In 2000 NED helped groups to monitor the elected National Assembly debate on decentralization, elections and economic reform. A NED grantee, PRODEL, is working with locally elected officials to analyze legislation affecting local government and decentralization.

CIPE and a Venezuelan group, CEDICE, promoted public debate on pending legislation on private property, economic reform and taxes. With the approval in November of the Chavez-supported referendum to dissolve the Congreso de Trabajadores Venezuelan (CTV) (Congress for Venezuelan Workers) and form a new labor front, ACILS is working with labor leaders to protect workers' freedom of association and promote internal reform of the CTV.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Latin America and Carribean

#### Brazil

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$91,253

To promote gender and racial equality in the workplace and society.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$216,108

To strengthen trade unions and informal sector organizations by creating a more democratic and participatory political system.

ACILS will develop a campaign to link organized labor with workers in the informal economy.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$113.504

To improve public awareness of workers' problems in Brazil and the policies to address these issues. ACILS will publish The Working State of Brazil and five booklets on working conditions and will work with unions and representatives of national, state and municipal governments to discuss ways to address the study's findings.

#### Colombia

#### Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) \$10.943

To raise awareness about threats to freedom of expression in Colombia and to highlight the potential role of the Inter-American system in responding to journalists' calls for protection. CEJIL will organize journalists' presentations at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and train journalists and human rights defenders on protections and guarantees under the Inter-American system.



Armando Novoa, Program Director of PLURAL — Corporación Centro de Estudios Constitucion — trains community representatives from San Vicente del Caguan, a region of Colombia contro by FARC guerrillas, on the justice of the peace program for alternative dispute resolution.

#### Corporación Region \$50,000

To strengthen access to justice and conflict mediation in the city of Medellin. Corporación Region will train community leaders to serve as conflict mediators throughout the region, and host events to address the challenge of how to make the justice system more accessible.

#### Federación Colombiana de Municipios \$70,000

To formulate an action plan to control corruption at the local level. The federation will hold regional meetings for mayors, representatives of Colombian national government, anti-corruption experts and civil society leaders to develop an agenda for addressing and controlling corruption at the local level. The federation will distribute the action plan to the general public and establish mechanisms to control corruption within the Federation.

#### Fundación para un Nuevo Periodismo Iberamericano \$75,000

To train journalists on technical aspects of war reporting and estalish a network to protect journalis and freedom of expression in Colombia. The organization will work with four related bodies to establish an alert and reporting now to track and respond to attacks on journalists.

#### Javeriana University \$85,600

To strengthen local governments and local democratic processes. Javeriana University will create a training manual on community-government relations for educating pc cy makers and local elected officia



Program Director Miguel Ceballos leads a discussion with local elected officials in Bogota, Colombia, on strengthening local governments and local democratic processes. Organized by Javeriana University, the program also created a training manual on community-government retions for educating policy makers and local elected officials.

#### PLURAL - Corporación Centro de Estudios Constitucionales \$70.000

To promote the justice of the peace program in areas affected by guerrilla violence. The project will educate municipalities and local communities on the justice of the peace; work with local government to implement the systems; train justices; and expand the system to other areas.

## Political Science Department of the University of the Andes \$60,000

To monitor the congress and provide information on its activities to the public. The University will maintain a database on legislative projects and procedures and will conduct several public seminars and public information campaigns on the congress and on the activities of legislators.

#### Cuba

#### Black Cuban Forum \$40,000

To assist black Cubans to organize and promote a peaceful transition to democracy. The Black Cuban Forum will organize a dialogue between black Cubans in exile and in Cuba and help them develop an agenda and platform for political change.

#### Center for a Free Cuba \$17,000

To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to former and current political prisoners and their families as well as families of the pro-democracy movement activists facing repression in Cuba.

## Committee for the Support of Independent Farmers' Cooperatives in Cuba

\$52,000

To provide technical, organizational and material assistance to the independent cooperative movement in Cuba. The Committee will collect and send information on agricultural cooperatives to Cuba and link independent Cuban cooperatives with cooperatives in Latin America and Europe.

#### Cuban Committee for Human Rights (CCHR) \$70,000

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 \$64,000

To provide humanitarian and material assistance to Cuban independent journalists on the island. CubaNet will continue to support independent journalists that contribute regularly to its Web site, www.cubanet.org.

#### Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico \$45.000

To publish the monthly journal El Disidente, which provides information for activists in Cuba, dissidents in exile and international news organizations.

#### Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas Gas y Agua en el Exilio \$25,000

To support the independent labor movement in Cuba. The Miami-based Federación will work with independent labor organizations to educate Cuban workers on their international labor rights.

#### Foundation for Defense of Human Rights

\$27,810

To cover partially the expenses of holding an exhibition of Polish poster art in Cuba to demonstrate the struggle for human rights and political freedom in Poland. The exhibition will be held in Havana, Camagüey, Pinar del Rio and Santiago de Cuba.



Encuentro, a quarterly journal devoted to broad discussion of issues in the humanities, the arts, and the social sciences and distributed widely in Cuba, is published by Revista Encuentro De La Cultura Cubana to promote dialogue on political change and the future of Cuba.

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

1999 REPROGRAMMING

To gather information from groups in and outside Cuba on human right conditions and the activities of dissident groups. The information will be shared with different Cuban groups and a network of international human rights organizations and journalists.

## International Republican Institute \$348,007

To promote a peaceful and democratic transition in Cuba. In cooperation with Cuban pro-freedom activists, IRI and its partner organization, Miami-based Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Directorate (Directorio), will support education and dissemination of pro-democracy materials to Cuban activists.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$60.001

To enrich dialogue in and outside of Cuba on the democratic role of political parties and the military in political transitions and democratic consolidation in other countries.

#### Revista Encuentro De La Cultura Cubana S83.000

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.

#### Ecuador

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$56,000

To help solve problems of corruption by seeking the reform of conflicting decrees by the executive branch on privatization and foreign investment. CIPE will facilitate public debate of proposed legal changes.

#### Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador

\$50,000

To promote democratic civil-military relations. The Catholic University will conduct seminars and public forums to bring together civilian leaders, the armed forces and civil society to promote understanding of the military and its role in a democracy.

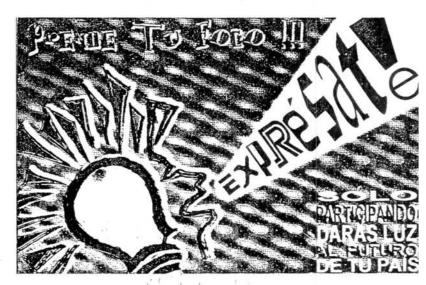
#### Guatemala

#### International Republican Institute \$120,000

To promote political party renewal. IRI will conduct a series of activities to increase the participation of youth within Guatemalan political parties.



Young political leaders participating in IRI's political party renewal project training in Guatemala (above), and the handbook compiled by IRI for the project (below).



#### Haiti

#### International Republican Institute \$34,994

To help open channels of communication among Haitian and U.S. leaders of various sectors. IRI will host small-scale visits to Washington, D.C. of Haitian political, social, religious, labor and other leaders to meet with relevant policy makers and analysts as well as other interested audiences.

#### Mexico

#### The American University \$70,000

To promote human rights education at Mexican universities. The program will cultivate a network of Mexican academic institutions and civil society organizations, and develop training materials on human rights law for incorporation into Mexican law schools.

#### Civic Alliance \$90,000

To monitor and report on cases of pre-electoral fraud and abuse in Mexico. Civic Alliance will train and organize a team of local pre-electior monitors in 280 electoral districts. The monitors will investigate allegations of vote buying and voter coercion and conduct a public education campaign to discourage fraud.

#### Equidad de Género \$22.000

To promote women's participation in the development of public policy ar legislation in Mexico. The organization will monitor the Federal Congress and legislatures in five states and will publish its findings. The project will build a national consortium of women's groups and train members to work with public officials on women's issues.

#### International Republican Institute \$270,407

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

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$156,530

To provide technical and financial assistance to the Civic Alliance to monitor the use of government social funds during the 2000 elections.

#### Oaxacan Indigenous Binational Front

\$30,000

To conduct pre-election and electionday monitoring in the state of Oaxaca. The project will train a network of representatives in the indigenous Mixtec region to monitor public spending by local governments and the activities of local candidates.

#### Presencia Ciudadana \$87.900

To increase the awareness and participation of Mexican youth in the 2000 elections. Presencia will gather information on the presidential candidates' constituencies, their platforms and political histories and, in collaboration with the U.S. based "Rock the Vote", conduct a public information campaign in universities throughout Mexico.



A pamphlet published by Presencia Ciudadana (Citizen Presence) profiled presidential candidates to help voters make an informed choice during the July 2000 Mexican elections. This publication contained candidates' views on issues of concern to youth.

## Small Grants = Big Impact

### Independent Trade Unions Reach Cuban Workers

\$25,000 grant enabled a Cuba-based coalition of independent unions, the Confederación Obrera Independiente de Cuba to expand its membership, develop solid independent union structures throughout Cuba, conduct research, provide advice and training to workers, and improve the network for distributing information and materials inside the island.

The Confederación is one of the few independent trade unions initiated in Cuba in the past five years. Support from NED was provided to the Confederación via a grant to the Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua, the Confederación's Miami-based representative. The Federación was originally established as a union inside Cuba in 1933 to represent electrical workers, and after 1960 was forced to flee the island and establish itself in exile. Since that time, the Federación has devoted itself to supporting the activities of independent workers and unions inside of Cuba.

The Confederación's activities in 2000 included a series of

workshops to educate and enlist workers from various economic sectors, including informal sector workers. As a result of these activities, the Confederación's membership has grown tremendously; it now claims 1107 affiliated



Workers affiliated with the Confederación Obrera Nacional Indipendiente Cuba, a coalition of independent unions in Cuba, meet in one of the Confederación's four libraries.

members and 252 leaders at different levels at the national, provincial, and municipal levels, in addition to press correspondents and researchers, with representatives in almost all of Cuba's provinces.

Other activities included the expansion of the Confederación's four libraries, the completion of three research projects, and the expansion of Agencia Lux Info Press, the Confederación's network of more than 54 correspondents in Cuba who issued over 1,500 news dispatches on labor-related issues.





Ideele, a monthly magazine published by the Instituto De Defensa Legal (Legal Defense Institute) to provide political commentary on national events and to promote local political leadership in Peru.

#### Nicaragua

#### Center for International **Private Enterprise** \$29.972

To enable Pro Mujer to identify legal obstacles facing women in business. CIPE will support a grassroots program to develop a Women's Business Agenda, which will focus on the role of women in the political process and empower them to influence policy makers at the local and international levels.

#### International Republican Institute \$220,000

To promote public information and debate about the electoral process and the candidates. Hagamos Democracia, with assistance from IRI, facilitated town hall meetings and mayoral candidate debates live on radio stations and distributed candidates' campaign platforms.

#### Peru

#### Instituto De Defensa Legal \$50,000

To promote local political leadership. IDL will establish a leadership school to train young community leaders from the interior of the country in issues such as changes in local and regional politics, platform development, constituency building and citizen participation. After the training seminars, IDL will help participants conduct citizen campaigns in their communities.

#### Instituto De Prensa Y Sociedad (IPYS) \$75,000

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

#### International Republican Institute \$380,000

To assist emerging democratic leaders and political parties develop well organized grassroots organizations IRI will train democratic leaders and organizations and, through Foro Democratico, promote civil society coalition building.

#### Political and Strategic Studies Institute

\$65,000

To promote democratic and stable civil-military relations. Activities will include conducting classes on democracy, human rights, and civilmilitary 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.

#### Venezuela

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$60,084

To support the Confederation of Venezuelan Workers (CTV) to effect reforms intended to increase rank and file control over decision making. ACILS will conduct courses for regional federations of the CTV. focusing on problems and challenges for unions in a changing world, restructuring of labor organizations, and establishing internal elections for union leadership.

#### Center for International **Private Enterprise**

\$56,000

To enable the Center for the Dissemination Economic Information (CEDICE) to promote an informed democratic debate on legislation affecting economic reform, taxes and private property. CEDICE will sponsor large-scale national and regional forums on legislation that is constitutionally required to be enacted in the National Assembly's first year of operation.

#### Fundación Momento de la Gente \$41,747

To help promote civilian oversight and transparency of the July 2000 elections. Fundación Momento de la Gente conducted a pre-electoral monitoring campaign to monitor the use of public funds in the campaign, participated in the electoral audit committee, reviewed election materials, and trained election observers.

#### International Republican Institute \$50,000

To work with Fundación Participación Juvenil to promote democratic participation of Venezuelan youth.

#### PRODEL-Venezuela \$50,000

To promote and defend decentralization in Venezuela. PRODEL will establish and train a network of national and state legislators and mayors to monitor government decentralization activities, advocate for the rights and responsibilities of state and local government in venezuela, and analyze and debate pending legislation affecting local government.

#### Latin America Regional

#### The American Center for nternational Labor Solidarity 3177.364

To strengthen collective bargaining in sectors targeted for economic reforms. ACILS will link with local rade unions to focus on loss of social benefits and the freedom of association.

## The American Center for nternational Labor Solidarity 360.920

997 REPROGRAMMING

o support a pilot program to pronote coordination among Latin American unions in the rubber secor. ACILS will sponsor a conference or São Paulo, Brazil, to outline specifproposals for strengthening labor egislation, administrative procetures, and collective bargaining at the national level.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$49,782

1997 REPROGRAMMING

To develop a substantive agenda of trade union proposals to the Inter-American Development Bank and the Organization of American States Conference of Labor Ministers. ACILS will work with regional trade unions to promote participation by trade unions in development policies and programs on labor ministry reforms.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$167,508

To build a strategy for making Central American countries competitive in the global economy. This project will work with business associations in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$96,999

To strengthen the role of the media in combating corruption. The project will train journalists in investigative techniques and continue supporting journalists working on anti-corruption in the region.

#### Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia \$30.000

To hold a regional conference on local judicial reform in the Andean region. Groups from Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador will gather to share experiences and develop an agenda for judicial reform.

#### Inter-American Dialogue \$15,000

To promote greater analysis of the state of democracy in Latin America. The Inter-American Dialogue will organize a meeting in Washington, DC for the authors of the second edition of Constructing Democratic Governance to share and refine their working drafts and conduct a public meeting with representatives of the Washington policy community. The book will be published in 2001 and distributed to analysts and policy makers.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$69,416

To provide practical democracy development materials and facilitate an exchange of ideas, activities and experiences among civic groups in the region. NDI will provide information on funding sources and design an interactive Web site to facilitate information exchange.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$293,099

To foster young political leadership in Latin America. NDI will continue its program for young leaders in the region, identifying potential participants, recruiting experienced political party leaders and trainers for the regional leadership workshop, and fostering party-strengthening initiatives.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$64,796

To establish a group of advisers to support political party renewal and training efforts in Latin America. NDI will also promote exchange of comparative information on reform activities.

## 2000 NED Regional Highlights

## The Middle East and Northern Africa

Democracy in the Middle East suffered several setbacks in 2000. Authoritarian governments and conservative forces targeted democracy and reform projects, arrested activists, passed restrictive legislation, suspended publications and curtailed growth of independent NGOs and civil society organizations.

Egyptian authorities became less tolerant of independent civil society, free press and political opposition. Human rights advocates faced serious retaliation through abuse of emergency laws and defamation from the government media. In Iran, conservatives attacked reformers, undermined parliament and rallied behind the religious authority of the supreme leader to close down nearly all of Iran's independent press. The situation in the region got worse with the eruption of violence between Palestinians and Israelis. Fragile political reforms were sidetracked as the public concern shifted to regional security.

Despite the setbacks, pro-democracy groups with NED help continued to strive for reforms. A new generation of leaders is beginning to emerge that endorses the need for market economy, transparency, accountability and political pluralism. Millions of inspired voters in countries such as Iran, Moroccó and Yemen participated in national and local elections that were freer and more transparent than ever before.

#### WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

Despite progressive legislation in many countries in the Middle East, women remained the largest sector still marginalized from political participation due to social conditions and a lack of knowledge of the law.

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.

In Lebanon and Jordan, NED supported educational programs on human rights and the rights of women in an Islamic cultural context. In Morocco and Egypt. NED supported leadership training and legal literacy programs for women. In the West Bank and Gaza, NED supported workshops and networks for women's groups. The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) trained women trade unionists and supported local women's organiza- ' tions in Lebanon, Morocco and Jordan.

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Stagnant political institutions, patriarchal traditions and a persistent authoritarian political culture have frustrated young people aspiring for reforms. Often disillusioned, the youth turn to radical politics. To counter this trend, NED supported civic education programs for the youth in Algeria, Turkey, Palestine and Lebanon. With local groups, the International Republican Institute (IRI) continued its youth program in Turkey to engage the youth in politics.

In Algeria, a country scarred by a civil war, NED supported the Rally for Youth Action (RAJ), a youth organization calling for peace.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

With NED support, the Regional Program for Human Rights
Activists (RPHRA) held a conference for human rights activists and organizations in exile and came up with an "alert system" to protect human rights activists. In the conservative Gulf region, the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Bahrain (CDHRB) trained Bahraini activists, developed a paper on



rights perspective on constitutional amendments proposed by the Bahraini government and, through its publications and Web site, disseminated news on human and civil rights violations.

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#### **EGYPT**

Government intimidation and restrictions led to the suspension of some programs supported by NED. However, human rights groups, monitors, and reform advocates continued to press for democratic change and an accountable government. NED supported a grassroots campaign by the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR), which trained hundreds of trainers and educators to raise women's legal awareness. With NED support, CIPE helped Egyptian private business associations and think tanks, and ran seminars on corporate governance and promoted market economic reforms.

WEST BANK AND GAZA
NED support for Palestinian
civil society grew significantly
over the past year. Programs
focused on marginalized sectors
of Palestinian society — youth,
women and refugees.

The Women's Affairs
Technical Committee
(WATC) trained rural
women on democratic decisionmaking and legislative advocacy. The Center for the
Dissemination of Alternative
Information (PANORAMA)
and the Palestinian Center for
Peace and Democracy (PCPD)
provided youth with leadership
and democracy training.

With NED grants, the Middle East Non-Violence and Democracy (MEND) and the Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes (PCHRCD) conducted youth education to reinforce non-violence in resolving conflicts.

#### JORDAN

The NED programs in Jordan expanded over the past year, and focused on strengthening the independent media and expanding women's participation in public life — areas critical to Jordan's democratic transition. With NED support, the Arab Media Institute (AMI) produced a monthly publication on media freedom also available on the Internet. The Center for Defending and Freedom of Journalists (CDFJ) trained journalists and produced publica-

tions on the importance of free and fair media in

Jordan. NED helped the Jordanian Women's Union (JWU) and Sisterhood is Global-Jordan (SIGIJ), to promote legal literacy and human rights awareness among Jordanian women.

#### IRAQ

In Iraq, NED supported democracy and human rights programs. With this support, the American Society for Kurds (ASK-HR) ran an effective public awareness campaign on human rights in three provinces of northern Iraq and developed a network of human rights activists. The campaign was well received by the local press and the Kurdish administration that endorsed the program to educate police officers, judges, councilors, students and women leaders. NED enabled the Iraq Institute for Reform and Democratic Culture (IIRDC) in developing a library and a civic education program. IIRDC provided Arabic and Kurdish language literature on democracy building, and ran youth seminars in northern Iraq.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Mīddle East and North Africa

#### Algeria

#### Rally for Youth Action \$52,000

To organize and promote public campaigns among Algerian youth on topics of women's rights, press freedom, civic education and universal human rights.

#### Bahrain

#### The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Bahrain \$26,500

To develop and maintain its Web site, its human rights monitoring program, and organize a workshop for Bahraini human rights activists.

#### Egypt

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$88,908

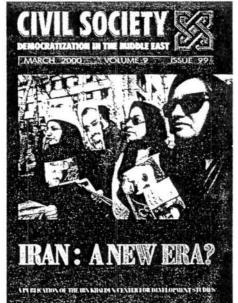
To establish an office in Cairo as part of a new regional strategy for an onsite presence to facilitate democratization process by providing technical and financial assistance to Egyptian private pusiness associations and think tanks.



Participants at a discussion forum organized by Rally for Youth Action to promote women's rights, press freedom and human rights in Algeria.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$63,381

To promote public awareness of corporate governance principles as a key element in advancing market-oriented economic and democratic development: With the Federation of Egyptian Industries, CIPE will bring together businessmen, journalists and policymakers to discuss the relevance of corporate governance to the current debate on the country's ' economic and democratic development.



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Civil Society (left), a monthly published by the Cairo-based Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies, reports on emerging civil society in the Middle East. *Prologues* (right), is a Moroccan literary journal that focuses on democracy, Islam and modernization. Both publications received grants from NED in 1999 which continued in 2000.

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

To hold twelve training and educational workshops to raise women's legal awareness, provide women with legal aid and family counseling, monitor violations against women, and publish four legal aid booklets for women in several of Cairo's poorer districts.

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$137,333

To provide election monitoring information and advice, conduct two seminars for election monitoring trainers, and provide a sub-grant to the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights to support the monitoring activities.



#### Sudanese Studies Center (SSC) \$50,000

To publish and distribute 1,000 copies of its annual report on the political and cultural developments of the state and civil society in Sudan. SSC, a Cairo-based organization, will also develop a research unit on democracy studies on Sudan, hold a two day conference on prospects for political reform in Sudan and publish, The Guide for Political Parties in Sudan.

#### Iraq

## American Society for Kurds \$54,000

To convene eleven educational courses for police officers, judges, student leaders and women's organizations, develop a network of human rights activists and organizations, and produce a human rights advocacy newsletter.

#### Iraq Institute for Reform and Democratic Culture \$30,000

To cultivate the interest of Kurdish youth in democratic principles and ideas by developing a specialized library, disseminating democracy literature aimed at the youth, and developing a youth association for democracy.

Sudanese Writings is a quarterly journal published by the Cairo-based Sudanese Studies Center to promote pluralism and tolerance among ethnic groups in Sudan.

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

To publish two reference books and a quarterly newsletter on civil society. The first book will focus on professional associations and the challenges facing a democratic transition. The second book will address the legal framework on a democratic transition in Jordan.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$92,100

To prepare and train Jordanian union activists to become labor union organizers to recruit more and educate new members.

#### Arab Media Institute \$30,000

To train journalists to raise awareness of the media's role in nation-building and advancing the causes of peace, democracy, human rights, and accountability. The Institute will also develop a Web site and publish an on-line version of Al-Mashreq Al-l'lami, the only newspaper in the Arab world specializing in media issues.

## The Center for Defense and Freedom of Journalists \$30,000

To train journalists on how to operate under restrictive laws and how to voice their concerns to parliament, the judiciary, and the general public. An 80-page manual in Arabic, entitled "Guide to Legislation and Protection Resources," will be published and will cover the material discussed in the two workshops.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$59,500

To support the efforts of the Jordanian Economic Forum to provide accurate, independent analysis of the Jordanian economy and to create and sustain a dialogue between the private sector and the public sector about Jordan's economic challenges.

#### Sisterhood is Global Institute – Jordan

\$30,000

To train women in democracy, human rights education and skills building, through seven workshops, ten computer training sessions, resource development and collection, and local and international advocacy.

### Women's Union in Jordan

\$35,000

To expand legal literacy programs for women. The Union will conduct legal education workshops in rural areas of Jordan, design and implement legislative advocacy campaigns, and provide free legal advice and services.

#### Lebanon

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$192,745

To conduct a nine-month program to assist a select group of Lebanese civil organizations in strengthening their institutional capacity by developing skills to design, implement and evaluate effective advocacy campaigns.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$183,468

1999 REPROGRAMMING

To conduct a feasibility assessment of the needs of Lebanese municipal council members by providing a forum to discuss municipal issues with a broad audience. Participants in these activities will include municipal leaders, mayors, other political and civic leaders and legal experts.

#### Philanthropic Amlieh Association \$48,000

To carry out, for a third year, a project incorporating women's rights education into the curriculum of civic and religious education at two schools with more than 400 students. The program also incorporates women's rights education into the curriculum of a basic skills class for 60 mothers from poor Shiite communities.

#### Rene Moawad Foundation \$60,000

To establish a forum for dialogue and to educate the Lebanese people about their rights and obligations as citizens through its monthly magazine, *Hurriyat*, which will be widely distributed.

#### Morocco

#### International Republican Institute \$67,000

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To continue its efforts to involve political parties, civil society, and citizens in the political reform process in Morocco with its Vision 20/20 project, a platform from which community business leaders, elected officials and civil society can discuss the issues, debate and develop solutions. Through a series of fora, a national vision document will be created and presented to Morocco in early 2001 that will articulate a plan for addressing the country's challenges.



Hurriyat, is the monthly publication of the Rene Moawad Foundation in Lebanon. The publication offers a forum for dialogue and helps to educate the Lebanese people about their rights and obligations.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$100,091

To provide technical training to enable deputies to become more efficient and effective legislators to help the Moroccan parliament become a more representative and responsive legislative body.

#### West Bank and Gaza

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$123.997

To enable the Center for Palestine Research and Studies to continue efforts to build a dialogue between the government and the private sector, through 30 seminars on the relationship between the Palestinian National Authority and the private sector; and to organize a major conference on the role of Palestinian economic institutions.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$57,650

To support efforts of the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information to host roundtables and seminars for Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian policymakers and representatives from the central banks, private banking sector, private sector and media to discuss and advocate the use of a currency board and to assist policymakers in the decision making process.



Peer mediation training conducted by the Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes.

#### Civic Forum Institute \$40,000

To produce and disseminate an NGO directory of 1,000 organizations in the West Bank and Gaza, and a needs assessment of 300 of these organizations, designed to strengthen the NGO sector and encourage cooperation and coordination among like-minded civic groups.

#### Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI) \$51,000

To democratize the Palestinian refugee issue through outreach and participatory town hall meetings between refugees and Palestinian leaders, with the goal of achieving peaceful co-existence of Israelis and Palestinians based on the principles of equality and parity.

#### Jerusalem Center for Women \$42,000

To carry out a ten-month democracy and civic education program for 100 Palestinian women in the West Bank and Gaza. The training will focus on women's and human rights, communication skills, self assertiveness, economic and social rights, women's rights under Palestinian law and the role of women in the legislative process.

#### Middle East Center for Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) \$35,000

To expand MEND's student training pilot program, focusing on nonviolent conflict resolution and democratic development in Palestinian schools, conduct specialized training sessions for teachers from participating schools, and prepare a manual for future teacher training.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$113,354

To expand and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on the need for political pluralism and a multiparty political system in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This program will provide comparative information, practical experience and political skills to Palestinian political and civic leaders.

#### Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes \$58,000

To enhance and expand its community education work, improve conflict resolution skills of the Center staff and enhance its network of organizations. The Center will continue to develop multimedia material, on conflict resolution, which will be distributed to schools, government offices, libraries and NGOs throughout Gaza.

#### Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy

\$21,000

To undertake a three-day training of trainers program for twelve participants, who will design training and educational materials, and will organize and hold twenty workshops for young adults in the West Bank on their role in the formal political process.

## The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH) \$15,000

To hold roundtable discussions with political elites, and five town hall meetings with Palestinian leadership and citizens, to raise awareness about key components of democracy and democratic development at the grassroots level.

#### Panorama \$50,000

To continue its civic education and democracy training programs for youth. Activities will include training for 70 civic education trainers, who in turn will convene 55 civic education workshops for young teens throughout the West Bank and Gaza, with special emphasis on rural areas.

#### Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC) \$38,000

To strengthen women's efforts at advocacy and coalition building, improve access to new information and skills, bridge the gap with decision makers, and raise awareness of rural women's rights. WATC is a leading Palestinian women's training and advocacy organization.

#### Middle East and North Africa Regional

#### Cairo Institute for Human Rights \$40,000

To publish a 120-page quarterly Arabic journal, Ruwaq Arabi, which specializes in human rights issues. Two-thousand copies per issue will be published and distributed free of charge to government officials, policy makers, universities, human rights organizations, embassies, international organizations and NGOs in Egypt, the rest of the Arab world and abroad.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$102,767

To strengthen business associations in the Middle East by organizing a regional program in Cairo, Egypt, to teach management and advocacy skills to business executives. CIPE's training program will provide a forum to discuss the role of business associations in a democratic society and economic reforms.

#### Center for Media Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa (CMFMENA)

\$20,000

To enhance its network by establishing a Web site dedicated to media freedom throughout the region.

London-based CMFMENA will collect, analyze, and disseminate, in each country of the region, information on a wide range of media freedom issues.

#### Dar al-Saqi - Westbourne Publishers \$40,000

To publish four issues of its Arabiclanguage journal, Abwab, to respond to the emerging dialogue on democracy in the Arab world. Dar al-Saqi will publish 3,000 copies per issue, each consisting of 200–250 pages.

#### International Forum for Islamic Dialogue \$79.000

To link liberal-minded Islamists and provide a forum for Muslim intellectuals and activists through its publication of Islam21 and its Web site,

and to hold regional workshops in Egypt, Morocco and Lebanon on "Islam, Pluralism and Civil Society," bringing together libera! Islamists in the region to work on a tolerant and pluralist Islamic agenda.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$105,116

To continue its Middle Eastern Democratic Studies program, which increases reformers' access to democratic experiences by providing them with networking opportunities.

## Regional Program for Human Rights Activists

\$27,500

To hold a regional workshop for exiled human rights activists from sixteen Arab human rights groups in December 2000. The three-day workshop will review and evaluate human rights activities in Arab countries, assess the challenges and obstacles facing the exiled human rights movements, and develop proposals to address these challenges.

### Small Grants = Big Impact

#### Jordanian Women Fighting for Their Rights

or more than ten years, Jordan has made gradual democratic progress, involving the regularization of elections, the strengthening of respect for human rights and the removal of barriers from the functioning of independent groups. There is, however, still much work to be done in promoting human rights and equality. The shortcomings of the democratization process are most apparent among women, who have been subjected to more injustice than men and afforded fewer opportunities as a result of cultural norms, which have assigned them a lower status in society.

In order to advance democratically, Jordanian women must understand the laws that govern their status as individuals and citizens and how they can advocate reforms. This requires strong organizations to provide training, resources and support for women. The Jordanian Women's Union (JWU), established in 1974, is one such organization, and NED has been assisting the union since 1994 to improve the status of Jordanian women.

The JWU reaches out to a large cross-section of women, and with an extensive network of eleven branch offices and over 8,500 members, the



Participants at a legal literacy training session organized by the Women's Union in Jordan to provide legal education in rural areas of Jordan.

Union represents a powerful force advocating for greater democracy in Jordan. With a \$35,000 grant from NED in 2000, JWU conducted legal literacy training for women throughout Jordan, designed legislative advocacy campaigns and training, and provided legal advice and services. One of the Union's legislative advocacy campaigns was to amend the divorce law to increase the rights of women. The campaign included consultation with a variety of NGOs, journalists and Government representatives, and public meetings to increase awareness about the law. The Union also runs a confidential hotline for legal advice and services, staffed by lawyers, psychologists and social workers that receives 12 to 15 calls daily.

#### Descriptions of 2000 Grants: Multiregional & Miscellaneous

#### Multiregional

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$124,253

To build international respect for freedom of association through a broad-based education and awareness campaign and to help redress the most brutal forms of trade union repression. The program will increase local monitors to investigate violations and strengthen international advocacy. ACILS will build a Web site and produce videos to facilitate this campaign.

## The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$300,198

To encourage a dialogue between trade union movements and research institutions throughout the world. With support from specialists in the U.S. and elsewhere, the Center and its trade union partners will identify independent research networks and other pertinent institutions and bring them together to develop a strategy for cooperation.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$195,037

To conduct a pilot program in Mexico and Sri Lanka to establish a union-led, multi-partner network for workers rights monitoring and advocacy to increase the ability of indigenous unions and NGO partners to engage in effective advocacy for worker rights.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$228,456

To support the capacity of workers and civil society worldwide with the development of popular economic education materials and methods. Additional training of trainers sessions will be held in Brazil and Indonesia. The program will be expanded to develop economic literacy programs in South Africa.

#### The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$126,365

To conduct a workshop at the World Movement for Democracy assembly on the impact of a changing global economy on economic inequality and foster links among trade union leaders and their civil society counterparts worldwide.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$100,478

To build a feature service to advocate for an experience-based path towards democratic, market-oriented reform. The service will produce about 20 feature articles for distribution internationally. It will target the media in emerging democracies.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$127,565

To enhance and maintain its Forum on Economic Freedom program, CIPE's premier online resource for information on democratic, market-oriented economic reform. Employing information technology, the Forum has become the centerpiece of a global communications strategy that supports CIPE's efforts.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$101,965

To transform its business association training program into an electronic format so more association managers can access to the program. The Virtual Business Association will be a set of interactive computer-based resources aimed at CIPE's target audience – business association leaders in countries in transition to democracy and market economies.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$79,703

To organize a conference entitled Women: the Emerging Economic Force, to promote women's business organizations. CIPE will equip participants with the skills to bring women entrepreneurs from microenterprise into true businesses that can support a real business community, and thus strengthen democratic growth.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise \$90,007

To gather a group of policy analysts and activists from developing countries to pinpoint the most important policy objectives related to the informal sector. The goal of this project is to facilitate the elimination of the barriers that exist between the informal sector and its participation in emerging democracies.

#### Center for Sustainable Human Rights Action (CSHRA) \$45,000

To continue its Institution Building Handbook Series for human rights organizations as well as translate and distribute its Practical Strategies and Media handbooks. CSHRA will implement a new human rights training project in Central America in partnership with local and regional NGOs and conduct individual training seminars.

#### International Republican Institute \$50,000

1997 REPROGRAMMING

To produce two training videos, Grassroots Organizing and Communications. Grassroots Organizing will address issues of volunteer recruitment, coalition building, and bringing more women and youth into the political process, while Communications will teach the most effective tools to convey a message and communicate with diverse constituencies.

#### International Republican Institute \$50.186

1998 REPROGRAMMING

To conduct workshops at the World Movement for Democracy assembly.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$61,452

To strengthen cooperation among democratic political parties of diverse orientations, including principally those in the three largest global associations of parties — Liberal International, Christian Democrat International and Socialist International — in their respective efforts to support democratic movements around the world.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$27.052

To publish three additional Legislative Research Series papers on parties in parliament, the policy and lawmaking role of parliaments, and the role of the legislature in the budget process. The papers will be written by NDI's Washington office, and distributed to NDI's field offices NGOs and international experts.

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$74,220

To organize two workshops at the World Movement for Democracy assembly. The first will be on "Elections and the Role of NGOs, Media, Unions and Parties: How to Ensure the Pre-Conditions for Free and Fair Participation, Maintain International Standards, and Defend Legitimate Outcomes." The second will be on "Strengthening Democratic Institutions: Generating Innovative Solutions to Problems of Transition."

#### Women's Learning Partnership (WLP)

\$105,000

To establish the Cyber Institute for Women's Empowerment and Leadership (CIWEL). WLP will conduct the first phase of a three year plan that will cultivate and strengthen women's participation and leadership in building civil society. WLP will design and manage a Web site dedicated to the CIWEL project and a wide range of women's rights issues.

#### Miscellaneous

## The American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$100.000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity

#### \$100,000

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

#### \$185,984

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

#### \$93,205

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Center for International Private Enterprise

#### \$434,067

To support grant management and monitoring

#### International Republican Institute \$137,233

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

#### International Republican Institute \$88,221

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$247,092

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

#### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$109,499

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

# The International Forum for Democratic Studies

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a new division within the Endowment in April 1994. The Forum, many of whose activities are funded 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 World Wide Web site 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.



The Journal of Democracy celebrated its tenth anniversary with a panel discussion and a reception at the George Washington University. The subject of the panel was "Alexis de Tocqueville and the Future of Democracy." Panelists included Hahm Chaibong, Seymour Martin Lipset, Kwasi Prempeh and Francis Fukuyama, and was moderated by JOD Co-Editor Marc Plattner.

#### Research and Conferences Program

Forum research focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation, as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. The Forum convened a number of meetings during the past year, ranging from international conferences to smaller meetings, lectures, and colloquia in Washington, D.C.

The Democracy Forum for East
Asia, a joint enterprise of the
International Forum and the
Sejong Institute of Korea that
was launched in July 1999,
organized the first two in its
series of working conferences.
These conferences bring
together elected officials, leaders of political parties and nongovernmental organizations, and
scholars for practical discussions of
ways to improve democracy in a
number of important Asian countries.

The first conference, entitled "The Politics of Economic Reform and Civil Society Responses," was held on December 9–11, 1999 in Seoul, Korea. Participants from Australia, Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States discussed how a number of East Asian democratic governments had responded to the Asian economic crisis, how the conflicting interests and strategies of governmental actors in some cases prevented or delayed reform, and how a number of nongovernmental



organizations used the crisis to become directly involved in such economic reform issues as privatization of state enterprises and corporate governance.

The second conference, entitled "The Democratization of Political Parties in East Asia," met March 21–22, 2000, also in Seoul.

Participants included members of parliaments, political party leaders, scholars, and other political experts from Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand, plus a smaller number of their counterparts from Poland and the United States.

Discussion topics included the prospects for democratizing political

party structures and decision making, achieving a more transparent candidate nomination process, and improving political party relations with the nongovernmental sector.

On November 11-13, 1999 the Forum joined with Taiwan's Institute for National Policy Research (INPR) and Chile's Centro de Estudios Públicos to cosponsor a major conference in Santiago, Chile, on "State, Market, and Democracy in East Asia and Latin America." The keynote speakers were Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, former president of Bolivia, and Patricio Aylwin, former president of Chile. Panel sessions addressed such topics as economic globalization, education reform, busi-

ness-state relations, and financial sector reform.

On September 22-23, 2000, the Forum and Princeton University's Center of International Studies cosponsored the second meeting of a two-part conference series, entitled "Does Federalism Matter? Political Institutions and the Management of Territorial Cleavages." The conference examined how political institutions affect conflict and, more specifically, whether and when federalism or other forms of decentralization have positive or negative effects on territorially based ethnic conflict. Participants presented new studies of such countries as India, Nigeria, Mexico,

# The International Forum for Democratic Studies

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a new division within the Endowment in April 1994. The Forum, many of whose activities are funded 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 World Wide Web site 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.



The Journal of Democracy celebrated its tenth anniversary with a panel discussion and a reception at the George Washington University. The subject of the panel was "Alexis de Tocqueville and the Future of Democracy." Panelists included Hahm Chaibong, Seymour Martin Lipset, Kwasi Prempeh and Francis Fukuyama, and was moderated by JOD Co-Editor Marc Plattner.

Russia, South Africa, Indonesia, and Turkey.

"Debating Democracy Assistance"
was the theme of an October 28, 1999
roundtable discussion hosted by the
Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace in cooperation
with the Journal of Democracy. The
discussion, based on an exchange
that appeared in the October 1999
issue of the Journal, featured contributors Marina Ottaway (Carnegie
Endowment), Elizabeth Spiro Clark
(International Forum visiting fellow),
and Irena Lasota (Institute for
Democracy in Eastern Europe), as
well as Jennifer Windsor (USAID).

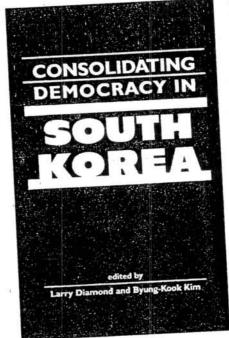
On June 13, 2000, the Forum and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars cosponsored a roundtable discussion at the Wilson Center entitled "Democratization in Iran." The meeting included one session entitled "The Situation in Iran," which focused on current trends in that country's politics, and a second session on "Iran in Comparative Context," in which participants considered whether any of the lessons learned from democratization in other countries might be applied to Iran. Four essays by roundtable participants on the question, "Is Iran. Democratizing?" appeared in the October 2000 issue of the Journal of Democracy.

## The International Forum colloquium series included the following speakers and topics in the past year:

- P. Nikiforos Diamandouros, professor, University of Athens, "Prospects for Democracy in Southeastern Europe"
- Larry Diamond, codirector, International Forum; and Oyeleye Oyediran, professor of political science, University of Lagos, and senior fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace, "An Agenda for Democratic Reform in Nigeria"
- Moisés Naím, editor, Foreign Policy, "Reflections on the Situation in Venezuela"
- Doğu Ergil, Forum visiting fellow, "Turkish Democracy and the Kurdish Question"
- Joel D. Barkan, Forum visiting fellow, "Designing Electoral Systems for New Democracies: Experiments in Kenya and South Africa"

Forum publications in the past year included two new books in the Journal of Democracy series (see page 68), plus Consolidating Democracy in South Korea (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000), a volume of essays on the turbulent first decade of Korean democracy. Edited by Larry Diamond, Forum codirector, and Byung-kook Kim of Korea University, the book includes studies originally presented at a 1996 Forum

conference at Korea University. Other recent Forum publications include "Politics of Economic Reform and Civil Society Responses," the report of the December 1999 working conference in Seoul organized by the Democracy Forum for East Asia, and "Twenty Years of Spanish Democracy: Managing Pluralism," a report on a September 1998 conference commemorating the twentieth anniversary of Spain's adopting its 1978 constitution that was organized by the Forum and the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset. The full text of the report is available at www.ned.org/ publications/publications.html.



## **Democracy Resource Center**

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

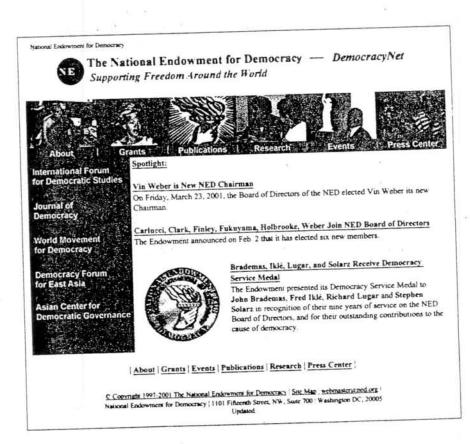
Library and Archives. The library and archives house a collection of more than 10,000 books, plus numerous journals, grantee reports, audio and video cassettes, and other publications on democracy; a unique collection of materials produced by prodemocracy groups worldwide; documentation on the history of the Endowment and programs it has funded; and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations. These resources have been entered into an online catalog that is accessible via the Internet.

Democracy Projects Database. The DRC created and maintains an online database with information on more than 5,000 projects supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (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, 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 through the Internet, DemocracyNet, the Endowment's recently redesigned Web site, gives users access to information on all of the Endowment's activities, as well as the full text of many NED publications, including International Forum 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; past postings of DemocracyNews, an electronic newsletter on democracy; the DRC's online library catalog; and the DRC databases described above. The newest addition to DemocracyNet is a Democracy Research Guide that lists print and online resources on democracy and includes an online tutorial for conducting research on the Internet.



the Internet in 2000. Visitors to the site may access the full text of selected *Journal* articles and other documents not published in the print edition, as well as information on current and previous issues and authors, tables of contents, recent events sponsored by the *Journal*, subscriptions, submission guidelines, and more.

Selected essays originally published in the *Journal* have been collected into a series of books edited by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond and published by the Johns Hopkins University

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Invention. Other Journal of
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- 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);
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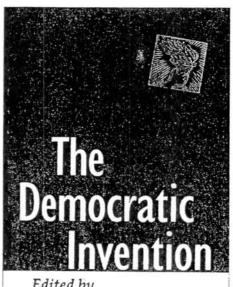
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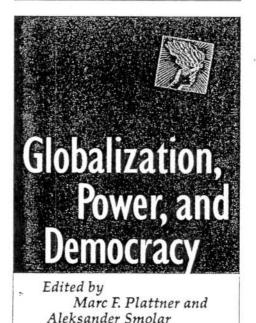
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# Independent Auditors' Report

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, 2000 and 1999, and of the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements 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 additional information is the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 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 22, 2000 McLean, VA

Deloute + Touche LLP

# Statements of Financial Position September 30, 2000 and 1999

	2000	1999
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,458,736	\$ 927,880
Investment in common stock	:-	81,843
Grants receivable	33,266,760	37,367,078
Prepaid and other assets	15,284	13,331
Pledges receivable	45,000	100,000
Total current assets	34,785,780	38,490,132
Furniture and Equipment	639,519	576,403
Total Assets	\$35,425,299	\$39,066,535
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 729,839	\$ 313,867
Grants payable	25,861,279	26,849,017
Deferred grant revenue – government agencies	7,554,300	10,478,852
Current obligations under capital lease	66,156	66,484
Total current liabilities	34,211,574	37,708,220
Capital Lease Obligations:		
Long-term portion	193,509	237,526
Total liabilities	34,405,083	37,945,746
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	793,400	800,797
Temporarily restricted	226,816	319,992
Total net assets	1,020,216	1,120,789
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$35,425,299	

See notes to financial statements.

# Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Years Ended September 30, 2000 and 1999

	2000			1999		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue (Note 6):				1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	See All to a programmer	
Grant revenue - government agencies	\$37,133,854	\$ -	\$37,133,854	\$36,385,104	S -	\$36,385,104
Other grants and contributions	-	350,631	350,631	=	387,092	387,092
Other revenue, interest, and						
miscellaneous income	75,611		75,611	72,312		72,312
Total support and revenue	37,209,465	350,631	37,560,096	36,457,416	387,092	36,844,508
Net Assets Released From Restrictions:						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	443,807	(443,807)		557,612	(557,612)	
Total revenues	37,653,272	( 93,176)	37,560,096	37,015,028	(170,520)	36,844,508
Expenses:						
Program Services:						
Federal Grant Programs:						
USIA (Note 1)	-	_	_	29,210,459		29,210,459
USDOS	31,372,607		31,372,607	1,897,200		1,897,200
Total Federal						
grant programs	31,372,607		31,372,607	31,107,659		31,107,659
Other Activities:				5)		
International Forum:						
Management and Support	5,481	_	5,481	43,863	_	43,863
Journal of Democracy	107,366	1-1	107,366	76,710	~	76,710
Democracy Resource Center	-	_	-	73,930	_	73,930
Research and conferences	22,072	-	22,072	71,830	_	71,830
World Movement for Democracy	214,971	40	214,971	219,716	-	219,716
NED Events and Development	152,720		152,720	160,942		160,942
Total other activities	502,610		502,610	646,991		646,991
Supporting Services	5,785,452		5,785,452	5,269,924		5,269,924
Total expenses	37,660,669		37,660,669	37,024,574		37,024,574
Changes in Net Assets	(7,397)	(93,176)	(100,573)	(9,546)	(170,520)	(180,066)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	800,797	319,992	1,120,789	810,343	490,512	1,300,855
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 793,400	\$226,816	\$ 1,020,216	\$ 800,797	\$ 319,992	\$ 1,120,789
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See notes to financial statements.

# Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended September 30, 2000 and 1999

	2000	1999
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Changes in net assets	\$ (100,573)	\$ 180,066
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	174,830	121,249
Unrealized loss on investment	-	17,076
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	4,100,318	(10,967,682)
Pledges receivable	55,000	95,000
Prepaid and other assets	(1,953)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	415,972	(48,037)
Grants payable	(987,738)	2,572,162
Deferred grant revenue—government agencies	(2,924,552)	8,013,187
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	731,304	(377,111)
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities—		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(237,946)	(111,148)
Donation of stock	(99,757)	(98,919)
Sale of investment in common stock	181,600	-
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Net cash used in investing activities	(156,103)	(210,067)
Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities—		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(44,345)	(28,831)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	530,856	(616,009)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	927,880	1,543,889
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,458,736	\$ 927,880
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash		
Investing and Financing Activities:		2 723242702477
Capital lease assumed	<u> </u>	\$ 309,058
Capital lease disposal		\$ 73,154
Donation of stock	\$ 99,757	\$ 98,919

See notes to financial statements.

# Notes to Financial Statements Years Ended September 30, 2000 and 1999

## 1. Organization and Accounting Policies

Organization - The National Endowment for Democracy (the Endowment) is a private, not-for-profit organization head-quartered in Washington, D.C. The Endowment was established coincident to a grant awarded by the United States Information Agency (USIA) as mandated by the National Endowment for Democracy Act (the Act) of the United States Congress. The purpose of the Endowment is to encourage free and democratic institutions throughout the world through activities that promote individual rights and freedoms. The Endowment awards grants to organizations with programs consistent with its objectives. On October 1, 1999, USIA and the U.S. Department of State (USDOS) consolidated. Accordingly, the Endowment receives funding for its annual Congressional Appropriation and other special federal funding from the USDOS.

Basis of Presentation - The accounts of the Endowment are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Endowment reports to the U.S. Government on the basis of obligations incurred and cash expenditures made.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furniture and Equipment - Furniture and equipment which are not part of direct program costs are recorded at cost and are depreciated or amortized on the straight-line method over their estimated service lives or the terms of the lease, as applicable, ranging from three to ten years.

Grants Receivable - At the time a grant agreement is awarded/signed, a receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. When payments are received, the receivable is reduced. The deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in accordance with the Endowment's revenue recognition policy. Revenue Recognition - Grants received from government agencies specify the periods in which monies are to be expended. Additionally, certain government grants restrict the use of funds for programs in specific countries. Revenues from government grants are recognized as earned in the year in which the granting organization indicates the funds are used for the intended purpose provided the Endowment incurs valid obligations which are in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreement. Funds granted in excess of valid obligations incurred are recorded as deferred revenue.

Agreements with the former USIA and USDOS provide for the subsequent audit of costs funded under the grant agreements. It is the policy of the Endowment to provide for cost disallowances based upon its experience in previous contract audits.

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 and mutual funds.

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:

	2000	1999
Furniture and equipment	\$1,323,330	\$1,085,384
Equipment under capital lease	328,606	328,606
Total	1,651,936	1,413,990
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,012,417)	(837,587)
Furniture and equipment, net	\$639,519	\$576,403

## 3. Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are from the U.S. Government and represent balances of Federal Reserve Letters of Credit and direct funding established by the former USIA, and USDOS grant agreements.

The Endowment collects U.S. Government funds by filing requests for direct funding and by presenting payment vouchers against letters of credit when it disburses cash for program grants and administrative costs.

#### 4. Pledges Receivable

As of September 30, 2000 and 1999, contributors to the Endowment have made written unconditional promises to give totaling \$45,000, which is due in less than one year, and \$100,000, 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, 2000 and 1999:

	Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year	Add: Grants Awarded/ Amended (closed)	Less: Grants Obligated	Grant Adjustments	Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year
USAID Grants -					
Nicaragua	\$ 755,537	\$ (720,153)	\$ -	S -	\$ 35,384
USDOS Grants:					
Grants Program					
Primary Funding	956,065	31,102,519	30,790,941	2,340	1 200 002
Special Funding - Balkans	2,911,394	2,625,000	2,649,049	2,340	1,269,983 2,887,345
Special Funding - Belarus (97-99)	858,519	(22	839,666	_	18,853
Special Funding - Belarus (2000)	_	400,000	234,462	-	165,538
Special Funding - Burma	3,080,422	=	2,346,615	_	733,807
Special Funding - China/Tibet	1,654,000	-	40,254	-	1,613,746
International Forum and					
World Movement for Democracy -					
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea I)	237,511	_	147,342		00.100
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea II)	-	200,000	147,542	=	90,169 200,000
World Movement for Democracy (India)	25,404	0000100100 <del>-</del>		(25,404)	200,000
World Movement for Democracy (Brazil)	727	275,000	81,775	-	193,225
Asian Center for Democratic Governance (India)		350,000	3,750		346,250
Total 2000	\$10,478,852	\$34,232,366	\$37,133,854	\$(23,064)	\$7,554,300
Total 1999	\$2,465,665	\$44,513,444	\$36,500,257		10,478,852
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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, 2000 and 1999, as follows:

	2000	1999
International Forum:		
Management Support	s -	\$ 18,135
Journal of Democracy	107,366	76,710
Democracy Resource Center	_	22,425
Research and Conference	22,072	59,684
World Movement for Democracy	161,649	219,716
NED Events and Development	152,720	160,942
Total net assets released from restrictions	\$443,807	\$557,612

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

	2000	1999
International Forum:		
Journal of Democracy	\$49,791	\$67,157
Research and Conference	389	-
Visiting Fellows Program	942	942
World Movement for Democracy	:	98,479
NED Events and Development	175,694	153,414
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$226,816	\$319,992
NED Events and Development		1

#### 8. Related Parties

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs which the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the Act. Some of the organizations which submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Board of Directors represented on the Board of Directors of the Endowment.

Article VI, Section V, of the Endowment's bylaws provides that any Board member who is an officer or director of an organization seeking to receive grants from the Endowment must abstain from considering and voting on such grant. The provision does not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

#### 9. Commitments

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space. 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 \$93,638 and \$27,482 as of September 30, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2001 -	\$ 66,544	\$533,883
2002	66,544	533,883
2003	62,200	533,883
2004	114,271	533,883
2005	+	533,883
Thereafter		533,883
Total minimum payments	309,559	3,203,298
Less: Interest	(49,894)	
Present value of minimum payments	\$259,665	\$3,203,298

Lease expense was \$538,764 and \$491,774 for the years ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, 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. The employer contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, were \$275,696 and \$232,408, respectively.

## 12. Transfers to Government Agencies

Commencing in fiscal year 1987, the U.S. Government established a policy whereby recipients of federal funds are required to deposit grant funds in interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned in excess of \$250 per fiscal year must be remitted back to the U.S. Government. Total interest earned on federal funds in fiscal year 2000 and 1999 was approximately \$21,392 and \$34,595, respectively. Interest payable to the former USIA and USDOS at September 30, 2000 and 1999, of \$1,498 and \$6,830, 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, 2000 and 1999.

# Schedule of Natural Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2000

(with comparative totals for the year ended September 30, 1999)

	USDOS Supporting Services	Other Programs	2000 Total	1999 Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$3,848,524	\$245,795	\$4,094,319	\$3,584,484
Professional fees	221,932	28,415	250,347	309,395
Occupancy	522,768	15,996	538,764	491,775
Communications	177,494	28,646	206,140	241,868
Travel and transportation	376,598	121,923	498,521	627,045
Supplies and equipment	158,523	8,348	166,871	97,335
Insurance	27,854	-	27,854	25,848
Depreciation and amortization	174,830	_	174,830	121,249
Conferences and meetings	96,931	23,980	120,911	183,792
Other	54,903	29,507	84,410	95,869
Periodicals	125,095	-	125,095	138,255
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TOTAL	\$5,785,452	\$502,610	\$6,288,062	\$5,916,915

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from the U.S. Department of State (DOS) in the total amount of \$31,372,607, 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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## In Memoriam



John Boyce Hurford 1938- 2000

The year 2000 marked the untimely passing of John B. Hurford, a friend and colleague deeply devoted to the Endowment's mission who played a key leadership role on the Board of Directors. We remember John both for his multi-faceted contribution to the growth of NED as an institution and for his wise counsel that helped guide so many of our deliberations.

At the time of his death, John was the Managing Director of Credit Suisse Asset Management. His philanthropic involvements ranged widely, from a host of internationally-oriented foundations to major U.S. institutions such as Haverford College, whose Board of Managers he chaired.

At the Endowment's Board meeting on June 9, John's widow Helge accepted NED's Democracy Service Médal, presented posthumously to John for his extraordinary service to the democratic cause. John joined the four other distinguished recipients who have been awarded the medal: former Polish President Lech Walesa; the late American trade union leader Lane Kirkland; and two prominent leaders of the pro-democracy movement in Central Europe in the 1980's who became Ambassadors to the U.S., Alexandr Vondra of the Czech Republic and Martin Butora of Slovakia.

We miss our former colleague, whose memory will continue to serve as an inspiration.