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**NDI RELEASES NEW PUBLICATION
ON CANDIDATE SELECTION FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

WASHINGTON, DC – A new publication for political parties and practitioners that raises key issues to consider in selecting candidates for legislative office has been released by the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Selecting Candidates for Legislative Office is the latest in NDI's *Political Parties and Democracy in Theoretical and Practical Perspectives* series, a collection of research papers that blend theoretical knowledge, empirical research and practical experience to examine various aspects of political party organization.

For more than 20 years, NDI has worked with political parties around the world to create more open political environments in which citizens can actively participate in the democratic process.

The paper combines a theoretical discussion of internal party selection processes with 10 descriptive case studies from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, South Africa, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. It provides comparative insight on varying degrees of intra-party democracy in selecting candidates, common considerations in identifying desirable and representative candidates, and mechanisms for conflict prevention.

“Despite the extensive literature on candidate selection, user-friendly resources describing key issues and the advantages and disadvantages of different options remain in short supply,” said Sefakor Ashiagbor, NDI senior advisor for political party programs. “This paper aims to help bridge that gap.”

Electronic copies of this paper, as well as others in the series, are available in English on the NDI website, www.ndi.org. The printing of this publication was made possible through support provided by USAID. Hard copies are available by request.

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