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**NDI TO HOST 500 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AT DEMOCRATIC  
CONVENTION IN DENVER**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Democratic Institute (NDI) announced today that it will host more than 500 international leaders from over 100 countries during the Democratic National Convention, Aug. 24-28, in Denver. The visitors will attend NDI's International Leaders Forum (ILF), which the Institute has organized at every Democratic convention since 1984.

The international visitors include current and former heads of state, speakers of parliament, elected officials, cabinet ministers, political party leaders and ambassadors from the Washington-based diplomatic corps.

"The International Leaders Forum gives political leaders from around the world a unique opportunity to observe American democracy first-hand while hearing from a wide range of experts from the U.S. and abroad," said former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, chairman of NDI. "Our goal is to highlight the best of our democratic tradition, provide our guests with a better understanding of America's political process and encourage dynamic discussion about the future of democracy across the globe."

Participants will observe the convention proceedings and take part in a series of bipartisan panel discussions on the U.S. political process, foreign and domestic policy issues, and media coverage of the presidential race. They will also have the rare opportunity to exchange ideas informally with their counterparts from around the world while getting a first-hand view of an American national political convention.

"Participation in the ILF reinforces the work that NDI does with political parties, government institutions, civic organizations and others to support open and accountable government," said Kenneth Wollack, president of NDI. "The Institute is dedicated to bringing people together to share ideas, experiences and expertise."

NDI is a nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization that has supported democratic institutions and practices in every region of the world for more than two decades.

ILF is privately funded by donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

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