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## MONDALE BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 5, 1986 -- Former Vice

President Walter Mondale today became chairman of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). The Democratic Party's 1984 candidate for president was confirmed by the NDI Board of Directors and will assume an active international role as the Institute's Chairman.

The National Democratic Institute has gained an international reputation for its nonpartisan political development programs overseas.

In accepting his new position, Mondale told the Board that he was committed to the democratic development work of the Institute. "I view the work of NDI as an reflection of the deep commitment of the American people towards human rights as well as the Democratic Party's traditional effort to advance international cooperation," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Board, NDI President Brian Atwood said the Institute will "greatly benefit" from

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Mondale's experience and expertise. "His international standing and commitment to democratic values will add measurably to the work of the Institute and the goals to which it is dedicated," Atwood said.

Established by the National Endowment for Democracy Act in 1983, NDI works with political parties and foundations to maintain and strengthen democratic institutions throughout the world.

In February of this year, NDI organized and co-sponsored the international delegation which observed the Philippines election and made public the fraudulent practices of President Marcos and his supporters. The Institute has worked with the democratic opposition movements in Chile and South Korea, and has sought to strengthen political institutions in new democracies in Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean.

"NDI cooperates with political leaders of all parties who understand that social and economic development thrive in a democratic environment," Atwood said. "In addition, support for the democratic process abroad helps foster a more stable world."

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Mondale represented the state of Minnesota in the U.S. Senate from 1964 to 1976. He served as the State's Attorney General of Minnesota prior to his Senate career.

Mondale, the first Vice President to have an office in the White House, fully shared information and was given a strong role in both domestic and international affairs.

Mondale succeeds Charles T. Manatt, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who resigned from the NDI Board in June, 1986. Mondale had served as Honorary Chairman of the Institute from June, 1985, until the time he became Chairman.

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