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NDI SPONSORS OBSERVER MISSION TO HUNGARY ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON, DC, MARCH 14, 1990 -- The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) announced today that, together with the National Republican Institute for International Affairs, it is sending a 50-member international delegation to observe the March 25 national elections in Hungary. NDI chairman, former Vice President Walter Mondale, will co-lead the delegation with a senior representative of the Republican Party. The delegation will include nationals from 18 countries.

The purposes of the mission are to demonstrate international support for the democratic transition underway in Hungary, to study the Hungarian election process and, importantly, to provide delegates from other nations in transition an opportunity to learn from the Hungarian experience.

Party leaders and election experts from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia will comprise more than half of the delegation. It will also include representatives from Western Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the United States.

Following the elections, a one-day seminar will examine the potential relevance of the Hungarian experience for upcoming elections scheduled in other Eastern European countries.

During the past four years, NDI-sponsored observer missions have played a critical role in supporting the democratic process in Chile, Namibia, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay and the Philippines.

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