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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER MISSION
FOR THE
PANAMANIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS
MAY 7, 1989

The National Republican and Democratic Institutes for International Affairs will sponsor an international delegation to observe the Panamanian presidential, legislative and municipal elections scheduled for May 7, 1989. This 50-member observer delegation will include political party leaders, legislators, and electoral experts from Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the U.S.

The observer mission will watch the voting, counting, and tabulation of results throughout Panama and report its findings to the international community. As in previous observer missions organized by NDI and NRIIA, the delegates will be guided by impartial standards and will not take sides in the elections. The delegation will not attempt to supervise the elections or to interfere in Panamanian affairs. NRIIA and NDI recognize that the ultimate judgement about the electoral process will be made by the Panamanian people.

An advance team will visit Panama next week to make necessary administrative and logistical preparations. Any questions should be addressed to the NDI and NRIIA offices in Washington, D.C. at the numbers below.

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