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## NDI-Nicaragua Survey Mission

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) is sending a group of five experienced political consultants to Nicaragua to meet with democratic political leaders about a proposed electoral statute currently under debate. The team is made up of three North Americans, an Argentine, a Costa Rican and a member of the NDI staff.

The proposed statute would be operative when municipal elections are carried out within the next year. It is in this context that the NDI team will be analyzing efforts at democratization within the country, as well as assessing the capabilities and needs of Nicaragua's democratic parties.

Last November NDI played host to a conference in Managua, attended by a broad range of political parties, in which the new "Arias peace plan" was analysed. Four months earlier, the institute co-hosted a seminar in Madrid in which leaders of seven opposition political parties met to talk about the development of a democratic alternative in Nicaragua.

NDI is a political development institute affiliated with the U.S. Democratic Party and chaired by former Vice President Walter F. Mondale. It receives its funding from the U.S. Congress.

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