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New Magazine Puts Democracy Center-Stage

*Democracy at large* offers insight on democracy from the frontlines

Washington, DC – November 8, 2004 – IFES, a nonprofit organization that supports democratic societies, launched its premier issue of *democracy at large* today.

In the last 10 years, the market for elections and democracy has stormed to the forefront of world attention. Last week, Americans turned out in record numbers to vote in the 2004 Presidential elections. Last month, record numbers of new democrats turned out to vote in Ukraine, Indonesia, and Afghanistan. Democracy is one of the most pressing political issues today, and IFES takes pride in launching a magazine dedicated to it.

*Democracy at large* brings the expertise of theorists and practitioners—think tanks and “do tanks”—together for the benefit of both groups as well as that of the public. For professionals who work directly with emerging or established democracies, political scholars or anyone who is interested in suffrage and freedom, the magazine offers an exclusive focus. *Elections Today*, IFES’ magazine for election administrators since 1989, will continue as a stand-alone supplement included in *democracy at large*. Initial circulation is 7,500.

“The name *democracy at large* suggests freedom, liberty, openness and breadth,” states Editor-in-Chief Dorin Tudoran. “This magazine aims to implement IFES’ strategy of using its program experience to inform the debate about democracy aid and to foster dialogue between practitioners, scholars and civil society stakeholders.”

Tudoran, a member of American and French PEN-Clubs and four-time winner of the Romanian Writer’s Union Award, has more than 30 years’ experience as a journalist and writer, 12 of which he spent as a democracy activist and promoter with IFES. The 22 members of the magazine’s Editorial Advisory Board reflect a range of different cultures and professional perspectives. Their expertise spans elections, rule of law, good governance, human rights and international development.

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