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# Westminster Foundation *for Democracy*

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## **Building Democratic Societies**

### **Annual Report 1997-98**

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## **The Westminster Foundation for Democracy**

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy exists to promote democratic development world-wide. It is an independent, grant-making body which was set up in 1992 and receives an annual grant of £2.713 million (1997-98) from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It directs most of its funds to supporting democratic institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia, and Anglophone Africa, but each year worthwhile projects in other parts of the world also receive support.

The Westminster Foundation works closely with the political parties represented in the House of Commons and through them promotes political party development abroad. It also funds initiatives which will result in making a tangible and practical contribution to pluralist democratic societies overseas, through support for parliaments and other representative institutions, election administration, the independent media, trades unions, human rights groups, women's groups and other non-governmental organisations involved in political development.

The Foundation is supervised by a Chairman and a Board appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and is managed by a Chief Executive who is the accounting officer. It conducts its activities from an office in Westminster where its six staff are located. Its activities are recorded in an annual report laid before Parliament.

# foreword



Photo: Central TV

I am very pleased to recommend to you this sixth Annual Report of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. We in the United Kingdom have again witnessed the effective operation of a functioning democracy with our General Election in May 1997, and it is our responsibility and privilege to share our experience and expertise with others overseas. The Westminster Foundation continues to undertake this role with great effectiveness.

During the last year each of the UK political parties has undertaken a wide range of training and capacity-building projects with like-minded parties overseas, and the Foundation has continued to support institutions such as parliaments, the independent media, trades unions, human rights and women's organisations and other non-governmental organisations seeking to promote democracy and good governance. The immense demands on the Foundation's resources reflect the great need which still exists around the world as countries emerge from communist or dictatorial regimes, to become pluralist, more open and democratic societies.

Whether in Russia, Belarus, Bosnia, Slovakia, Kenya or Nigeria, much remains to be done and I am confident that the Westminster Foundation will continue to play a unique and vital role offering assistance and support to individuals and organisations around the world in countries going through considerable political change.

I hope you enjoy reading the report and I wish the Foundation every success in the coming year.

*Betty Boothroyd*  
Speaker

The Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd MP  
The Speaker of the House of Commons



## introduction



It has now been over a year since the change of government in Britain. The new Labour government has strongly restated Britain's commitment to supporting democracy throughout the world and to giving priority to the promotion of good governance and human rights. It has specifically affirmed its support for the work of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy is committed to building civil society, not by attempting to impose one particular model of democracy on other countries and peoples but by offering practical assistance to countries, peoples and organisations that are committed to creating plural, participatory and accountable political structures. We are confident we can deliver useful, valuable assistance in this field.

The considerable and very welcome increase in our grant-in-aid of 10.6% has allowed us to meet more of the demands placed upon us, and fund projects of an increasingly high standard around the world.

We have also had some internal changes this year. This Annual Report alas says goodbye and heartfelt thanks to our former Chairman Sir James Spicer and governors Tony Clarke, Michael Pinto-Duschinsky and Ralph Land. Our Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advisor Mariot Leslie will shortly take up her post as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in Rome. We thank her for all her help and welcome to post her successor, Richard Clarke.

To our new governors, those of us who have had the pleasure and privilege of collaborating in the Foundation's important ventures extend a warm welcome. They and all our supporters and readers can be assured that Alexandra Jones and her dedicated project management team will continue to nurture the Foundation's excellent work and reputation in the period ahead.

Ernie Ross MP  
Chairman of the Board of Governors



## Chief Executive's Review

### Building Democratic Societies

This year has been a time of significant developments for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD). The need for democratisation assistance remains great, while the nature of the needs is diverse and evolving. A variety of autocracies, military regimes and one-party states still persist: and while an increasing number of countries have become 'formal democracies', with elections and parties, they often fall far short of being 'functional democracies', with genuinely open, pluralistic systems and constitutional guarantees.

We seek to respond to this range of challenges. Our work in supporting democratisation continues to become better known, and our reputation is now well established. We collaborate very closely with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the value of our role in British support for democratisation overseas is widely recognised.

Our capacity to work independently but with the support of government gives us great advantages in our work overseas. We work closely with the British political parties as well as on a cross-party or non-party basis. We support a diverse range of non-partisan projects and organisations overseas. We are particularly noted for our efficient and responsive grant-making in support of diverse and practical activities. We handle a very high volume of grants with a small but highly competent staff and a committed and supportive Board. Other democracy support organisations around the world acknowledge these characteristics to be our strong 'comparative advantage'. We work hard to retain and develop these characteristics.

One mark of this recognition and of our organisational uniqueness is the 10.6% increase in our governmental grant, to £3m for 1998/9, despite continuing general constraints on public expenditure. In early 1997, we also made a successful half-million pound proposal to the International Grants Programme of the National

Lottery Charities Board, for human rights projects in Africa over a three-year period. Despite these successful additions to our grant-making resources, the pressure on our funds increases unremittingly, such that we received almost twice as many eligible, high-quality project proposals as we had the resources to support in the year 1997/8.

The change of government in the UK in May 1997 has shifted the foreign and development policy context for our work to some extent, particularly in regard to the issues of poverty-focused good governance, human rights and EU expansion. Changes in Parliament at the general election brought several newcomers



*Alexandra Jones, Chief Executive.*



*Computer equipment was provided by WFD to 'MIG', an independent weekly newspaper in Zaporozhye, a major industrial centre in south-east Ukraine.*



*Ethnic minority issues were the theme of three summer camps held in Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine for politicians, NGO activists, journalists and party representatives organised by the Pro Minoritate Foundation in Budapest.*



on our Board of Governors. Three new members of staff have also joined WFD, including myself as Chief Executive.

All of these developments have offered an opportunity for a thorough review of our strategic direction, which we have now successfully concluded. We have reallocated resources within and among our priority regions to reflect shifting needs and developments. Within Eastern and Central Europe, we shall divert some resources away from the five countries now acceding to the EU, and towards others where the need remains great; the Balkans in particular remain a priority. Within the Commonwealth of Independent States, work is increasing in support of democratic stirrings in Central Asia, and Russia, Ukraine and Belarus remain high priorities. In Africa, WFD has made grants in a number of countries and has particularly focussed on several countries at crucial stages of political development, including Nigeria and Kenya.



*Strengthening the independence of the judiciary in Nepal through three seminars organised by the International Commission of Jurists, Nepal, in August 1997.*

We have also made strategic modifications at sector level, in order to undertake more cross-party, cross-border (multi-country) and women's political involvement projects, and to set aside a modest amount for responding to 'special needs' situations such as particularly critical elections or immediate post-conflict situations. We are

also undertaking selected, larger technical assistance projects on a more actively managed basis, building on our deepening pool of experience and expertise.



*Political and civic rights awareness training seminar for women organised by the Society for Women's Education and Economic Development, India, in 1997.*

Now, at the conclusion of our sixth year of operation, we are undertaking a major review of current and past projects in order to document the impact of our support to democratisation efforts in a systematic way. Meanwhile we continue to receive positive endorsements of the quality and usefulness of our work in regular reviews by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and National Audit Office, including, in the past year, a review of our project processing, and financial and systems audits.

*"The Westminster Foundation continues to play a vital role in the United Kingdom's effort to promote peaceful democratic development overseas. It provides support to organisations and political structures in countries such as Bosnia, Slovakia, Russia, Kenya and South Africa, where it can make an important contribution to the evolution of stable democratic institutions".*

*The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister*



The following reports provide more detail of WFD programmes in the last year.

## Political Party Projects

### Labour



It has now been six years since the Labour Party embarked on a diverse range of democracy building activities with sister parties. Labour Party experts in party organisation, election campaigning and media presentation have met sister parties and led seminars and workshops in many different countries.

Study visits to Britain have also been organised for key personnel and political leaders from sister parties to observe different aspects of Labour's work, the most significant being the General Election Study Programme. Since the election there has been much demand from sister parties for media, campaign organisation and message development projects.

Campaign seminars and media training have taken place for sister parties in Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. There has also been a move to other specialised areas of work such as a series of local government training workshops which were run for the United List of Social Democrats in Slovenia. These dealt with a wide range of topics including the role of local councillors, their relationships with the party and the electorate, local campaigning, codes of conduct and local political issues.

The Labour Party also assisted in a twinning project which brought together the Labour Party branches in Sunderland and Salford with party branches in Lodz and Szczecin in Poland. The project helped to develop personal contact between ordinary party members in the two countries. Experiences were exchanged on local party issues, trade union activity and campaigning techniques. The experience has led to a better understanding between the parties of the political environment in both countries.



*The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister, with participants at the Annual Labour Party Conference Study Programme, September 1997.*



*African political party leaders and activists visiting Labour Party headquarters during the Labour Party's General Election study programme, in May 1997.*

Another area of activity has been the establishment of the Africa Multi-Party Democracy Group at the initiative of African sister parties who attended the General Election Study Programme. The Group met in Kampala in October to discuss the possibility of monitoring political developments within their parties and the establishment of multi-party democracy in their countries. A further meeting of the Group will take place later in 1998, in Johannesburg.





## CONSERVATIVE

In 1997-98 the Conservative Party ran some 70 projects for 160 delegates from the new democracies to visit the UK. This was in addition to the Party sending many leading Conservative politicians and trainers to work with sister-parties overseas.

At home the General Election dominated the first half of the year and the Party mounted its most ambitious project to date: 64 observers from 14 countries visited 24 constituencies for practical training during the campaign. Since May projects have drawn on the lessons learned from the General Election and the party reorganisation process.

In Bulgaria and Poland the Conservative Party helped bring together conservative-minded parties so that they could co-operate on a common platform against the Left - going on to win their general elections. Their work has focused on uniting the centre-right parties in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia, and Anglophone Africa.

The Party's 'flagship' project of the year, participation at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool, followed by the Wiston House Weekend for the leaders of the sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe, was a particularly successful event and a new Partnership Programme emerged from it, designed to explore the subjects identified for future work.



*The Rt Hon William Hague MP, Leader of the Conservative Party, meets Alexandru Stănescu of the Romanian PNTCD, project related to the Conservative Party Conference in October 1997.*

In the area of 'party building', the Conservative Party's training programmes have continued and evolved with a special emphasis on the need to 'Train the Trainees as Trainers'. All future projects will include both this element and practical applications of canvassing techniques which were identified by the General Election Observation Project. 'Twinning' projects between constituency associations in the UK with parties in Russia and Lithuania continued successfully and next year the programme will include Romania.



*Members of the Hungarian party Fidesz observing canvassing techniques with John Randall MP during a UK local election campaign.*

*"Many institutions, organisations and individuals in developing democratic states around the world have benefited enormously from the assistance provided by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy during the past year."*

*The Rt Hon William Hague MP, Leader of the Opposition*



The provision of policy advice, including defining, refining and communicating it played an important part in the programme during the year and also served in the Polish and Hungarian coalition building process.

In Africa, the Dialogue Group has continued to grow and plans will be brought forward to put it on an internationally recognised footing. There have also been modest programmes of activity in Sri Lanka and the Caribbean.



*Leaders of the Conservative Party's sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe meet and agree a new Partnership Programme in October 1997.*



## Liberal Democrats

In the five years leading up to 1997, the Liberal Democrats have carried out extensive training programmes to assist Liberal parties across the world on a number of topics ranging from party structure, policy and campaign training. Of these, the most popular was electoral campaign preparation.

1997, the year of the British General Election, was the first opportunity to demonstrate campaigning skills on home territory, in a real-life campaign, to fellow Liberals. Spending a quarter of the WFD budget allocation, the Liberal Democrats invited 18 political campaigners from parties in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America to observe the campaign. The programme consisted of a number of small teams spending time in target seats witnessing individual campaigns 'on the

ground' for the final week of the campaign, before rounding off with the poll and finally, an analysis of the result.



*Liberal Democrat Youth and Student trainer Colin Penning training Young Liberals from the Liberal Party of Croatia.*

Beyond the UK, the Liberal Democrats have concentrated on working with partners in the Balkans to bring about genuinely multi-ethnic, democratic politics in Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia. Other priority countries in the region remain Romania and Bulgaria, where the political situation for Liberals is hopeful.

As part of their strategy to build networks between those Liberal parties from the established democracies and new partners from emerging democracies, the Liberal Democrats funded a training programme

*"The Westminster Foundation for Democracy has gone from strength to strength during the past year. It continues to provide carefully targeted assistance through small grants, and its close cooperation with all the political parties makes it a unique organisation in the UK".*

*The Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats*



alongside Liberal International's 50th anniversary conference in Oxford in November 1997. The training, attended by party managers who would not normally participate in international conferences, enhanced skills, shared experience and best practice and provided an opportunity for networking.

The Liberal Democrats continue their objective of party development by offering assistance to and strengthening individual political parties or movements with which they have a political affinity. As part of this ongoing strategy, in 1998, they will build closer frameworks for cooperation with established Liberal parties within the EU to provide an enhanced structure of assistance to Liberal partners across the world.

## Smaller Parties

During the year the Ulster Unionist Party carried out two projects using the allocation made available to all the smaller parties in Parliament. During the UK General Election they invited four party activists from smaller parties in Hungary and the Czech Republic to Northern Ireland for five days, to observe the election. In October they carried out an assessment visit to Lithuania to see whether links could be formed with local political associations in regions with similar problems of division to Northern Ireland.

## Foundation Projects

### Central and Eastern Europe

Central and Eastern Europe remained the Foundation's highest geographical priority attracting 50 per cent of the budget. It became clear that within this region the area of greatest need is the former Yugoslavia and as a result the Foundation's plans distinguished between the countries preparing for the accession to the EU and the Balkans.

In the Visegrad countries and the Baltic States, work was carefully targeted for maximum impact. Slovakia was, once again, a priority for the Foundation. The ruling regime continued to make life hard for the non-governmental sector. Our work focused on the voluntary sector by providing training in presentation skills and use of the media to increase public support.

With those countries further along the democratic path, the Foundation worked to encourage transparency and liberalism. It supported a programme to monitor the transparency of the Czech parliament, it funded an international trades union seminar on racism and xenophobia with participants from Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Funding was also given to the European Institute for the Media, to help Hungarian journalists to derive maximum benefit from the new broadcasting law which increased the independence of the media, and it enabled officials of the Polish Sejm to learn about the importance of an independent civil service.

In the Balkans, democratic development remains an arduous process punctuated by set-backs and threats of renewed hostilities (Bosnia) and the prospect of new conflicts (Kosovo, Macedonia). Democratic institutions in the region remain fragile, human rights violations continue and the rules of conflict resolution are uncertain.



*Young activists in Bulgaria after a visit to villages along the Turkish-Bulgarian border to meet members of local communities, part of a project aimed at promoting ethnic tolerance entitled "Laughing Together".*



*Young political leaders from Bosnia at a seminar on democratic development, conflict resolution and political negotiation, held in June 1997, in Budapest, organised by the International Institute for Democracy.*

The Foundation has addressed these key problems by undertaking projects dealing with conflict resolution, the development of independent media, provision of legal advice to refugees, and human rights organisations. Support for peace-building in Bosnia was carried out through a series of workshops and training courses in political negotiation and confidence building measures. The MIRamiDA Advanced Workshop organised by the Centre for Peace Studies in Zagreb brought together activists from Bosnia and Croatia. The development of self-sustaining civic groups was supported through a training programme for centres for civic cooperation in Livno and Travnik, Bosnia which are now functioning independently.

Local and regional press in Yugoslavia came together, with the Foundation's help, to stave off renewed attacks by the authorities and challenged issues of discrimination. The Foundation has supported the Local Press Association and ANEM (radio network) with equipment, newsprint and training. Local human rights organisations working in Croatia and Serbia also attracted WFD support.

## **Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia**

A wide variety of organisations in the Commonwealth of Independent States were funded by the Westminster Foundation during 1997-98. There was a continued focus on the independent media, particularly in Belarus', where the Foundation supported several independent newspapers, the Independent News Agency, and an independent television broadcasting network, at a time when repression from the government continued to increase.

In Ukraine, the Foundation supported a number of projects in the period before the parliamentary elections, including the Kharkov Centre for Women's Studies, who provided an 'Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics', the Institute for Socio-Economic Problems who ran a training programme on election campaigning in a multi-party system, and a media monitoring project run by Equal Access Committee.

In Russia, projects included those campaigning for judicial and legal reform, legal advice centres, and support for several human rights organisations including the Moscow Helsinki Group and the Women's Information Network.

During the year staff have carried out assessment visits to areas where WFD has to date funded fewer projects, particularly in Central Asia and the Caucasus. These have produced tangible results in the form of an increased number of proposals and some good projects have now been approved for the future. In 1998-99, the Foundation will also continue to encourage proposals from Moldova and Mongolia, and from the Russian regions.



*Moldovan prison officers visiting Kalisz prison, Poland, in June 1997 as part of a programme to assist the Moldovan prison administration to reform the penal system.*



*Representatives of NGOs in Bryansk, southern Russia, receiving training on the development of programmes, fundraising and public relations for NGOs, at a seminar organised by the Institute of Problems of Civil Society, Moscow.*

Three cross-regional projects have been supported, demonstrating a valuable exchange of expertise and experience between former communist countries: the Polish Association of Legal Education ran a training workshop for Moldovan prison administrators, criminal justice experts and local NGOs; funding was provided for the Foundation for Education in Democracy, in Poland, to enable them to run training seminars and internships on civic education and NGO management for NGOs in Central Asia; and the International Centre for the Development of Democracy in Krakow received funding to run seminars for young activists from Belarus, Russia and Poland involved in local government, the third sector, the media, politics and business. In Kazakstan, ANESMICA received funding to provide legal and financial consultations for journalists from Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia and Tadzhikistan.

## **Anglophone Africa**

During 1997-98 the Westminster Foundation has continued to focus its support in Anglophone Africa on South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya, with a smaller range of projects in Cameroon, the Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

With elections due at the end of 1997 in Kenya, the Westminster Foundation supported the National Convention Executive Council in their campaign for constitutional reform, making a significant contribution to government's decision to create an Inter-Party Parliamentary Group to take these issues forward. Voter education projects and training for women candidates standing in the elections were also funded.

In South Africa, the Foundation continued to support researchers from the UK parliament working in the South African National Assembly, providing training to ensure the effectiveness of the Assembly, and part-funding was given to a conference organised by the Centre for Policy Studies which sought to address questions about the future strengthening of the party system in South Africa.

Pro-democracy and human rights organisations in Nigeria faced ongoing pressure from the military regime and grants were given, amongst others, to the Human Rights Monitor in Kaduna, campaigning for the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary, and providing civic education about human rights and democracy; and the Women Justice Program, providing information about womens' and childrens' rights, and campaigning against discriminatory practices and laws.



*Namibian trade unionists, private sector representatives and civil servants, meeting together to discuss the role of trade unions in a democracy at workshops organised by the Namibia Institute of Democracy.*



*Members of the Civil Liberties Committee, a human rights group in Malawi, campaigning on International Women's Day, 8 March 1998.*

Human rights and media projects were supported in Malawi and Cameroon; the Namibia Institute for Democracy received support to hold 13 training courses throughout the country for employers, trade unions and civil servants on the role of trade unions in a democracy; and grants supporting the independent media were provided in West Africa, and Mozambique.

During 1997 the Westminster Foundation was also awarded a grant of £496,796 by the National Lottery Charities Board International Grants Programme, for a three year project to support four partner human rights organisations in Africa in their work to promote and protect human rights. The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda, the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, Nigeria, the Ghana Committee for Peoples and Human Rights, and Zimrights in Zimbabwe all began work during the year on a variety of activities supported by this grant.



## Other Regions

The Foundation continues to provide approximately 10% of its project funding to projects in countries outside the three main priority areas. Human rights projects have been a focus for support, with grants being awarded to groups such as the People's Forum for Human Rights Bhutan, the Arab Association of Human Rights in Nazareth, INURED in Nepal, the Nicaraguan Centre for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights and the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor.

Other projects have ranged from support for a visit to the UK Parliament for a group of Chilean MPs, six media training seminars for radio and TV broadcasters in the Caribbean, and funding for the Centre for Policy Alternatives in Sri Lanka for a publication providing publicity about proposed legislative and constitutional developments.



*A peaceful demonstration held in Kathmandu by the People's Forum for Human Rights, Bhutan, campaigning for the release from an Indian jail of Rongthong Kuenley Dorji, the Bhutanese pro-democracy leader.*



## Organisation and Staff

The Foundation's Board of Governors agreed a new three-year strategic plan in January 1998. This plan, the product of active consultations with the Board, has clarified the criteria for prioritising our work and resource allocation geographically and by sector, and articulated objectives for our work in the short to medium term. It has also paved the way for us to work in a more programmatic manner and to provide technical assistance in selected projects. We have now completed sector strategy papers which underpin the Foundation's strategic plan in greater detail; and the three main political parties have agreed their own strategic plans for WFD-funded work in the year ahead.

In the last year, the WFD Board and staff have co-operated with several audits and reviews, as well as finalising a new Memorandum of Understanding and a project management agreement with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. WFD has made significant improvements to its information technology skills and capacity, including email and internet usage, and progress on creating a website. It has also upgraded its project management database and financial management systems.

The WFD staff and I have undertaken a series of assessment and monitoring visits over the course of the year. A particular priority was to develop our work in Central Asia and the Caucasus, for which purpose I visited Uzbekistan and Kazakstan, while Megan Bick, who joined us in September 1997 to manage our projects in the Commonwealth of Independent States, went to Georgia and Armenia. We also visited Russia and Ukraine. Jadranka Porter visited Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia, and Sue Chudleigh was in Hungary and Poland, while Tracy Tickle travelled to Mozambique and Zimbabwe. I also represented the Foundation at several conferences, including the European Foundation Centre annual conference in Brussels, a meeting of the Democracy-Building Foundations in Taiwan, and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh.

There have been several changes on the Board and staff of WFD. We have welcomed a new Chairman, Ernie Ross MP, who has taken on this role with characteristic vigour and commitment. Several other new Board members have joined as a result of post-election changes in Parliament. We particularly thank three Governors who have now left the Board, having completed two terms of office. Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, Ralph Land and Tony Clarke had been with the Foundation from its inception, playing a part in its creation, and they have been wise and loyal allies in our work. I welcome this opportunity to acknowledge with appreciation the support and collaboration of all the Governors, as well as the International Officers of the three main political parties, and the Board's observer member from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mariot Leslie.

When I became the Foundation's Chief Executive in July 1997, I counted myself fortunate for three reasons. I assumed responsibility for an organisation which I have admired for half a decade, with a democracy-support mandate which is a source of great professional fulfilment. I inherited the mantle of two excellent predecessors in the role of Chief Executive, both of whom I count as colleagues and friends. And last but certainly not least, I am blessed with a group of staff who, though few in number, are endowed with exceptional ability, commitment and team spirit. I am deeply grateful for their work and friendship, and I look forward to continuing to develop with them the Foundation's important and exciting mission in the year ahead.

Alexandra Jones  
Chief Executive



## Performance Indicators and Statistics 1997-98

### 1 Number and value of proposals submitted to WFD Board:

<b>1997-98</b>	377	£4,408,020	<b>1996-97</b>	439	£5,810,788
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### 2 Number of projects managed during the year:

<b>1997-98</b>	469*	<b>1996-97</b>	278
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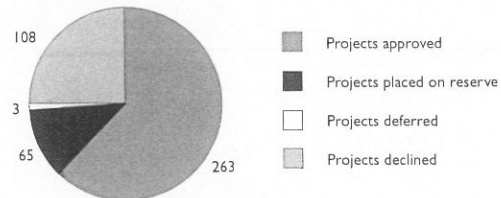
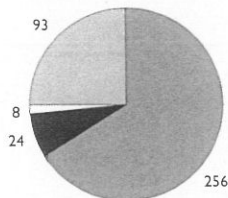
\* This includes a large number of projects carried over from 1996-97 into the following year.

### 3 Size of grants approved:

	<b>1997-98</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	
Under £5,999	72	28%	92	35%
£6,000 - £10,999	89	35%	71	27%
11,000 - 20,999	82	32%	79	30%
21,000 - 40,999	8	3%	14	5%
Over £41,000*	5	2%	7	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* The human rights and Anglophone Africa figures for 1997-98 in italics throughout these statistics include four projects funded by the National Lottery Charities Board International Grants Programme, through WFD, with a total value in 1997-98 of £123,587

### 4 WFD Board meeting decisions:



### 5 Number of approved projects, by region and channel:

**1997-98**

	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Total</b>
CEE (1)	16	20	10	0	0	<b>46</b>
CEE (2)	47	15	20	6	2	<b>90</b>
CIS	39	11	1	0	0	<b>51</b>
AAF	35	8	7	1	0	<b>51</b>
OTH	14	2	2	0	0	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>256</b>

**1996-97**

	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Total</b>
CEE (1)	13	19	14	0	0	<b>46</b>
CEE (2)	29	23	26	6	1	<b>85</b>
CIS	36	13	2	0	0	<b>51</b>
AAF	40	4	4	4	0	<b>52</b>
OTH	8	11	8	2	0	<b>29</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>263</b>

- F = Foundation projects
- C = Conservative Party projects
- L = Labour Party projects
- D = Liberal Democrat projects
- S = Smaller parties' projects
- CEE = Central and Eastern Europe
- CIS = Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia
- AAF = Anglophone Africa
- OTH = Other regions

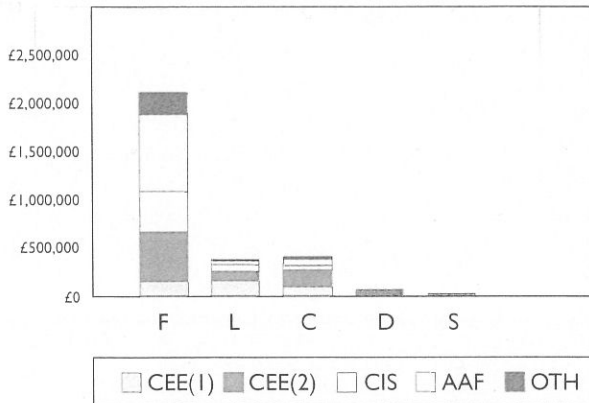
#### Note:

The region previously known as Central and Eastern Europe has been divided into CEE (1), which includes EU accession countries (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovenia) and CEE (2), which includes the Balkans, other Baltic countries and Slovakia. This is to reflect changes in funding policy. The region previously referred to as FSU (former Soviet Union) is now referred to as CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), to reflect current trends in usage, and in our regional grouping includes Mongolia.

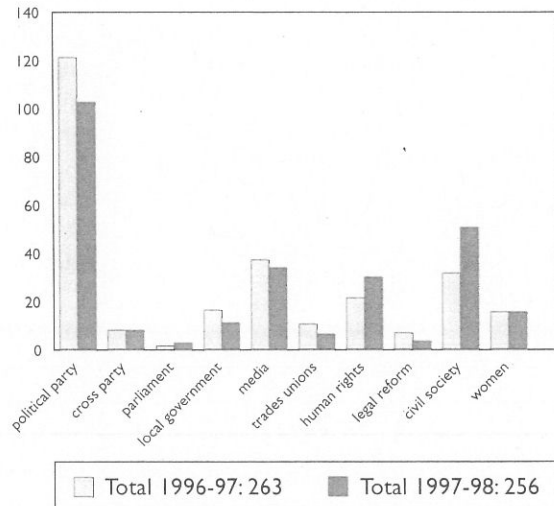




## 6 Distribution of funding for approved projects, by region and channel, 1997-98



## 7 Number of projects approved, by type, 1997-98:



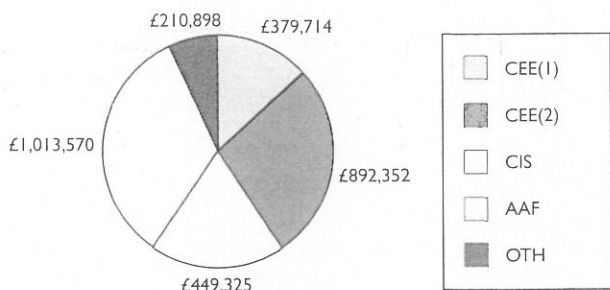
## 8 Number of projects approved, by region and type, 1997-98

	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	29	41	12	17	4	103
Cross-party	3	1	3	0	1	8
Parliament	2	0	0	1	0	3
Local government	5	1	0	3	1	10
Strengthening the media	3	16	10	2	2	33
Trades unions	1	1	0	3	0	5
Human rights	0	5	6	12	6	29
Legal organisations and reform	0	0	3	0	1	4
Building civil society	1	21	15	9	2	48
Womens political and civil involvement	2	4	2	4	1	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>256</b>

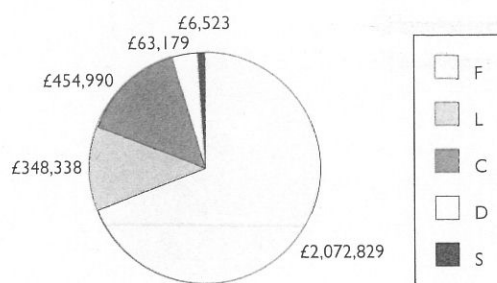
## 9 Value of projects approved, by region and type, 1997-98

	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	£219,757	£351,856	£71,473	£175,248	£39,071	£857,405
Cross-party	£17,000	£5,400	£36,624	0	£15,275	£74,299
Parliament	£23,775	0	0	£6,512	0	£30,287
Local government	£36,890	£630	0	£50,546	£7,320	£95,386
Strengthening the media	£36,431	£205,602	£73,835	£17,000	£15,600	£348,468
Trades unions	£1,500	£10,810	0	£23,694	0	£36,004
Human rights	0	£63,611	£41,260	£570,109	£68,415	£743,395
Legal organisations and reform	0	0	£34,300	0	£13,444	£47,744
Building civil society	£8,550	£210,673	£172,847	£116,031	£39,073	£547,174
Womens political and civil involvement	£35,811	£43,770	£18,986	£54,430	£12,700	£165,697
<b>Total</b>	<b>£379,714</b>	<b>£892,352</b>	<b>£449,325</b>	<b>£1,013,570</b>	<b>£210,898</b>	<b>£2,945,859</b>

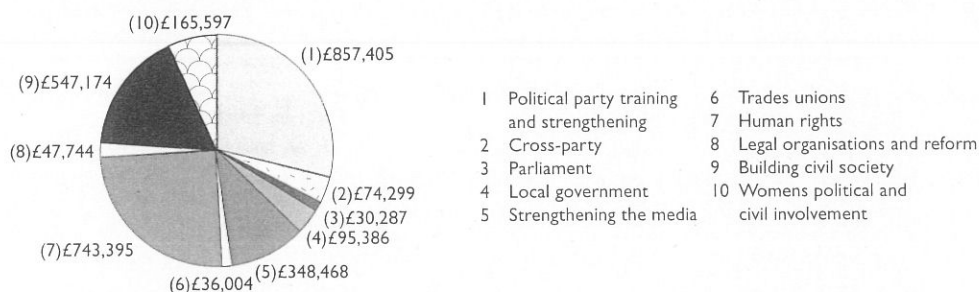
10 Value of projects approved, by region, 1997-98:



Value of projects approved, by channel, 1997-98:



Value of projects, by type of project, 1997-98:



- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Political party training and strengthening | 6 Trades unions                           |
| 2 Cross-party                                | 7 Human rights                            |
| 3 Parliament                                 | 8 Legal organisations and reform          |
| 4 Local government                           | 9 Building civil society                  |
| 5 Strengthening the media                    | 10 Womens political and civil involvement |

11 Completed projects success rate\*:

	1996-97		1997-98	
Projects which achieved all objectives	175	73%	108	74%
Projects which achieved some objectives	40	17%	33	22%
Projects which were unsuccessful	12	5%	0	0%
Projects cancelled	12	5%	6	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Completed projects are those where all activity and reporting are finished during the year and the project is closed.

12 WFD Administration costs, as percentage of total grant:

1996-97	12.4%	1997-98	14.4%
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13 Partnership funding attracted to projects:

1996-97	£952,866	1997-98	£984,027	not including funding from National Lottery Charities Board
			£1,480,823	including funding from National Lottery Charities Board



## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 1998

### Foreword

The Governors have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1998. The financial statements have been prepared in a form directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs with the consent of the Treasury.

### Background Information

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) which was set up by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1992. It is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital.

The aim of the Foundation is to help establish and strengthen pluralist democratic institutions, particularly political parties, in countries where these are absent, of recent foundation, or in need of further encouragement and development. The Foundation generally seeks to avoid supporting projects for which British Government support is available.

The Foundation receives a grant in aid from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office provided out of monies voted by Parliament to enable it to achieve agreed objectives. The Foundation may receive private sector funds in addition to the grant in aid. The Foundation's priorities and objectives for the grant in aid are established by its Board of Governors and are kept under continuous review.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Treasury Solicitor are the two named subscribers (under The Companies Act 1985) for the Foundation's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Secretary of State has formal powers of appointment to the Foundation's Board of Governors but the Board operates independently and at arm's length from Government.

### Results

The results for the year are summarised on page 20 of the financial statements and show a deficit of £23,137 (1997: £54,345 surplus).

The Foundation has developed well and an increased level of funding is anticipated for 1998/99. A full review of the Foundation's activities is contained in the Annual Report laid before Parliament.

### Board of Governors

Governors who served on the Board during the year and were Directors under the Companies Act 1985 were:

Mr Menzies Campbell MP	- appointed 7.7.97, resigned 9.12.97
Mr Tony Clarke	- resigned 27.4.98
Mrs Margaret Ewing MP	- resigned 18.1.98
Professor Peter Frank	- re-appointed 4.3.98
Mr Timothy Garton Ash	- re-appointed 4.3.98
Mr Nik Gowing	
Sir Archie Hamilton MP	
Mr Geoff Hoon MP	- Vice Chairman-resigned 1.5.97
Sir Russell Johnston	- Vice Chairman-resigned 7.7.97
Ms Mary Kaldor	- appointed 7.7.97
Mr Ralph Land CBE	- Vice Chairman-resigned 27.4.98
Mr Richard Page MP	- appointed 30.9.97
Michael Pinto-Duschinsky	- resigned 27.4.98
Mr Ernie Ross MP	- Chairman



Sir Timothy Sainsbury MP

- resigned 14.5.97

Sir James Spicer

- Chairman-resigned 7.7.97

Mr Gary Streeter MP

- Vice Chairman-appointed 7.7.97

Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones MP

- appointed 9.1.98

### **Auditors**

Kingston Smith having expressed their willingness to continue in office, a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

S Chudleigh  
Secretary

13 July 1998

### **Responsibilities of the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Ltd**

In accordance with Company Law and with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited are responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of the Foundation and are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Accounts Direction given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and other relevant accounting standards.

In addition, within the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed between with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Governors of The Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited, the Governors, through the Chief Executive, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Foundation and of the surplus or deficit and cash flows for that year.

In causing the financial statements to be prepared, the Governors have to ensure that: suitable accounting policies are selected and then applied consistently; judgements and estimates are made that are reasonable and prudent; applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Foundation will continue in operation.

The Governors have taken reasonable steps to: ensure that funds from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office are used only for the purposes for which they have been given and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding; ensure that there are sound financial systems and management controls in place to safeguard public funds; safeguard the assets of the Foundation and prevent and detect fraud; secure the economical, efficient and effective management of the Foundation's resources.



## **Report of the Auditors to the Members of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 20 to 25 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 23.

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Governors and Auditors**

As described on page 18 the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion based on our audit on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Governors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Foundation's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### **Opinion**

#### **In our opinion:**

the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Foundation's affairs as at 31st March 1998 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Accounts Direction given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; grant-in-aid received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been applied only for the purposes intended; in all material respects, the Foundation has complied with the requirements laid down in the Memoranda of Understanding with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office dated 9th March 1992 and 15th December 1997, as appropriate, and other appropriate Government guidance and with the requirements of regularity and propriety, and has operated effective systems of internal control and internal audit.

Kingston Smith  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
Devonshire House  
60 Goswell Road  
London  
EC1M 7AD

Date: 13th July 1998



## Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 1998

	Note	Core Corporate		Lottery	1998 Total	1997 Total
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income - Continuing Activities</b>						
H M Government Grants	2	2,713,650	-	-	2,713,650	2,500,000
Corporate Funding and Donations		-	15,000	-	15,000	80,061
Lottery funding		-	-	124,099	124,099	-
		2,713,650	15,000	124,099	2,852,749	2,580,061
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>						
Projects	3	2,336,432	42,562	123,819	2,502,813	2,179,699
		377,218	(27,562)	280	349,936	400,362
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Staff costs	5	214,398	-	-	214,398	195,978
Depreciation		8,156	-	-	8,156	9,828
Other Operating Charges		160,121	210	2	160,332	153,271
		382,674	210	2	382,886	359,077
<b>Operating (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	4	(5,456)	(27,772)	278	(32,950)	41,285
Interest receivable		-	12,422	-	12,422	17,185
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus on Ordinary Activities</b>						
<b>before taxation</b>		(5,456)	(15,350)	278	(20,528)	58,470
Corporation Tax	6	-	(2,609)	-	(2,609)	(4,125)
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>		(5,456)	(17,959)	278	(23,137)	54,345
Balances brought forward at 1st April 1997		26,017	194,697	-	220,714	166,369
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 1998</b>		20,561	176,738	278	197,577	220,714

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year of £23,137 (1997: surplus of £54,345).

The attached notes form part of these accounts.



## Balance Sheet at 31st March 1998

	Note	1998	1998	1997	1997
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	7		10,177		7,683
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	8	12,588		13,118	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
-Core				11,141	
-Corporate		179,347		194,697	
-Lottery		278		-	
		<u>192,213</u>		<u>218,956</u>	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	9	<u>4,813</u>		<u>5,925</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>187,400</u>		<u>213,031</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<u><u>197,577</u></u>		<u><u>220,714</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Core Funding			20,561		26,017
Corporate Funding			176,738		194,697
Lottery Funding			278		-
			<u>197,577</u>		<u>220,714</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 13 July 1998.

Mr Ernie Ross MP  
Chairman

Ms Alexandra Jones  
Chief Executive

The attached notes form part of these accounts



**Cash Flow Statement**  
For the year ended 31st March 1998

	Note	1998		1997	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>	(a)		(23,860)		53,461
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>					
Interest received			12,422		17,185
<b>Taxation</b>					
Corporation tax paid			(4,125)		(1,085)
<b>Investing Activities</b>					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets			(10,650)		(2,671)
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents(b)</b>			<u>(26,213)</u>		<u>66,890</u>

**Notes to the Cash Flow statement**

(a) Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

	1998	1997
	£	£
Operating (deficit)/Surplus	(32,950)	41,285
Depreciation	8,156	9,828
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	530	2,348
Increase in accruals	404	-
	<u>(23,860)</u>	<u>53,461</u>

(b) Analysis of change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	1998	1997
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		
Balance at 1st April 1997	205,838	138,948
Net Cash (outflow)/Inflow	(26,213)	66,890
Balance at 31st March 1998	<u>179,625</u>	<u>205,838</u>





## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 1998

The Foundation is a Company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital.  
The liability of members is limited to £1 each.

### 1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The format of the Income and Expenditure Account has been adapted from that prescribed by the Companies Act to better reflect the nature of the Foundation's activities.
- (b) Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value over the anticipated useful lives of the assets, at the following rates:
- Fixtures and Fittings 20% straight line basis
- Computer Equipment 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % straight line basis
- (c) Rentals payable under operation leases have been taken to Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- (d) Grants are credited to income in the year to which they relate. Expenditure on projects is charged to Income and Expenditure Account on a cash basis. Other expenditure is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on an accruals basis inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.
- (e) The Foundation is not liable to Corporation Tax on grants received, but is liable to tax on investment income.
- (f) To reflect the differing sources of funding enjoyed by the Foundation aggregate reserves at 1st April 1997 have been separated into the constituent funds. The balance sheet at 31st March 1997 has been restated accordingly

	1998	1997
	£	£
<b>2 Government Grants</b>		
Grant-in-Aid		
1997/98	2,713,650	-
1996/97	-	2,500,000
	2,713,650	2,500,000
	2,713,650	2,500,000

	1998	1997
	£	£
<b>3 Direct Expenditure on Grants</b>		
Foundation projects	1,418,814	1,141,611
Conservative Party sponsored projects	493,903	468,439
Labour Party sponsored projects	487,207	494,089
Liberal Democrat sponsored projects	98,820	75,560
Other	4,069	-
	2,502,813	2,179,699
	2,502,813	2,179,699

	1998	1997
	£	£
<b>4 Operating (Deficit)/Surplus</b>		
This is stated after charging:		
Travel subsistence and hospitality:		
- Employees	31,488	19,499



Auditors Remuneration

- Audit	1,925	1,800
- Other	-	88
Hire of office equipment	3,064	3,064
Depreciation of fixed assets	8,156	9,828

<b>5 Staff Costs</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	175,100	154,240
Temporary staff	1,027	1,694
Social Security costs	16,241	14,956
Other Pension costs	22,030	25,088
	<u>214,398</u>	<u>195,978</u>

	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
The average number of employees during the year was:	6	6
The number of senior staff by salary band was:		
40,001 - 50,000	1	-
50,001 - 60,000	-	1

The Foundation contributes to individual personal pension plans for all eligible employees.

<b>6 Corporation tax</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Corporation tax at 21% (1996: 24%)	2,609	4,125

<b>7 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1st April 1997	51,792	19,440	71,232
Additions	9,670	980	10,650
Disposals	(7,113)	(711)	(7,824)
At 31st March 1998	<u>54,349</u>	<u>19,709</u>	<u>74,058</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st April 1997	50,543	13,006	63,549
Charge for the year	4,472	3,684	8,156
Eliminated on disposal	(7,113)	(711)	(7,824)
At 31st March 1998	<u>47,902</u>	<u>15,979</u>	<u>63,881</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31st March 1998	<u>6,447</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>10,177</u>
At 31st March 1997	<u>1,249</u>	<u>6,434</u>	<u>7,683</u>



	1998	1997
<b>8 Debtors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	11,509	12,222
Other debtors	1,079	896
	<u>12,588</u>	<u>13,118</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

<b>9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Corporation tax	2,609	4,125
Accruals	2,204	1,800
	<u>4,813</u>	<u>5,925</u>

**10 Funds**

Fund balances are held as follows:	1998			1997
	Core Corporate	Lottery	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	10,177	-	-	10,177
Debtors	12,588	-	-	12,588
Cash	-	179,347	278	179,625
Creditors	(2,204)	(2,609)	-	(4,813)
	<u>20,561</u>	<u>176,738</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>197,577</u>
				<u>220,714</u>

Some £42,252 (1997 - £60,000) of corporate funding is committed to a specific project and the Foundation is preparing a programme of projects to be funded from this source.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges funding from the National Lottery Charities Board, United Kingdom, for projects in Africa.

**11 Operating Leases**

At 31st March 1998 the Foundation had annual commitments under non-cancellable operation leases as follows:

	Land & Buildings	Office
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	-	3,064
After five years	18,806	-
	<u>18,806</u>	<u>3,064</u>



## LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED, 1997-1998

### CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

#### BOSNIA

##### Election Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party with the production of campaigning materials and the purchase of equipment in preparation for the elections in September 1998.

**Budget: £14,842**

##### Human Rights Training Programme

To part-fund two five-day seminars in Sarajevo in September for activists and law enforcement agencies from across Bosnia on the promotion and protection of human rights.

**Budget: £25,324**

##### Reconciliation Workshops

To fund five one-day workshops in Bosnia for Bosnian community leaders from different ethnic groups to discuss ethnic reconciliation with representatives from former adversaries in El Salvador and Israel.

**Budget: £2,829**

##### Second Democratic Leadership Programme Seminar for Young Political Leaders

To part-fund a second seminar to be organised by the International Institute for Democracy for the Council of Europe's Democratic Leadership Programme, for young Bosnian political leaders in Budapest in May 1997.

**Budget: £10,213**

##### Support for Centres for Civic Co-operation

To fund the Zagreb office of the Centre for Civil Society in South-Eastern Europe to run a series of 3-day workshops starting April 1997 for its two indigenous civic development organisations in Livno and Travnik to strengthen their institutional sustainability and enable them to function independently.

**Budget: £8,660**

##### Support for Independent Newspaper

To part fund the purchase of printing equipment and printing costs to enable Nezaavisne Novine to increase its circulation of its daily newspaper from 5,000 to 15,000 to cover in addition to Republika Srpska, other parts of Bosnia.

**Budget: £16,380**

##### Translation Equipment for Media Plan

To fund the purchase of simultaneous translation and audio-typing equipment to enable Media Plan, a media training organisation in Bosnia, to achieve greater time and cost efficiency in the implementation of its training programme.

**Budget: £7,793**

##### Workshop on Reconciliation in Bosnia

To part-fund BACEE to conduct a third in a series of workshops, in March 1998, aimed at bringing 30 Bosnian community leaders together with former adversaries in the Middle East, El Salvador, Northern Ireland and South Africa, to share their experience in conflict resolution.

**Budget: £10,000**

##### Assistance for Social Democrat Youth

To fund the Labour Party to provide the youth organisation of the Union of Bosnian Social Democrats with basic office equipment to facilitate better communication between local branches; and to help UBSD establish two co-ordinating centres in Tuzla and Sarajevo.

**Budget: £41,899**

##### Democratic Leadership Programme Seminar

To part-fund Article 19 and the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights to conduct a five day seminar in October for 30 young leaders from Bosnia to strengthen their political skills in dealing with community tensions and confidence building measures in the three entities.

**Budget: £10,967**

##### Youth Training for Liberal Democrat Youth

To fund a visit by 5 members of Liberal Democrat Youth and Students to Bosnia and a return visit to the UK by 15 members of the youth branches of Liberals in Bosnia, Bulgaria and Macedonia to conduct a series of workshops on democracy building through student involvement in the political process.

**Budget: £12,450**

##### Training for SNSD

To fund the Labour Party to organise a four-day visit to the UK by two representatives from the Independent Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Srpska to enable them to learn about the party organisation, structures and development of the political programme.

**Budget: £3,520**

##### Elections Assistance to SNSD

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Independent Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Srpska, to raise its profile in the parliamentary elections scheduled for 23 November 1997, with the publication of leaflets and other promotional materials.

**Budget: £10,000**

*“a model example of how peaceful international intervention strategies can indeed rebuild the delicate bridges that will lead Bosnia-Herzegovina out of despair and into a hopeful future of peace and prosperity”*

*Max Primorac, President, The Centre for Civil Society in South Eastern Europe,  
after a training programme for the Centers for Civic Cooperation in Livno and Travnik, July 1997.*



## BULGARIA

### Economic Reform Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to provide assistance and support for a seminar for MPs and Union of Democratic Forces regional governors to discuss economic reforms.

**Budget: £7,040**

### Media Seminar for PACE

To provide assistance and support for a seminar for MPs and the Union of Democratic Force activists, scheduled for November 1997 in Bulgaria. The organisers are the Political Academy for Central and Eastern Europe.

**Budget: £6,240**

### Opinion Research for Bulgarian Municipalities

To fund the Conservative Party to enable the Second Victory Foundation to conduct opinion research in two major Bulgarian municipalities aimed at examining the public response to political processes and analysing the results for the development of democratic relations in the community.

**Budget: £1,500**

### Opinion Research Programme

To fund the Conservative Party to support the Second Victory Foundation to conduct further opinion research in the major Bulgarian municipalities.

**Budget: £6,000**

### Party Training for Regional UDF organisers

To fund a training seminar and visit to the UK for the regional organisers of the Union of Democratic Forces.

**Budget: £14,937**

### Seminar on Defending Freedom in Europe

To fund the European Young Conservatives to organise a Young Conservative's Freedom Training Programme in Varna in May 1997 with the Union of Democratic Youth, for 21 representatives of youth wings of CEE and CIS sister parties.

**Budget: £9,810**

### Workshops on Fund-raising

To fund the Union of Bulgarian Foundations and Associations to provide training in fund-raising methods for 150 activists from the non-governmental sector at their Fifth Regional Central and Eastern European Fund-raising Conference in November 1997.

**Budget: £3,375**

## CROATIA

### Advanced Peace-Building Training Programme

To fund the initial costs of the Centre for Peace Studies Croatia's two advanced MIRamiDA workshops in April and September 1997 which build on its basic workshops for local NGO activists to promote peace-building in former Yugoslavia.

**Budget: £12,650**

### Support for Stina Press Agency

To part-fund Stina Press Agency, over 12 months, to enable it to develop its structure and organisation, increase the news output and expand the list of subscribers to its services.

**Budget: £12,857**

### SDU Local Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Union of Croatia to raise their profile with the publication of campaigning and promotional materials in the local elections on 13 April 1997.

**Budget: £5,000**

### Campaign to Support Free Associations

To part-fund CERANEO to develop a campaign across Croatia for changes on the Bill on Associations to help bring it in line with European standards and help with re-registration of non-profit organisations. This would include production of a manual and 20 workshops to mobilise public support over one year from July 1997.

**Budget: £12,697**

### Democratic Leadership Programme

To part-fund the International Institute for Democracy to conduct a five-day seminar in September 1997 for 20 young political leaders from Eastern Slavonia to train them in political management and negotiation to help them deal with community tensions and promote confidence building measures in their province.

**Budget: £10,967**

### Peace-Building Workshops

To fund two-day seminars for grassroots activists from the former Yugoslavia, on advanced peace building techniques and practices. The seminars will focus on conflict resolution, and the role of the gender issue and the media in peace building.

**Budget: £12,650**

### Support for Erasmus Journal

To cover the costs of printing, paper book binding to enable the Erasmus journal, a bimonthly journal committed to civil society development and the promotion of political freedoms, to continue publishing regularly and maintain its position as one of the champions of the democratic development of Croatia.

**Budget: £17,400**

*"In such a short time we were able to gather information accumulated throughout long years of experience, which we do lack"*

*Plamen Iliev, Managing Director, Political Academy for Central and Eastern Europe, Sofia, Bulgaria, March 1998 after a Conservative Party training project.*



**Support for Independent Newspaper**

To fund the purchase of a copying machine for offset boards, part of printing press equipment required by a provincial newspaper Otok Ivanic to enable them to continue publishing twice a month.

**Budget: £4,000**

**Training Seminar for Women in Public Life**

To fund the Centre for Women's Studies to conduct two sets of seminars, in three months from March 1998, to train 30 women in human rights protection, civic initiatives and political campaigning.

**Budget: £10,930**

**Support for Legal Advice Centres in Slavonia**

To part fund the Serbian Democratic Forum to provide institutional support, over 12 months, to a legal advice centre for Serbian refugees and displaced persons across Western Slavonia. The purpose is to inform them of their legal status and guide them through administrative requirements for obtaining citizenship and other papers.

**Budget: £14,903**

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Election Advice for the Czech Social Democratic Women's Organisation.**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Women's Organisation prepare for senatorial and local elections in November 1998 by organising a direct policy line that women can access on a daily basis for advice and assistance.

**Budget: £10,001**

**Housing Policy Seminar for the Civic Democratic Party**

To fund a visit in November 1997 by two Conservative Party spokesmen to a Housing Policy seminar for the Czech Democratic Party (ODS).

**Budget: £1,083**

**Parliamentary Scrutiny Programme**

Part funding to support the costs of an eight-month programme commencing May 1997 being conducted by the Policy Centre for the Promotion of Democracy, Prague, to improve and strengthen the role of parliamentary scrutiny in the Czech Republic.

**Budget: £5,915**

**Party Structure and Organisation Training**

To fund a visit to the UK in September 1997 for three members of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS) for advice and training in Party Structure and Organisation.

**Budget: £3,025**

**Seminar on Development of Voluntary Wing of the Party for the Civic Democratic Party**

To fund a three day visit to the Czech Republic in November 1997 by a senior Conservative Party campaign organiser to participate in a seminar on "Developing the Voluntary Wing of the Party" for the Civic Democratic Party.

**Budget: £1,061**

**Young People and Elections Training Seminar**

Funding to support a 3 day training seminar in December 1997 by the European Young Conservatives for 25 young political leaders from Central and Eastern European centre-right parties focusing on young people and their involvement in election campaigns as candidates, agents, campaign managers and organisers.

**Budget: £9,990**

**ESTONIA**

**Assessment Visit**

To fund the Labour Party to carry out an assessment visit to Estonia in January 1998 to study the political situation and discuss the potential for democracy building assistance with sister parties.

**Budget: £922**

**Public Opinion Research**

To fund the Conservative Party to support the production of 12 monthly Focus Groups and 2 Target Audience Analysis Programmers for Ismaalitt Pro Patria Party, Estonia, from July 1997.

**Budget: £12,080**

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**Advocacy and Lobbying Training Programme**

To fund the NGO Odogvar to train its local staff in summer 1997 to identify and address refugees' legal needs in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and to lobby both the local and international community in order to achieve these needs.

**Budget: £4,710**

**Equipment for Beta News Agency**

To part-fund the purchase of equipment for Beta News Agency, from April 1998, to enable it to cope with the increased workload and upgrade its services. The grant is sought for the purchase of computers, photocopiers, dictaphones and tape recorders.

**Budget: £12,763**

*"We believe that in long term perspective many Polish voluntary organisations will benefit from the project through training and consultancy provided by a group of well-prepared trainers"*

*Lidia Kuczmierowska, Civil Society Development Foundation, Warsaw*



## **Seminar on Ethnic Reconciliation**

To part-fund a three day seminar in May 1998 for 100 participants from the republics of the former Yugoslavia aimed at strengthening inter-ethnic relations and the resolution of conflicts between national groups. Funding for administration, travel and accommodation costs, and simultaneous translation.

**Budget: £10,893**

## **Seminars on Human Rights for Women's Minority Groups**

To fund the purchase of basic office equipment, and cover operational costs, over six months, to enable the House of Tolerance, an independent NGO, to run a series of seminars for women from minority communities in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and promote links and mutual support among them.

**Budget: £13,890**

## **Training for Minority Leaders**

To part-fund the Forum for Ethnic Relations to conduct four seminars in the autumn for leaders of 12 ethnic minorities living in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The seminars will seek to clarify the minorities' legal status, train them in negotiating skills and help create a self supporting network for mutual support.

**Budget: £10,128**

## **Equipment for the Network of Local Printed media**

To part-fund the Local Press Association, an umbrella organisation representing local newspapers and magazines, to provide newsprint and equipment for a co-ordinated and fair distribution to individual papers in Serbia and Montenegro.

**Budget: £16,000**

## **Support for Association of Independent Electronic Media**

To part-fund ANEM Radio Network to help strengthen horizontal linkages between the network's current 30 local affiliates by starting a weekly current affairs programme to be produced by a pool of trained correspondents from each of the affiliate local stations.

**Budget: £20,000**

## **Report on Access to Radio Frequencies**

To co-fund the production by the Broadcasting Experts Project Team of a document explaining the situation and possibilities of access to radio frequencies in Serbia and Montenegro. The document will seek to make this complex, technical subject, intelligible to the non-specialist reader. The main purpose will be to enable the independent media to challenge the government's control of the air waves.

**Budget: £4,000**

## **HUNGARY**

### **Local Government Training Courses**

Funding to purchase equipment and support a series of week end training courses for elected members of local governments from all regions of Hungary, local community workers, local media organisations and representatives of civil organisations, focusing on relationships with central and local government, and increasing their participation in the decision making process. The courses will be run by the Civil College, Hungary, from September 1997 - March 1998.

**Budget: £13,500**

### **Observation of the UK Local Election Campaign.**

To fund the Conservative Party to run a two week programme in April 1998 for 12 delegates from centre-right parties in Hungary to observe the UK local election campaign.

**Budget: £14,662**

### **Pre-Election Preparations**

To fund an assessment visit to Hungary in September 1997 and four sets of pre-election opinion polls, in a pre-election programme of preparation and assistance to the four conservative opposition parties.

**Budget: £20,839**

### **Public Image Campaigning Seminar**

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a seminar on Publicity Campaigning in June 1997 to help the Hungarian Democratic Forum raise the Party's profile by defining campaigning issues and getting the message across to the public.

**Budget: £3,061**

### **Publication of Candidates Briefing Book**

To fund Conservative Party to publish a Policy Briefing Book in February 1998 for use by candidates of the four opposition parties in Hungary.

**Budget: £12,500**

### **Trade Unions and Privatisation**

Funding to support a visit during May 1998 to the UK by 6 officials from the Hungarian Petro-Chemical Workers and Building Materials Workers Unions to learn about the place of trades unions in privatised industries and the role of unions during general election campaigns.

**Budget: £1,500**

### **Training for the Hungarian Socialist Party**

To fund the Labour Party to hold a training course in Spring 1998 for the Hungarian Socialist Party on relations with non-governmental organisations to help them prepare the parliamentary and local elections scheduled for 1998.

**Budget: £3,203**

*"Regarding the cooperation agreements reached by the Bosnian trade unions at the end of the activity, I think this is quite a historic development and one which the Westminster Foundation will no doubt be extremely pleased to have been associated with"*

*Louise Richards, Head of International Relations, UNISON*



### Campaign Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to organise an education policy roundtable for the Hungarian Socialist Party in February 1998 with a Labour Party expert providing advice on the development of an educational policy for their election campaign.

**Budget: £4,360**

## LATVIA

### Local Government Seminar

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Latvian Social Democratic Workers Party to organise a seminar examining the experience of local government in Latvia and EU enlargement, with that of other sister parties. The seminar will be held in March 1998

**Budget: £630**

## LITHUANIA

### Assessment Visit

To fund an assessment visit to Lithuania by three members of the Ulster Unionist Party during October 1997 to see if links may be formed with local Conservative associations in regions with similar problems of division to Northern Ireland.

**Budget: £3,253**

### Party Building and Twinning

To fund the first set of two visits in a programme to twin local associations of the Conservative Party of Lithuania with those of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom. The visits will take place in September/October 1997 and April/May 1998.

**Budget: £7,812**

### Prisoners' Advocacy Project

To provide funding for a further 12 months commencing April 1997 to enable the Lithuanian Prisoners' Aid Association to continue its work of providing human rights information to public and state bodies, promote adoption of new laws to bring Lithuania in line with UN and Council of Europe standards of treatment for detained persons, and investigate miscarriages of justice.

**Budget: £12,000**

### Publication of Leaflets

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party with the production of leaflets to distribute in forty nine constituencies in preparation for the Presidential elections on 21 December 1997.

**Budget: £8,360**

### Seminar on EU/NATO Enlargement

To fund the Conservative Party to send two representatives in February 1998 to a working group on EU and NATO enlargement sponsored by the Lithuanian Conservative Party.

**Budget: £1,182**

### Support for Presidential Candidate

To fund the Conservative Party to provide support during Autumn 1997 for Professor Landsbergis' candidacy in the December 1997 presidential elections with a training seminar for the Heads of Party Branches of the Conservative Party of Lithuania Homeland Union and a supply of support equipment. The project to be undertaken jointly with Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation.

**Budget: £6,893**

## MACEDONIA

### Advice on Election Law for VMRO-DPME

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a visit to Macedonia by the Conservative Party's former legal adviser to provide expert advice and consultation on election law for VMRO-DPME.

**Budget: £2,785**

### Opinion Survey on Ethnic Relations

To part-fund the Association for Democratic Initiatives to conduct a public opinion survey on ethnic relations in Western Macedonia, hold a public meeting to publicise the results and debate the most pressing issues highlighted by the survey.

**Budget: £12,450**

### Purchase of Equipment for Liberal Party

To fund the Liberal Democrats to purchase and ship duplicating and office equipment for the headquarters of the Liberal Party in Skopje and to equip some of their regional offices with computers and fax machines.

**Budget: £10,373**

### Training Seminar for Liberal Democratic Party

To fund the Liberal Democrats to conduct two training seminars for LDP members to educate the electorate on the new electoral system and voters' rights; so to raise the electorate's interest in voting at the next parliamentary elections.

**Budget: £3,320**

*"The project's greatest achievement in this field is that from the first of July 1997 the prevention law was abolished in Lithuania"*

*Report on campaign by Lithuania Prisoners Aid Association, Vilnius, to change the law whereby individuals under suspicion of a crime or intention to commit a crime could be imprisoned.*





## POLAND

### **Campaigning Assistance for Freedom Union Party**

To fund the Conservative Party to send two British trainers to Poland to provide support to the Polish Freedom Union in the run up to the Polish general election scheduled for Autumn 1997. The project will commence in June 1997 and will include a one week visit to the UK by five Freedom Union campaign managers; and a weekend seminar in Poland in the summer to offer advice on election campaign management.

**Budget: £9,444**

### **Campaigning Assistance for the Solidarity Electoral Action**

To fund the Conservative Party to provide the second phase of training and advice for activists of Solidarity Electoral Action, the largest Polish centre right coalition led by the Solidarity Union during the run up to the general election scheduled for Autumn 1997. Two trainers would undertake the 2 week training course in August/September 1997.

**Budget: £6,141**

### **Campaigning Assistance for the Solidarity Electoral Action**

To fund the Conservative Party to provide training and advice for the activists of Solidarity Electoral Action, the largest centre-right coalition in Poland in the run up to their general election scheduled for Autumn 1997. The project will involve two trainers visiting Poland in June and August 1997.

**Budget: £6,291**

### **Coalition Building Around Policy Seminars**

To fund the Conservative Party to hold three sets of policy workshops and related symposia for the centre-right parliamentary and party leaders. The three sets of seminars will be held November 1997, January and March 1998.

**Budget: £11,255**

### **Cross Party Political Activists' Visit to the UK to Observe the General Election**

Part funding to support a visit to the UK by 18 Polish political party activists from a range of political parties from 19 April - 3 May 1997 to observe the UK general election.

**Budget: £4,500**

### **Democracy Building Training Seminars for Katowice Local Authority**

Funding to support two, three-day training seminars in September and November 1997 in Katowice, Poland, designed to improve the existing system of local government by increasing accountability and openness. The programme will be administered by the Union of Municipalities, Upper Silesia, and training will be provided by a specialist in public administration.

**Budget: £2,210**

### **Democracy Seminar**

To fund the Labour Party to hold a four day seminar on Democracy and Civic Society for the Union of Labour and the Polish Labour Foundation in Warsaw during June 1997.

**Budget: £5,398**

### **Economic Growth Seminar**

To fund a seminar and send a Conservative Party representative to Poland to discuss economic growth with policy makers and parliamentarians of the centre-right in December 1997.

**Budget: £2,751**

### **Elections Assistance**

To fund the Labour Party to organise a 3 day training course in June 1997 for prospective parliamentary candidates from the Polish Union of Labour in preparation for the general election in Poland in Autumn 1997.

**Budget: £14,848**

### **Leadership Skills for Women**

To provide part funding for an extensive training programme for Polish women in Public Life commencing April 1997, and running over a 15 month period. The training will be organised and run jointly with the PSF Women's Centre and PDC Foundation in Warsaw.

**Budget: £25,810**

### **Leadership Training for Solidarity Electoral Action**

To fund two, four-day visits to the UK for four leading members of AWS in autumn 1997 and early 1998 to attend training programmes aimed at developing their political leadership skills.

**Budget: £5,150**

### **Local Democracy Programme**

Funding to support a six month programme commencing early 1998 being run by the Opole Centre for Local Democracy, Poland to prepare local communities and identify potential candidates for local elections in Poland scheduled for later in the year.

**Budget: £11,010**

*"The course enabled the Polish officials to learn not only the theory of British parliamentary practice but also to observe it in action and talk to key people for its operation. It will be of considerable use in developing the democratic practices of the Sejm"*

*Report of training course on the British Parliamentary System, for Polish Sejm Officials, in December 1997.*



### **Monitoring Civic Activity**

Funding to support a 12 month programme commencing April 1998 by "Asocjacje" Association to increase the active participation of citizens in public life at local level in Poland.  
*Budget: £8,550*

### **MPs Roadshow**

Funding to support the costs of two British MPs during a roadshow in Gdansk, Poland, 4 - 6 August 1997 where they will hold three hour workshops with the 6 main Polish political parties. The programme will be organised by the British Embassy in Poland.  
*Budget: £2,500*

### **Participation in the UK Local Government Elections**

Part-funding with the National Democratic Institute in Warsaw to support a cross-party visit to the UK by Polish local government candidates who will be placed with the main UK political parties for two weeks of the UK local election campaign in May 1998.  
*Budget: £6,320*

### **Regional Press Manual**

To fund part of the costs of producing a press manual for regional media organisations in Poland who are, or are about to become, independent publications. The project will commence in April and run for 11 months.  
*Budget: £14,426*

### **Seminars on Press Freedom and Law for Polish Journalists**

To fund a seminar in Warsaw for 50 journalists and lawyers from Poland and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe in June 1997 focusing on freedom of speech in the region, Polish and international legal regulations, and the publication costs of a pocket legal guide for journalists.  
*Budget: £10,005*

### **Three Policy Seminars for Candidates of Solidarity Electoral Action**

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct three policy seminars in Poland during May and June 1997 and provide a British speaker for each event. The seminars are intended for parliamentary candidates of Solidarity Electoral Action (AWS), the largest coalition of Polish centre-right parties.  
*Budget: £9,846*

### **Training for Officials of the Polish Sejm on the British Parliamentary System and Europe.**

To fund a training programme in Warsaw and London for 10 officials of the Polish Sejm focusing on the British parliamentary system and the functions of the European Union in June 1997; followed by a two week programme for senior officials of the Sejm to enable them to shadow British officials holding similar positions to their own.  
*Budget: £17,860*

### **Training for Women Local Government Candidates**

Part funding with the National Democratic Institute, Warsaw to support a training conference in March 1998 for 40 female local government candidates to help them prepare for local elections scheduled for later in 1998.  
*Budget: £3,850*

### **Training for Youth Federation**

To fund the Labour Party to organise a training course in June 1997 for participants from the Youth Federation of the Union of Labour in preparation for the Polish general election scheduled for Autumn 1997.  
*Budget: £2,355*

### **Training in Youth and Local Democracy**

To fund a training seminar focusing on Young People and Local Democracy being run by the European Young Conservatives from 24 - 29 September 1997 for centre right young politicians from across Europe.  
*Budget: £11,479*

### **Training Regional Leaders**

To fund the Labour Party to organise a training event in June 1997 for the Union of Labour regional leaders in preparation for the general election in Poland in Autumn 1997.  
*Budget: £9,482*

### **UK Election Study Trip**

To fund, in conjunction with the National Democratic Institute, a study visit to the UK by 15 Polish political party activists from all major political parties in Poland to learn campaigning techniques during the UK general election, which can be applied to the Polish general election scheduled for October 1997.  
*Budget: £10,000*

### **Youth School**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Polish Labour Foundation with the organisation of a youth school in August 1997 for 90 young politicians from the Union of Labour.  
*Budget: £8,101*

### **Youth School**

To fund the Labour Party to hold a two stage Spring Youth School for the Polish Labour Foundation in March 1998.  
*Budget: £12,431*

## **ROMANIA**

### **Campaign Training for the National Peasant Party of Romania**

To fund a campaign training visit to Romania by four Conservative Party personnel in August 1997 to assist the Romanian National Peasant and Christian Democratic Party to adapt to its new position as a party in Government following its electoral successes in 1996.  
*Budget: £13,962*



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### Media Training Programme for NGOS

To part-fund the Romanian Young Journalists Foundation to conduct a training programme, over 12 months, for 30 journalists and 30 activists from non-governmental organisations to help both groups improve their function in the role of representing and protecting the public interest.

**Budget: £26,705**

### Training Seminar for Women's Organisations

To fund the Labour Party to hold a workshop on the role of women in public life in November 1997 for the National Women's Organisation of the Democratic Party.

**Budget: £8,825**

## SERBIA

### English Language Desk for Radio B92

To part-fund Radio B92 to extend its 15-minute English language service to an hour-long daily programme. Costs include studio rooms, basic equipment, and administrative expenses. The station has suffered under the state censorship and the English language desk is required to help it gain moral and financial support from the international community.

**Budget: £6,800**

### Equipment for Radio TV Bajina Basta

To part fund the purchase of television and transmission equipment to enable the Radio TV Bajina Basta to improve the quality of its programmes and extend its transmission to reach audiences in the neighbouring Republika Srpska in Bosnia.

**Budget: £17,290**

### Equipment for TV 5, Nis, Southern Serbia

To fund the purchase of equipment for TV 5, the only independent television station with its own news programmes, in southern Serbia. This will enable them to develop their programme to provide more political and current affairs coverage including the phone-in programmes, in the underdeveloped parts of Serbia.

**Budget: £15,030**

### Legal Aid to Victims of Human Rights Violations

To fund 12 months travel expenses for the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia to hold meetings in Kosovo and Vojvodina to provide free legal aid to victims of human rights violations in Serbia, commencing April 1997.

**Budget: £3,774**

### Support for a New Local Human Rights Centre

To fund the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights to establish a human rights centre in the town of Uzice, Western Serbia, to raise public awareness of the human rights issues at the local level and encourage local participation in the human rights campaigns. The grant is for basic office equipment and operational costs.

**Budget: £10,850**

### Support for an Independent Magazine in Sandzak

To cover the printing and distribution costs, over 12 months, for HAS, an independent magazine published by DaMaD news agency based in Novi Pazar in the province of Sandzak, Serbia.

**Budget: £10,215**

### Support for Independent Newspaper Bor

To fund Borske Novine, an independent weekly in Bor, eastern Serbia, to cover the paper and printing costs over 12 months, to enable the newspaper to continue publishing and providing balanced coverage of political and economic developments.

**Budget: £10,500**

### Support for Regional Human Rights Organisation

To fund the Committee for Human Rights in Leskovac, in Southern Serbia, to establish an office to enable them to provide material and legal support for the victims of human rights abuses, and to conduct publicity campaigns, and training courses in human rights protection.

**Budget: £8,760**

### Training of Women Journalists in Kosovo

To part-fund Media Project to conduct a training course for 18 women journalists, over 12 months, to help them develop skills to define and promote a women's perspective on major issues of public interest.

**Budget: £8,000**

*"The teachers, police workers, mass media and other participants asked that we repeat the seminars considering that it is the best civic education program which disseminates information on the human rights of each person, no matter what ethnic origin, social status, religion, sex etc"*

*Av Nicolae Stefanescu Draganesti, President, League for the Defence of Human Rights, Bucharest, Romania, on the "Get to know your rights" seminar, held in Slatina, in November 1997*

## SLOVAKIA

### **Campaigning Seminar for the Christian Democrat Movement**

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct a weekend seminar in the summer of 1997 based on the lessons learned from the UK General Election for the leaders, campaign managers and activists of the Christian Democrat Movement in Slovakia.

**Budget: £4,429**

### **Crime and Response Seminar**

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct a weekend seminar in November 1997 on Crime and Response for members of the Christian Democrat Movement (KDH) Leadership in Slovakia.

**Budget: £4,429**

### **Election Campaign Seminars**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Slovakia and the Party of the Democratic Left with two election campaign seminars in June and October 1997.

**Budget: £9,851**

### **Election Training for the Hungarian Civic Party**

To fund the Liberal Democrats to provide funding and training to the Hungarian Civic Party from January 1998 to enable them to employ a Campaign Manager who can travel around Slovakia, print party material and run training seminars for candidates and activists on campaign strategy.

**Budget: £16,090**

### **Ensuring Free and Fair Elections**

Part funding to support the Slovak Forum Foundation hold a range of civic educational and training seminars from Spring 1998 for election committee members, local council members, civil activists and regional opinion formers to help ensure that the Slovak parliamentary and local elections scheduled for 1998 are free and fair.

**Budget: £10,760**

### **Equipment for the Party of the Democratic Left.**

To fund the Labour Party from January 1998 to provide the Party of the Democratic Left with equipment to complete a specially designed vehicle which will be used to make contact with supporters in Slovakia.

**Budget: £2,487**

### **Fund-raising Seminars for the Social Democratic Party of Slovakia**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Slovakia with a seminar on fund-raising in February 1998 and for the Labour Party to send two trainers.

**Budget: £3,535**

### **Guide to the Third Sector for Parliamentarians and Government Representatives**

Funding to enable the Slovak Academic Information Agency, Bratislava to produce a special guide to the third sector in Slovakia for members of the Slovak parliament and other decision makers to influence their understanding of the sector and the programmes of political parties.

**Budget: £9,601**

### **Increasing Democratic Participation**

Funding to support the Sandor Marai Foundation, Slovakia to run a training programme commencing in May 1998 in 10 cities in Slovakia for democratically oriented candidates who wish to run for both parliamentary and local elections scheduled for later in the year.

**Budget: £4,500**

### **Publication of Pamphlet for the Social Democratic Party**

To fund the Labour Party from January 1998 to assist the Slovak Social Democratic Party with the publication of pamphlets in preparation for the general election of 1998.

**Budget: £1,233**

### **Publication of the Party Newspaper of the Slovak Party of the Democratic Left.**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Party of the Democratic Left with the publication of a party newspaper over a four month period.

**Budget: £4,000**

### **Training for the Christian Democrat Movement**

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct a weekend seminar in September 1997 for activists from the Slovak Christian Democratic Movement focusing on campaigning methods and the role of the Party's research department.

**Budget: £4,429**

*"All these benefits were increased by the ability of the British political activists who appreciated local differences and the situation. Their flexibility and inventive suggestions provide some concrete ideas for the KDH election campaign"*

*Conservative Party project with the Anton Tunega Foundation, Bratislava, July 1997.*



## **Voter Motivation and Awareness Campaign**

Funding to support a Voter Awareness and Motivation Campaign in Slovakia by the Foundation for a Civil Society from January 1998 aimed at maximising first time voter participation in the parliamentary and local elections scheduled for later in the year.

**Budget: £20,127**

## **SLOVENIA**

### **Support for the Newsletter of the Slovene Christian Democrats**

To fund the Conservative Party to provide funding in May and June 1997 to the Slovene Christian Democrats to cover their printing and paper costs to meet the rising costs of producing their monthly newsletter VIR.

**Budget: £7,000**

### **Provision of Mailing Machine for the Slovene Christian Democrats**

To fund the Conservative Party for the purchase of a Pitney Bowes 3286 Folder/Inserter Mailing machine for the Slovene Christian Democrats to enhance the work of local constituencies by improving the effectiveness of their mailing service.

**Budget: £2,000**

### **Support for Civil Society Radio Programme**

To part-fund the Civil Radio Project, which highlights topical issues and encourages the growth of a more vigorous civil society in Slovenia.

**Budget: £12,000**

### **Support for SKD Newsletter**

To fund the Conservative Party to provide final support for the production of a monthly newsletter by Slovene Christian Democrats, the only centre-right publication with nationwide distribution.

**Budget: £7,000**

## **CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PROJECTS**

### **East European Party Leaders Visit to Conservative Party Conference**

To fund a visit to the UK in October 1997 by 30 East European political leaders to attend the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool and the weekend meeting with British politicians and academics. This project combines high-level contacts and exposure to different aspects of the Conservative Party organisation, communication and policy statements.

**Budget: £25,022**

### **European Forum Country Updates**

To fund the Labour Party to cover the production and distribution costs of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity's Country Update summaries for a further twelve-month period.

**Budget: £16,000**

### **European Forum Steering Committee Meetings**

To fund the Labour Party to send a representative to four Steering Committee meetings of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity during the 12 months commencing August 1997.

**Budget: £2,000**

### **Fact-finding Visit to Croatia, Bosnia and FRY**

To fund the Liberal Democrats to enable them to conduct a fact-finding visit to Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia on a joint mission with the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party. The purpose is to renew previously established links and form new relationships after the Dayton Peace Agreement and subsequent elections.

**Budget: £2,998**

### **On-the-job Training for Young Journalists**

To part-fund AIM to cover the costs of on-the-job training for six young journalists in Kosovo, Albania and Macedonia over a year from August 1997.

**Budget: £7,869**

*“One can hardly imagine a better form of supporting the development of an emerging democracy”*

*Franci Pivec, Member of the City Council of Maribor, United List of Social Democrats,  
following local government training in Slovenia provided by the Labour Party.*



### Promotion of Ethnic and Religious Tolerance

To fund a project entitled "Living and Laughing Together", commencing April 1998 initiated by a weekly independent newspaper in Sofia, aimed at stimulating communication and joint activity between the media, local authorities, minority groups and local community leaders from Bulgaria, Turkey, Macedonia and Yugoslavia. The main objective is to counter nationalistic tendencies by encouraging activities to promote ethnic and religious tolerance.

**Budget: £13,128**

### EFDS Training for Social Democrat Youth

To fund the Labour Party to assist the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity to organise a seminar in Stockholm in Autumn 1997 for youth leaders of social democratic parties in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Budget: £15,699**

### Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to participate in a twelve day study programme, to be organised by MANCAT around the Labour Party Annual Conference in October 1997.

**Budget: £17,115**

### Labour Party European Conference Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to organise a five-day regional study programme for ten representatives of sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe in November 1997.

**Budget: £11,100**

### Training for Women in Politics

To fund the Labour Party to run a four day training programme in July 1997 for ten women participants from sister organisations in Central and Eastern Europe, to be organised by MANCAT around the Labour Party's Women's Conference.

**Budget: £10,950**

### Observers to the UK General Election

To fund the Ulster Unionists to invite 4 members of the European Democrat Union to Northern Ireland for 5 days to observe the UK General Election. The participants would come from Hungary and the Czech Republic.

**Budget: £3,270**

### Training and Attendance at Liberal International 50th Anniversary

Funding to support the Liberal Democrats who are co-hosting Liberal International's 50th Anniversary Conference at Oxford from 27 - 30 November 1997. They wish to invite representatives from 9 Liberal parties in Central and Eastern Europe to undertake a 2 day general election training programme followed by attendance at the Liberal International Congress.

**Budget: £8,166**

### Developing a Trades Union Response to Migrant Labour

To fund a four day training workshop in Bratislava in May 1997 run by Labour and Society International for 15 representatives of trades unions and NGOs from Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary focusing on formulating a trades union response to migrant labour, and developing strategies for ensuring fair representation of their concerns.

**Budget: £10,810**

### European Forum Steering Committee Meetings

To fund the Labour Party to send a representative to four Steering Committee meetings of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity during the 12 months from August 1997.

**Budget: £2,000**

### Democratic Leadership Programme Seminar 'Transfrontier Pilot Scheme'

To part-fund travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for 10 Estonian and northwest Russian participants at a 5-day seminar entitled 'Transfrontier Pilot Scheme' in July 1997

in Helsinki, organised by Article XIX for the Council of Europe's Democratic Leadership Programme to strengthen the political skills of young political leaders.

**Budget: £7,368**

*"The selection of participants accounted for a very unique phenomenon in Azerbaijan where people have more of a tendency to live insular lives among friends from the same region and the same political tendencies"*

*Center for Pluralism INAM Programme for Azerbaijan Young Political Leaders, June 1997.*



## COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES AND MONGOLIA

### ARMENIA

#### Training and Resource Centre for Political Parties

To fund the Democracy Union for 8 months from November 1997 to set up a training and resource centre open to all Armenian political parties, by creating a library on political literature and providing Internet access, running a training course for a cross-party group of politician, and publishing a bulletin which would act as a cross-party platform for politicians.

**Budget: £11,726**

#### Observing the Media Coverage for the UK General Election

To fund the British East-West Centre to invite four Armenian journalists to Britain for one week in late April/early May 1997, to observe the role of the media in the UK general election, and to discuss with their British counterparts issues relevant to media coverage of elections.

**Budget: £7,849**

### AZERBAIJAN

#### Assessment Visit

To fund a Conservative Party representative to travel to Azerbaijan for five days in 1997 to assess the programme of joint activity with the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan and to investigate the possibilities of establishing links with the Azerbaijan Popular Front.

**Budget: £2,340**

#### Equipment for National Independence Party of Azerbaijan

To fund the Conservative Party to supply some basic computer equipment in summer 1997 to assist the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan in the period before the local government and Presidential elections.

**Budget: £4,300**

#### Equipment Support to the Peace and Conflict Resolution Centre

To provide essential equipment and some core funding from Spring 1998 for 12 months for the Peace and Conflict Resolution Centre to assist them in their work promoting peaceful resolution of social, ethnic and political issues in Azerbaijan.

**Budget: £3,125**

### Promoting Free and Fair Elections

To fund the Assistance Centre for Democratic Elections for 6 months from August 1997 to run a programme to educate election commissions, candidates' representatives, observers and the general public on electoral fraud and on the means of countering it, through the publication of a brochure and through a series of seminars.

**Budget: £6,400**

### Publication of Human Rights Manual

To fund the Institute of Peace and Democracy in Baku for 3 months from May 1998 to publish a manual on human rights law for NGOs, colleges, political parties and the general public. This manual aims to raise public awareness of human rights issues in Azerbaijan and the material is based on that developed in 1997 workshops funded by WFD.

**Budget: £2,930**

### Publication of Textbooks for Politicians

To fund the INAM Centre for Pluralism for 10 months to publish ten textbooks for political parties and institutes on a range of issues relating to politics, to fill the existing vacuum in political science literature in the Azeri language.

**Budget: £7,810**

### Training for Human Rights Activists

To fund the Institute of Peace and Democracy to run a series of ten training workshops for representatives of eight local human rights NGOs, over a period of ten weeks from Spring 1997; also to organise an intensive seminar on international human rights laws and practices delivered by an Amnesty International expert in Summer 1997.

**Budget: £3,458**

### BELARUS'

#### Strengthening Independent Public Policy Centres in Belarus'

To fund the Belarussian Association of Think Tanks for one year to carry out projects aimed at strengthening their regional network, improving free access of information and increasing the ability of independent centres to influence public policy development and implementation.

**Budget: £15,625**

#### Support to Free News Plus Newspaper

To fund the independent weekly newspaper Free News Plus for three months from December 1997 to enable it to regain its print-run and format after suffering financial difficulties caused by economic censorship.

**Budget: £6,330**



## **Support to Independent Legal Newspaper Femida Nova**

To fund the independent weekly legal newspaper Femida Nova for 6 months from April 1998 to cover the monthly consultation fees of legal experts.

**Budget: £5,000**

## **Human Rights Network in Mogilev Region**

To fund the Mogilev Club of Voters for one year from April 1997 to enable them to continue and expand their human rights activities across the Mogilev region.

**Budget: £6,757**

## **Promotion of Human Rights of Individuals in Custody**

To fund Penal Reform International and the Belarus' League for Human Rights to equip and run an office in Minsk for 8 months from April 1997, as part of a programme supported by the EU Tacis Programme to raise public awareness of violations of human rights of people in custody or under arrest; also to provide the League with e-mail to enhance their communication capacity in the human rights field.

**Budget: £8,560**

## **Specialised Journal for NGOs**

To fund the Support Centre for Associations and Foundations for a further 12 months from Autumn 1997 to continue the publication of the quarterly journal Grantmanship, which provides the NGO sector with practical advice on fiscal, legal, fund-raising and management issues.

**Budget: £12,860**

## **Support for Independent TV News Exchange Post Scriptum**

To provide core-funding to the Independent TV Broadcasting Network in Belarus' for 6 months from April 1998 to enable the continuation of their weekly interregional news exchange programme.

**Budget: £4,890**

## **Support to Independent Information Agency**

To fund Belapan, the only independent information agency in Belarus', to enable them to upgrade their equipment in spring 1997 and so better compete with the state-supported news agency.

**Budget: £15,000**

## **Support to Independent Regional Newspaper**

To part-fund the independent Regional Newspaper based in Molodechno and serving the North Western region of Belarus' to purchase a second-hand off-set printing machine in spring 1997, to enable it to increase its self-sufficiency and competitiveness vis-a vis the state-sponsored press.

**Budget: £10,000**

## **Three Seminars on Conservative Policy in Belarus'**

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a seminar in each of three regional capitals for the activists of the United Civil Party in Spring and Summer 1997, in collaboration with the NGO "Open Society Foundation".

**Budget: £9,410**

## **Young Conservative Leadership School**

To fund the Young Conservatives (UK) and the European Young Conservatives to run a two-day seminar on leadership issues and on international Conservative co-operation, and to draw up a training programme for the youth sections of the United Civil Party and the Belarus' Popular Front, in Minsk in summer 1997, as an extension of an international seminar programme entitled Freedom Training Programme.

**Budget: £1,940**

## **GEORGIA**

### **Assistance to the National Democratic Party of Georgia**

To fund a visit to Georgia in August 1997 by a Conservative Party representative to provide training and assistance to the National Democratic Party of Georgia, and to assess the current political situation within the NDP.

**Budget: £1,936**

### **Training for Regional Organisers of the National Democratic Party of Georgia**

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a training visit to the UK in early 1998 for three regional organisers of the National Democratic Party of Georgia.

**Budget: £5,970**

## **KAZAKSTAN**

### **Legal Advice for the Mass Media of Central Asia.**

To provide core funding for ANESMICA for 12 months from February 1998 to provide legal and financial consultations to journalists from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzia and Tadjikistan.

**Budget: £7,500**

### **NGO Development and Networking**

To part-fund the Civil Initiatives Centre from April 1998 for 12 months. The CIC provides consultations and training to Kazak NGOs.

**Budget: £15,420**

### **Promotion for Independent Press**

To buy equipment for The Globe in Spring 1998. The Globe is a training and information centre for Kazak journalists helping them to broaden their outlook, improve their skills and discuss political and economic issues in a wider context.

**Budget: £9,400**





## MOLDOVA

### Prison Officers Training

To part-fund the Polish Association of Legal Education to run a training workshop in Chisinau for Moldovan prison administrators, criminal justice experts and local NGOs; to organise a one-week study trip to Poland for senior Moldovan prison officers; and to publish 500 copies of a training manual for prison officers as part of a programme supported by the OSCE to assist the Moldovan prison administration to reform the penal system.

**Budget: £6,250**

### Training on Party Organisation

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Moldova with a three day workshop on party organisation and training in February 1998.

**Budget: £2,879**

## RUSSIA

### Training for Conflict Resolution Activists from Ingushetia and North Ossetia

To fund Adept to send ten of its activists from North Ossetia and Ingushetia to the UK in July 1997 to attend a training seminar on conflict resolution work run by the British NGO Vertic, and to visit Northern Ireland to witness the work of community groups engaged in confidence building, as part of Adept's wider programme to assist reconciliation between the Ingush and North Ossetian peoples

**Budget: £16,500**

### Networking and Lobbying Strategies in Red Belt

To fund some of the core costs for the NGO Yuzhnaya Volna for 12 months from April 1998 to help them publish a monthly bulletin aimed at consolidating regional progressive forces in Russia's Red Belt.

**Budget: £8,575**

### Regional Seminars on Political Issues

To continue part-funding the Moscow School of Political Studies from March 1998 to cover some core costs and to contribute to three regional seminars on political issues.

**Budget: £16,500**

### Social-Legal Information and Consultancy Centre

To fund Hands of the World from April 1998 for 12 months in running their consultancy centre for the development of NGOs in the Moscow Region offering legal advice to citizens.

**Budget: £13,890**

### Start-up Publication of Women's Rights Newsletter

To fund the Women's Information Network from February 1998, to help them start up their quarterly newsletter on women's rights in Russia.

**Budget: £6,379**

### Strengthening NGOs in the Regions

To part-fund the Institute of Problems of Civil Society for 4 months starting from April 1997 to run a series of training seminars for up to 150 NGO staff and to develop NGO support and information bases in 3 target regions, as part of a wide-ranging programme to strengthen the NGO sector throughout Russia.

**Budget: £13,348**

### Support to Judicial Reform

To fund the Public Centre for Judicial and Legal Reform in Moscow for six months from April 1997 to promote judicial reform through joint training sessions for human rights representatives and procurators, and through a research programme aimed at identifying the problems and potential of reform, as part of a larger programme entitled "Training for Russian Lawyers".

**Budget: £15,000**

### Training for Youth Wing of "Our Home is Russia"

To fund a seven day visit by two representatives of the Conservative Party to Russia in December 1997 to meet the youth organisation of All-Russian Public Political Movement "Our Home is Russia" and hold a seminar as part of the second stage in the programme of training.

**Budget: £9,252**

### Training for Youth Wing of "Our Home is Russia"

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a visit by five members of the youth section of the All-Russian Public Political Movement "Our Home is Russia" to visit Britain in May/June 1997 for a training seminar and visits to constituencies.

**Budget: £7,745**

### Human Rights Movement Information Centre

To fund the Moscow Helsinki Group for one year from August 1997 to run their Human Rights Information Centre, which acts as a clearing-house and press centre for information on human rights issues from and to the regions; to assist the Centre to produce its monthly bulletin, the Chronicle of Current Events.

**Budget: £9,825**



## Training for Youth Political Organisations

To fund "Geccco" in partnership with the youth wing of "Our Home is Russia" to run a training programme for a cross-party group of youth political organisations to promote the participation of young people in Russia's democratic process; this will involve a 3-day training course in the region of Ivanovo for 40 participants in May 1997, and a one-week study trip to Britain for 4 participants in summer 1997.

**Budget: £14,925**

## UKRAINE

### Summer School for Young Politicians and NGO Leaders

To part-fund a two-week summer school in the Carpathians in August 1997 for 35 young politicians and NGO leaders from Ukraine and CEE, to enhance their leadership skills and their involvement in political issues.

**Budget: £8,188**

### Assistance in Preparing for General Election

To fund the Conservative Party to support preparations by the Popular Movement in Ukraine (Rukh) for the Ukrainian election in early 1998 by assigning two campaign trainers to pay four visits to provide advice on campaign strategy and organisation throughout 1997.

**Budget: £17,340**

### Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics

To part-fund the Kharkov Centre for Women's Studies for a further 10 months from April 1997, to develop the work of the "Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics" in anticipation of the Ukrainian parliamentary elections in 1998.

**Budget: £12,607**

### Launch of Independent "Analytical Journal for Politicians and Businessmen"

To part-fund the Centre for Socio-Economic and Political Processes for seven months from December 1997 to set up an independent quarterly analytical magazine, "Analytical Journal for Politicians and Businessmen", aiming to provide impartial information and independent views relating to political and economic issues to the Ukrainian public.

**Budget: £7,595**

## Media Monitoring

To part-fund the Equal Access Committee for a further six months from November 1997, to continue the monitoring of TV broadcasts on national and nine regional channels, and to publish a monthly bulletin containing data and analyses on the state of the media in Ukraine.

**Budget: £7,866**

### Support to the Kharkov Group for the Protection of Human Rights

To part-fund the Kharkov Group for Human Rights for a further 12 months from December 1997, to enable them to run their multi-faceted programme to defend human rights and raise public awareness of human rights issues across Ukraine.

**Budget: £9,730**

### Training for Regional Organisers of the Popular Movement of Ukraine (RUKH)

To fund the Conservative Party to support a visit to the UK by three Rukh Regional Organisers to attend the Conservative Party's Agents Training Course in December 1997.

**Budget: £5,999**

### Young Conservative Leadership School

To fund the Young Conservatives (UK) and the European Young Conservatives to run a seminar on leadership and draw up a training programme in Odessa, Ukraine, in Summer 1997, for Conservative and right-of-centre youth organisations in Ukraine; also to take part in a one-day seminar hosted by the Odessa M. Thatcher Liberal-Conservative Centre.

**Budget: £2,362**

### Training for Young Politicians

To fund the Centre for Socio-Political Technologies for 8 months from August 1997 to run training courses on image and media skills and election campaigning techniques for up to 120 young aspiring politicians and party leaders from a cross-section of pro-democratic parties, in anticipation of the March 1998 parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

**Budget: £9,973**

*"The model of training courses designed specifically to nurture regional party representatives was impressive"*

*Report from Ukrainian training visit to UK organised by the Conservative Party, December 1997.*



## COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES REGIONAL PROJECTS

### **Development of Civil Society, Co-operation between Poland, Russia and Belarus'**

To fund the International Centre for the Development of Democracy from Spring 1998 to run two seminars for young activists from Belarus', Russia and Poland. The aim of the seminars is to discuss selected problems hampering reform in Belarus'.

**Budget: £13,346**

### **Training for Civic Education Trainers in Central Asia**

To fund the Foundation for Education in Democracy, Poland, to run three training seminars and an internship on civic education and NGO management in Central Asia from July to November 1997, as part of a wider programme to promote civic education in the region.

**Budget: £13,665**

## ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

### CAMEROON

#### **Training Seminar for Trainers in Human Rights and Democracy**

To fund the Human Rights Defence Group, Cameroon, to train forty human rights activists at a training seminar in Garoua, in the north of the country, to enable them to provide training on human rights and democracy issues to the population throughout the Adamawa and North provinces of Cameroon.

**Budget: £11,029**

### GHANA

#### **Newsletter to Monitor Regional Press Freedom**

To part fund the West African Journalists Association to publish a monthly newsletter to monitor press freedom violations in the region and to create links between journalists associations in 16 countries of the region, for one year from May 1997.

**Budget: £6,600**

### **Support for the Ghana Committee of Human and Peoples' Rights**

Funding for the GCHPR from a grant provided by the UK National Lottery Charities Board, to promote and protect human rights in Africa, for three years (1997-1999).

The GCHPR will hold human rights education workshops, establish a legal assistance scheme, publish human rights resources, a poster series and curriculum materials for teachers in schools.

**Budget: £112,490**

### KENYA

#### **Election Support Centre for Women Candidates**

To fund the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, Nairobi, to establish a Women's Electoral Advisory Centre available to women candidates from all political parties during the 1997 election, providing advice and support on the production of campaign materials, relations with the media and security services, a rapid response legal service and a communication network.

**Budget: £16,680**

#### **Publication of Voter Education Booklets**

To fund the Ecumenical Centre for Justice and Peace, Nairobi, to publish three booklets providing voter education information entitled *You and Your Vote*, *You and Your Leadership* and *An ABC of Elections*. These will be distributed in advance of the general elections due in 1997, through churches, NGOs, political parties and voter education workshops.

**Budget: £8,500**

#### **Support for Centre for Governance and Development**

To fund the Centre for Governance and Development, a non-governmental organisation in Nairobi, with their basic overhead costs from one year from May 1997, to enable them to continue to carry out a range of activities promoting good governance and democratic development in Kenya.

**Budget: £28,941**

*"Though the period for the programme was short,  
the contents were extensively and intensively exhaustive and educative"*

*Baffour Kwabena Senkyire, National Organiser, People's Convention Party, Ghana,  
after the Labour Party's General Election training project*



**Women in Politics: Access to Governance and Democracy Programme**

To fund the Afronet Trust, an NGO based in London, to organise a training workshop in Kenya for women from NGOs, members of political parties, civil servants and local government officials, to provide skills and policies to enhance women's participation in political and public life.

**Budget: £12,200**

**MALAWI**

**Assistant Legal Officer for Legal Resources Centre**

To fund CAREER, a non-governmental human rights organisation and legal resources centre in Malawi, to employ an assistant legal officer, to provide advice and assistance to victims of human rights abuses or individuals who cannot afford legal representation, and to support the work of the legal officer at the organisation, for two years from April 1998.

**Budget: £4,420**

**Core Support for Democratic Affairs NGO**

To fund the Malawi Institute of Democratic and Economic Affairs, a small but influential non-governmental organisation in Malawi, with basic salary costs, to enable them to continue their work monitoring and lobbying Parliament to ensure good governance, transparency and accountability, and the development of stable multi-party democracy in Malawi.

**Budget: £14,880**

**Purchase of Computer Equipment for UDF Newspaper**

To fund the Liberal Democrats to purchase computer equipment in Malawi to be used by the governing party, the United Democratic Front, to produce a daily paper, UDF News.

**Budget: £9,782**

**Support for Civil Liberties Committee**

To fund the Civil Liberties Committee, a non-governmental human rights organisation in Malawi, with basic office costs for one year from April 1997, to enable them to continue providing legal assistance to victims of human rights abuses and continue their civic education programme about human rights.

**Budget: £13,728**

**Training in UK for Malawi Hansard Staff**

To fund a visit for two members of the Hansard staff in the Malawi Parliament, for a two week placement in Spring 1998 with the UK Hansard staff in the Houses of Parliament.

They will receive editorial training to improve their basic skills, to ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of the Malawi Parliament.

**Budget: £6,512**

**MOZAMBIQUE**

**Human Rights and Democracy Workshop**

To part-fund a workshop organised by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, in Mozambique from 8-11 April 1997, to transfer experience to the Mozambique human rights community and to sensitise key professional groups such as lawyers, journalists and trade unionists to practical opportunities for the defence and promotion of human rights.

**Budget: £7,500**

**Human Rights Training Course**

To fund the Human Rights Institute of South Africa to provide a training course on Human Rights Information and Documentation Handling in April 1998, for the Direitos Humanos e Desenvolvimento, a human rights organisation in Mozambique, to enable them to develop their activities and run training courses of their own.

**Budget: £16,719**

**Journalism Training on Reporting in a Plural Society**

To fund the Commonwealth Non-Governmental Office for South Africa and Mozambique to organise two workshops in Maputo and Beira, Mozambique, in August 1997, to train Mozambican journalists on reporting and editing in a plural society, in preparations for local government elections.

**Budget: £10,400**

**NAMIBIA**

**Advice on Parliamentary Organisation and Publications for DTA of Namibia**

Funding for the Conservative Party to send a senior campaign and policy advisor to work with the Parliamentary Party of the DTA of Namibia during the budget week in March 1998, and to advise and oversee their new publication programme.

**Budget: £9,620**

*“Like wildfire, Women Rights Monitor, a magazine produced by the Women Justice Programme, is spreading in readership and influence. No doubt, women in this as well as other African countries with similar culture of relegation of women to the background are awakening to the consciousness of their predicament”*

*Independent evaluation report of grant to Women Justice Programme, Nigeria  
Fidelis Oyakhilome, former Deputy Inspector-General of Police*



## Public Service Trade Union Visit to UK

To fund the visit to the UK of representatives from the public services unions in Namibia, to create links with UK trade unions and appropriate organisations, and to discuss a range of issues relating to trade union operations and the British civil service.

**Budget: £6,844**

## Seminars on the Role of Trade Unions, Employers and Government in Stable Labour Relations

To fund the Namibia Institute for Democracy to hold 13 one-day training courses, in each of the regional capitals throughout the country, for employers, trades unions and civil servants, on the role of trade unions, the private sector and government in promoting stable labour relations.

**Budget: £12,000**

## NIGERIA

### Equipment to Improve Communications for MOSOP

To fund the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People to purchase a laptop computer with e-mail facilities and a satellite telephone to improve their communication, made increasingly difficult under a repressive regime.

**Budget: £8,000**

### New Centre for Democratic Development

To provide funding for the Centre for Democratic Development in Nigeria, a new non-governmental organisation being established in London to promote strategic and practical thinking amongst political activists and members of the pro-democracy movement in Nigeria and outside, about how to restore and sustain democracy in Nigeria and West Africa.

**Budget: £10,000**

### Support for the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights

Funding provided to the CDHR from a grant by the UK National Lottery Charities Board for a three year project (1997-1999) to enable CDHR to establish 40 student groups in tertiary institutions throughout Nigeria to educate students on their basic rights and freedoms, and to provide an annual leadership training workshop.

**Budget: £135,495**

## Support for Trade Union Seminars

To fund the Bureau of African Labour, Human and Democratic Rights, a Nigerian trade union organisation, to organise three seminars on the role of trade unions in a military political transition programme, in Summer 1997, in three cities in Nigeria.

**Budget: £4,850**

## Support for Women Justice Program

To fund Women Justice Program, a non-governmental women's organisation in Nigeria, to produce a quarterly magazine entitled Women's Rights Monitor, for one year from April 1997, to provide education and to campaign against discriminatory practices and laws impeding women's and children's rights.

**Budget: £13,350**

## Women's Political Education Project

To fund the Democratic Alternative, Nigeria to undertake a women's political education project involving six leadership training workshops and a resource centre, to encourage women into political participation and public life in Nigeria.

**Budget: £12,200**

## Further Support for Human Rights Monitor

To fund the Human Rights Monitor, a human rights organisation in Kaduna, Northern Nigeria, to publish the Legal Rights Monitor, focusing on the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary, and The Witness, providing civic education about human rights, good governance and democracy, on a quarterly basis, for one year from July 1997.

**Budget: £12,348**

## SOUTH AFRICA

### ANC Follow-Up Fund-raising Workshop

To fund the Labour Party to assist the ANC with a two day follow-up workshop on fund-raising in Johannesburg, South Africa, to assist with the development and implementation of a fund-raising strategy at both the national and provincial level.

**Budget: £7,588**

*"The African Dialogue Group was the first body to bring together like-minded activists and parties from Africa. It has helped those of us who want to see African politics based on values rather than race or religion".*

*Marthinus van Schalkwyk, Leader of the National Party of South Africa, February 1998, after the project organised by the Conservative Party.*



### **ANC Fund-raising Workshop**

To fund the Labour Party to support the participation of an ANC fund-raiser at a three day training workshop on fund-raising being run by the Institute of Charity Fund-raising Managers in the UK in July 1998.

**Budget: £1,415**

### **Conference on the Role of Political Parties**

To part fund a conference on "Political Parties and the Consolidation of Democracy in South Africa" organised in South Africa by the Centre for Policy Studies, Johannesburg, and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa, during mid-1997, to look at the current political party situation and provide the parties with information and ideas which could contribute to the strengthening of the party system.

**Budget: £5,956**

### **Support for Independent Political Analysis and Monitoring Publication**

To fund the Political Information and Monitoring Service of the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), to continue to publish their well-regarded publication Whip, which provides detailed analysis and comment on Parliament and legislation, for one year from January 1998.

**Budget: £15,234**

### **Support for KwaZulu Natal Monitoring Publication**

To fund the Helen Suzman Foundation for a second year to continue the publication of the KwaZulu Natal Briefing, providing detailed analysis and information about the political situation in KwaZulu Natal for key actors in the region including politicians, the press, NGOs, churches and the business community.

**Budget: £12,000**

### **Support for Parliamentary Monitoring Office**

To part-fund the Parliamentary Affairs Office of the South African Institute of Race Relations, to monitor parliament and policy making, to detect developments which threaten the values of a free society, and to publicise these to other NGOs and the press through publications, contacts and briefings, and to lobby parliament to advocate legislative changes.

**Budget: £17,020**

### **Training for Local Government Councillors**

To part-fund a training programme for local government councillors and civic leaders from the Hammanskraal community in South Africa, to enable two groups to spend up to two weeks in the London Borough of Sutton, in order to improve their skills in running local government and local services.

**Budget: £22,980**

### **Workshop to Build Policy Skills**

To fund the Centre for Development and Enterprise in Johannesburg to organise a training workshop in March 1998 on policy skills for public sector managers at national, provincial and local levels in the new system of government in South Africa.

**Budget: £13,065**

### **Workshops to Strengthen Rural Local Government**

To fund the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, Durban, to hold eight workshops in 1998 for rural community representatives, traditional leaders and local government representatives, to enhance the legitimacy and effective functioning of newly established rural local councils.

**Budget: £14,501**

## **SEYCHELLES**

### **Assistance for the Preparation and Presentation of Election Manifesto**

To fund the Conservative Party to send a researcher to advise the Democratic Party in the Seychelles, in October 1997, on the preparation of their party manifesto and the development of their policies, in advance of elections.

**Budget: £1,493**

### **Election Assistance to Democratic Party**

To fund the Conservative Party to help the Democratic Party of the Seychelles by providing briefings for the Secretary General of the Party and assistance with publications and election materials, before the elections expected early in 1998.

**Budget: £6,620**

### **Manifesto Printing**

To fund the Conservative Party to help the Democratic Party of the Seychelles by printing and distributing copies of its manifesto for the election campaign in March 1998.

**Budget: £9,850**

*"All aspects of the programme were very successful and I have learnt alot from every encounter of the experience"*

*Adama Bah, Finance Manager for Elections, People's Democratic Organisation for Independence and Socialism, Gambia, at the Labour Party's General Election training project.*



## **Provision of Printing Equipment for Democratic Party**

To fund the Conservative Party to purchase printing/copying equipment for the Democratic Party of the Seychelles to enable it to produce, unhampered, its own election materials and leaflets in the presidential and legislative election campaigns in March 1998.

**Budget: £9,827**

## **THE GAMBIA**

### **Support for Civic Education Programme**

To fund Foroyaa, a non-governmental organisation in The Gambia, to produce civic education literature and posters to make the public aware of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, and to encourage them to monitor the activities of the newly elected parliamentarians and local councils.

**Budget: £3,067**

## **UGANDA**

### **Regional Workshops on Democracy**

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Uganda Young Democrats with four regional workshops on democracy, human rights and good governance as a follow-on to the workshop funded by WFD/Labour Party in July 1997.

**Budget: £16,401**

### **Support for Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)**

Funding provided to the FHRI as part of a grant from the UK National Lottery Charities Board for a three year project (1997-1999) to promote and protect human rights through paralegal training, a mobile citizen's advice bureau, training for the judiciary, police and prison administrators, and a series of publications and posters highlighting human rights issues.

**Budget: £128,012**

### **Young Democrats Workshop**

To fund the Labour Party to organise a three day workshop on democracy and human rights in Kampala, Uganda, during Summer 1997, for regional representatives of the Ugandan Young Democrats, and to send a representative from Young Labour to help facilitate the workshop.

**Budget: £5,257**

## **ZIMBABWE**

### **Campaign to Improve Administration of Elections**

To fund the Foundation for Democracy in Zimbabwe to carry out a programme to promote change in the administration of elections in Zimbabwe, through workshops with community groups and the production of a report with recommendations by an expert group.

**Budget: £6,389**

### **Part-funding for Offices of Human Rights Organisation**

To provide funding to Zimrights, the main human rights organisation in Zimbabwe, as part of a contribution to their fund to purchase offices in Harare, to strengthen their capacity and extend their activities, and to reduce their dependency on donors in the future.

**Budget: £10,000**

### **Support for Zimbabwe Human Rights Organisation**

Funding provided to Zimrights from a grant by the UK National Lottery Charities Board for a three year project (1997-1999) to support human rights education for low-income and marginalised workers, to provide free legal advice and assistance by the employment of a lawyer and two paralegals, and to provide training on human rights issues throughout the regions.

**Budget: £110,368**

## **ANGLOPHONE AFRICA REGIONAL PROJECTS**

### **Africa Multi-Party Democracy Group**

To fund the Labour Party to organise a two day seminar for sister parties in Africa, in Autumn 1997, to enable them to discuss the possibility of establishing a multi-party democracy group to monitor political developments within their parties and the establishment of multi-party democracy within their countries.

**Budget: £15,000**

### **Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme**

To fund the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Anglophone Africa to participate in a twelve-day study programme organised around the Labour Party Annual Party Conference in October 1997.

**Budget: £19,685**

*"The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative would like to express its appreciation for the support towards this project which will go a long way in nurturing the much needed human rights culture, through facilitating community empowerment, judicial activism, improvement of prison conditions and provision of legal remedies to the poor, which are all essential ingredients in this programme"*



## Training for African Dialogue Group

To fund the next meeting of the African Dialogue Group, a group supported by the Conservative Party which identifies and brings together centre-right, democratic parties and organisations for democracy-building activities on the continent. The grant is to support their next meeting and training seminar in South Africa, in March 1998.

**Budget: £17,960**

## Training Seminar for Political Parties

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a training seminar for the participants of the African Dialogue Group, in the UK, in June 1997 with a focus on party organisation, fund-raising and campaigning skills.

**Budget: £28,154**

## Fact-finding Visit to Namibia, Botswana and South Africa

To fund the Conservative Party to undertake a three part visit to Southern Africa to enable two representatives to examine party structures in Namibia, South Africa and Botswana, to meet senior MPs and party officials, and assess what Conservative Party/Westminster Foundation projects can be proposed in the next financial year.

**Budget: £4,640**

## OTHER REGIONS

### BELIZE

#### Promotion of Participatory Democracy

To fund a six month lobbying programme commencing January 1998 run by the Society for the Promotion of Education and Research in Belize designed to support the proposed National Village Council Act to enable people of rural communities in Belize to effectively govern themselves in pursuit of self defined sustainable development.

**Budget: £10,073**

### BHUTAN

#### Support for People's Forum for Human Rights

To fund the People's Forum for Human Rights, Bhutan, for one year, to run their office in Kathmandu, Nepal, to enable them to lobby international agencies for support for human rights protection in Bhutan, to document and expose cases of human rights violations in Bhutan, and train Bhutanese refugees in Nepal.

**Budget: £5,040**

### CARIBBEAN

#### Democracy Conference for Centre-Right Parties

To fund the Conservative Party to sponsor a meeting of women, youth and other party representatives from centre-right parties in the Caribbean Democrat Union, in April or May 1998.

**Budget: £20,880**

#### Media Freedom and Management Advice Seminars

To fund six seminars to be organised by the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association, in the Caribbean, to promote media freedom and good management in public service broadcasting amongst TV and radio stations across the islands.

**Budget: £5,100**

### CHILE

#### Cross Party Training for Chilean MPs

Funding to support a visit to the UK in March 1998 by five new MPs elected to Chile's National Congress for training in good practice to equip them to play an effective role in serving their constituencies.

**Budget: £15,275**

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

#### Assistance to UDPS

To assist the Labour Party to organise a one day workshop in London, for exiled members of the Steering Committee of the UDPS, looking at party organisation, policy making, and preparations for the elections, due to take place in 1999.

**Budget: £1,000**

### GAZA STRIP

#### Democratic Awareness among Women's Groups

To fund the Research Center for Human and Social Development, a non-governmental organisation in Gaza, to undertake a series of workshops and symposia, and to distribute public information materials, to promote democratic understanding amongst women's organisations in the most marginalised villages and camps around Gaza.

**Budget: £12,700**

*"The women have gained self-confidence, strength and skills in the area of political and democratic activism and their status in the community has been enhanced; they actively participate in meetings and take up village issues and women's issues".*

*Report from Panchayati Raj Training Programme,  
run by the Society for Women's Education and Economic Development, India.*





## HONG KONG

### Human Rights Monitoring

To fund the salary costs for 1 year from January 1998 of a specially appointed Political and Legal Developments Officer for the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor to provide systematic and effective monitoring of legal and policy changes by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government which may have implications for human rights in the region.

**Budget: £20,000**

## ISRAEL

### Placement Worker for Arab Human Rights Association

To fund Quaker Peace and Service to place an English speaking worker at the Arab Association of Human Rights in Nazareth, to strengthen human rights work in the region, particularly transferring skills in the area of working with the UN, with other international NGOs, and in human rights education. The placement will take place from January 1998 for two years.

**Budget: £9,975**

## NEPAL

### Programme to Monitor Human Rights

To part-fund INHURED to implement a 12 month human rights training programme including production of literature, round table consultations and a training course for human rights activists. The programme will start in August 1997 and will be conducted in Kathmandu and the regions.

**Budget: £12,300**

### Support for Local Democracy

To fund the Taruka Development Society to provide training for 120 newly elected representatives in local government, and basic training for 50 women in the Nuwakot district of Nepal in civil society participation, and women's rights.

**Budget: £7,320**

## NICARAGUA

### Centre for Human Rights

To provide 12 months funding for the regional office in Chontales of the Nicaraguan Centre for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights commencing January 1998.

**Budget: £16,600**

## FSLN Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Sandinista Front for National Liberation (FSLN) to train electoral agents during the period November 1997 - January 1998 for elections in March 1998.

**Budget: £12,966**

## SRILANKA

### Election Strategy Seminar for UNP

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a five-day visit to Sri Lanka in February 1998 for two Conservative Party advisers and support for an Election Strategy Seminar for the United National Party and assistance with the Party's celebrations of Sri Lanka's 50th Anniversary of Independence.

**Budget: £4,225**

### Publications to Monitor Public Policy and Judicial Performance

To part-fund the Centre for Policy Alternatives to publish three bulletins which will constitute a critical account of developments in the public, legal and constitutional spheres. These publications will make it easier for individuals and groups to challenge the constitutionality of proposed legislation and assess the government's adherence to the principles and values defined in the Constitution.

**Budget: £13,444**

## TIBET

### Support to the Radio Station "Voice of Tibet"

To part-fund the Voice of Tibet Foundation for one year starting from Autumn 1997 to enable it to continue its regular broadcasts into Tibet, and to devolve production from Norway to Dharamsala (India) and Kathmandu (Nepal).

**Budget: £10,500**

## REGIONAL PROJECTS

### Advocacy Training for NGOs

To fund a training workshop on human rights strategy organised by the Catholic Institute for International Relations held in London on November 10 1997 for activists from an NGO each from Burma, East Timor, Guatemala, Colombia and South Africa.

**Budget: £4,500**

*"Your radio programme has a great potential to raise the political awareness of the Tibetan people....It is far more useful tuning on to your programme than spending money on newspapers".*

*A Tibetan monk, on the impact of the programmes of the Voice of Tibet, based in India, the only Tibetan independent radio station broadcasting into Tibet.*

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