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WFD is indebted to its corporate friends, BP and Mishcon de Reya, who have given substantial support and assistance to the Foundation during the past year.



purpose

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 £4 million (1999-00) 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 nine staff are located. Its activities are recorded in an annual report laid before Parliament.

foreword




I am delighted to commend to you the Annual Report of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, for the year 1999-2000. This report demonstrates the extent and success of the work of the Foundation, in many areas of the world, during the past twelve months.

Events during the past year have yet again demonstrated the importance of, and need for, strengthening democratic political systems around the world. The handover of power in Russia and Nigeria, the ongoing search for peace in the Balkans, Indonesia, and Sierra Leone, the pressure for constitutional reform in many countries in Africa, all demonstrate the need for stable political structures around the world. The Westminster Foundation for Democracy, working closely as it does with the UK political parties, plays a vital role in helping to strengthen political parties, non-governmental organisations, the independent media, and other sections of civil society overseas.

The UK political parties have continued to develop programmes of assistance with sister parties overseas, with projects ranging from campaign and elections training, policy development to media advice. Many of their relationships are now very well established, and in some cases, trainers from countries previously assisted are used to help with projects in others. This is an exciting new form of cooperation. The Foundation itself has established a strong programme of technical assistance projects, managing training programmes in the Balkans and Nigeria, in response to urgent needs arising in those countries.

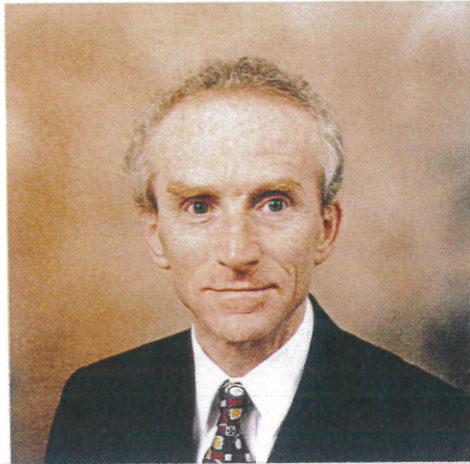
This report describes a fascinating year of work by WFD. I hope you enjoy reading about it, and am grateful to you for your support and cooperation during the year.


Speaker

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



introduction



During the past year the Westminster Foundation for Democracy has continued to play a key role in developing and strengthening democratic political societies overseas. With a significant increase in funds from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, we have been able to expand and increase our work in many countries where the need for stable political systems is as urgent as ever.

Extra-budgetary funding from the FCO has enabled us to establish an excellent programme of training for political parties in Kosovo, Bosnia and Serbia, and a similar programme has been started in Nigeria. Trainers from the UK political parties and other organisations have spent several weeks providing carefully planned and appropriate training for all the political groups concerned and we look forward to the continuation of this work in the coming year.

In other areas the UK political parties and the Foundation have continued to manage a wide range of excellent proposals, supporting non-governmental organisations, the independent media, women's organisations and many others around the world.

We are very grateful for the support of the Foreign Secretary, and to Rt Hon Tony Lloyd MP, and Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, who have been Ministers of State with special responsibility for WFD during the past year. Both have taken a strong interest in our work and this has been reflected by the increased funding we have received.

I am also delighted that during the past year the Foundation has made progress in establishing a programme of work by the smaller parties in the UK Parliament. The Ulster Unionist Party, the SDLP, the SNP, Plaid Cymru and the DUP have all begun establishing links with appropriate parties overseas which we hope will lead to increased cooperation in the future.

May I extend my thanks to all the staff at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in London and at posts abroad, and to the Department for International Development, the British Council and other organisations, for all their assistance during the year.

Ernie Ross MP
Chairman of the Board of Governors



Review of the Year

Political developments around the world in the past year continue to demonstrate the need for the work of organisations such as the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. At the time of writing, events in Sierra Leone remain as complicated as ever, Zimbabwe faces a time of political change, the Balkans remain a region of potential unrest, and it is uncertain in which direction Russia will be led after its dramatic change of President. There have been, however, encouraging developments in Nigeria and the Middle East, and most of the countries of the former Eastern Europe are now stable with increasingly strong democratic societies.



Activists from the Medgidia branch of the Pro-Democracy Association, Romania, distribute leaflets and questionnaires as part of a project funded by WFD to encourage civic participation in public affairs and the electoral process.

The past year for WFD has been a time to consolidate recent growth, and to prepare the ground for future work. We now operate a budget, counting core grant-in-aid and extra budgetary technical assistance projects of nearly £5m, and have proven capacity in pro-active project management and implementation.

The Foundation continues to work to a strategic plan which sets geographical priorities and budgetary allocations. Our three main priority regions remain Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Anglophone Africa but we are increasingly able respond strategically to needs in specific countries or regions.



Women from Jalal-Abad oblast, southern Kyrgyzstan, taking part in a programme run by the Women's Support Centre in February 2000, aimed at changing public opinion about the participation of women in elections and increasing the representation of issues of interest to women.

A major development of our work during the year has been the portfolio of technical assistance projects. These are described in detail on page 12. With extra-budgetary funding from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, work has been started in Kosovo and Serbia, and the existing programme of party strengthening has been continued in Bosnia. Responding quickly to post-conflict situations, WFD has sought to assess accurately the needs in each situation and respond with appropriate, flexible programmes. We welcome the close cooperation with the UK political parties, the FCO, other funding partners, and the British Council, in the implementation of these projects. WFD is now equipped with a 'toolkit' with which to respond to similar situations in the future.

It is hoped that work with political parties

in Nigeria started last year will continue in 2000, although plans for work with political parties in Sierra Leone which had started have had to be postponed due to the recent political turbulence.

An important development has been the work carried out by Kate Graham with the smaller parties in the UK parliament to enable them to undertake projects with sister parties overseas. Although these ideas are largely in a developmental stage, it is important that the smaller parties are able to use their WFD entitlement in the future,



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and good that they are sometimes working with partners in parts of the world not covered by other work. On some occasions, cross-party collaboration with a major party partner has deepened the cross-party practice which WFD continues to encourage and represent. We have successfully concluded our eighth year of operation and look forward to building on our successes as we approach the conclusion of our first decade of work. We believe our reputation continues to grow as a flexible organisation capable of practical, timely, and relevant work.

During the past year therefore WFD has continued to pursue its aims and objectives with enthusiasm and vigour. The regional and party reports which follow provide more details about the wide range of exciting and effective projects which we have carried out.

Political Party Projects

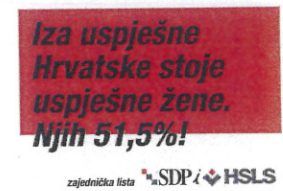
Labour

The Labour Party's work over the last year has continued with sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Party has responded to the needs of sister parties in areas ranging from campaign training to the production of posters. Sister parties are also invited to projects organised around political events in the UK, such as the Party's Annual Conference and local conference.

There has been enthusiasm and willingness from parties overseas to learn about political developments not only from the Labour Party but also from each other. For example a project was organised on minority rights in the Czech Republic in which contributions were made by a range of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe. Likewise, participants were invited from the CEE, the Balkans and the CIS to a series of workshops to exchange information on how their parties were seeking to increase active participation of women and youth in politics.

The Labour Party work in the Balkans has increased in response to the dramatic changes that have taken place in that region. There have been many setbacks to democratic development but many positive developments too: the result of the elections in Croatia were a turning point for the region, and the Labour Party assisted its sister party in preparations around the elections. Posters and leaflets were successfully produced to be distributed throughout the country to encourage people to exercise their right to vote.

This type of assistance was also provided to sister parties in Bosnia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Slovenia.



Campaigning postcards declaring "Choose", targeting young people, university students and women, published by the Social Democratic Party in Croatia, produced with support from the Labour Party.

"I am delighted that the work of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy has continued to have an impact on strengthening democratic political systems around the world, in countries from Bosnia to Nigeria, during the last year."

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister

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The Labour Party has also been working with partners in Kosovo, Serbia and Bosnia, to build and consolidate democratic institutions and ensure the functioning of political parties. To meet the direct needs of the parties projects were organised on policy development, media workshops, seminars on election strategies and campaigning as well as training for elected officials on their roles and responsibilities.

Another key area of activity continues to be party development. Projects of this nature have been undertaken with a range of sister parties from Azerbaijan to Cameroon to Nicaragua. However, increasingly, work undertaken by the Labour Party is moving towards specialised policy areas. For example a series of workshops were organised in Hungary on the environment; similarly a seminar on social policy and employment was organised for young people from sister parties in the CEE; in South Africa workshops were organised on policy development and communications; in Uganda the opposition parties were brought together for a seminar on the referendum .

The Labour Party will continue to pursue the promotion of democracy and good governance. As over the last year emphasis will continue on work with the more fragile democracies and the less well-developed parties.



Leading members of the Conservative Party's sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe at the annual Wiston House training weekend at Shrigley Hall in October 1999. The event examined the effects of the Kosovo conflict on the region.



CONSERVATIVE

During 1999-2000, the Conservative Party carried out more than 100 projects involving some thirty countries. These included new initiatives with the opposition parties in Serbia and in China. Other projects continued to emphasise the importance of political parties to the civil societies of their countries.

The main thrust of Conservative Party's programme continued to be responsive to its sister parties' requests, and many of their relationships have become established as equal partnerships. A rewarding result of this is seen in the development of "triangular co-operation" where trainers from one post communist country are used to assist projects in others. Examples include Polish trainers assisting in Ukraine and Bulgarian experts advising in Azerbaijan.

"I have seen at first hand the excellent work done by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. It is playing a leading role in the promotion of democratic values and supporting the important place political parties have in a free society. I am sure it will meet the challenges ahead with confidence and vigour, and with the full participation and backing of the Conservative Party."

The Rt Hon William Hague MP, Leader of the Opposition



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William and Ffion Hague, the Leader of the Conservative Party and his wife, talk with Jaroslav Romanchuk, recently appointed Vice President of the United Civil Party of Belarus, during the Conservative Party training project for political leaders at the Party Conference in Blackpool in October 1999.

The growth of these partnerships was demonstrated at the 1999 Wiston House conference, this year devoted to the effects of the Kosovo conflict on Central and Eastern Europe. Understanding was deepened and relationships strengthened amongst a group of individuals who hold key positions in the parties in their respective countries throughout the region.

Increasing importance has been placed on an "even-handed" approach to the parties of the centre right where alliances forged have resulted in electoral success. The continued success of centre-right coalitions continued in Estonia in March 1999, and underscored at the Local Elections in the Autumn. The programme in Ukraine emphasised the promotion of value-based parties and the need to bring together like-minded individuals.

Support of the publication "Conservatism" in Bulgaria was designed to fill the void which had resulted from a recent communist past. This idea will be replicated in Lithuania where the Lithuanian Conservatives will follow up with their own publication later in 2000. Project activity continued in Macedonia and Bosnia and an extensive programme was initiated with the opposition parties in Serbia and in Montenegro.

1999 was a very hectic year for the programme in Sri Lanka, and further possibilities in Asia were explored. The programme to promote democracy in China will continue with the Alliance for Democracy.

In Africa, training seminars for the African Dialogue Group/Democrat Union of Africa (ADG/DUA) were conducted in campaign management and presentation. Senior African politicians took part in the IDU Leaders' Conference in Berlin while upcoming politicians played an important role in the Young Leaders Forum.

In the past year the Liberal Democrats have continued projects to promote liberal democracy. Projects have varied from the basics of establishing contact and party building, to providing advanced training and skills to more developed parties.

In Bosnia, they have worked to promote partnerships among liberal groups, strengthening the liberal centre ground, and participating in cross party work wherever possible. Similar efforts at coalition building in Bulgaria proved harder, as they continued to face difficulties of many small groups occupying similar central ground. A regional approach began to take shape, with project work in Albania and Croatia and Kosovo.



Liberal Democrats

"The Westminster Foundation for Democracy continues to provide an excellent combination of targeted, tailored and flexible support to sister parties around the world. As new challenges in democratic development continue to arise, WFD remains uniquely positioned to use its expertise to intervene and assist where necessary."

The Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats



Candy Piercy, Liberal Democrat trainer, with a group of women from a seaweed growing village on Zanzibar, part of a project providing training to women and youth of the Civic United Front.

Africa continues to be a focus of training efforts, with several sister parties building up to local and general elections. In Zanzibar, training with the Civic United Front intensified, though the increasing harassment faced by the party threatens to exacerbate the already tense situation. Representatives from four sister parties in Africa attended the Liberal Democrat Autumn conference. The successful visit highlighted the need for a regional exchange of information and ideas, an idea which will be pursued over the coming year.

Partners were also sought and won in new regions. Supporting the work of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), the Liberal Democrats now have plans to work with new partners in the region, including Cambodia and the Philippines.

Smaller Parties



During the year the Foundation seconded a WFD staff member to work with all of the smaller parties to develop their capacity to initiate and manage international projects and partnerships.

The Social Democratic Labour Party (SDLP) started a major programme of support to the Civic Alliance of Serbia, focussing on their media campaign. Plaid Cymru followed established links between Lesotho and Wales with an assessment visit to explore the potential for cross party training. The Ulster Unionist Party supported the WFD cross party training initiative, both financially and through providing a trainer, and also supported part of a cross party assessment visit to Sierra Leone. Both the SNP and DUP laid plans for future involvement.

Foundation Projects Central and Eastern Europe

The political and economic turmoil in the Balkans reached new heights during 1999 when the Kosovo conflict and escalation of hostilities caused consternation across the region. Subsequent events paved the way for new forms of civic and political activity to develop among the Kosovo Albanians. The shock-waves caused by the NATO bombardment of Yugoslavia had barely subsided when tensions began to mount between Serbia and Montenegro, its smaller partner in what is left of the Yugoslav Federation.

Kosovo itself has been troubled by sporadic violence, and has faced new challenges since the arrival of KFOR troops. The change of government in Croatia, following the death of President Franjo Tudjman, has opened the way for new opportunities for democratic development in the region. This was seen as a positive development in Bosnia where nationalist parties tainted by corruption suffered further losses in the spring 2000 local government elections. It is Serbia, however, the most populous and largest of the former Yugoslav republics, that holds the key to permanent peace and



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A representative from GONG - "Citizens Organised to Monitor Elections", an NGO in Croatia, distributing information in the main square in Zagreb, encouraging the public to vote and to monitor the elections taking place in January 2000.

stability in the region. The expectation of an uprising following the NATO bombardment failed to be fulfilled. The political opposition is active but disunited, and it is the civic movement, uncompromised by past errors, that plays an increasingly important role in the campaign for democratic reforms.

WFD has sought to respond to the challenges of the region with an effectively planned and implemented programme. Early action was taken to assess the needs in post-conflict Kosovo and to design a comprehensive programme of assistance for emerging democratic institutions. Extra-budgetary funding was secured for technical assistance projects (see page 12) to support the development of political parties and encourage youth participation in the political and civic process. In addition, WFD is funding, from its core budget, programmes for the training of political reporters, and NGO-led civic initiatives in Kosovo.

With the breakdown of law and order in Serbia, the focus has been on providing support for the political opposition and civic movements in their campaign for democratic reforms and free and fair elections. The emphasis has been placed on the formulation of a new and positive policy programme to rebuild the country's political structures and revive the economy. Other projects included support for

civic education, human rights protection and the establishment of the rule of law. In Montenegro, project activity focused on political and legal reform, while in Croatia, WFD supported organisations which work to ensure greater transparency in the electoral process.

Local elections took place in Bulgaria in Autumn 1999 and WFD funded the Ekaterina Karavelova Women's Association stage regional seminars looking at the role of women in politics while the Institute of East European Humanities produced work on voter trends in the depressed Rhodope region. In addition, WFD also supported work on Roma rights and contacts between regional satirical publications. This year, elections loom too in Albania and Romania.

WFD has contributed to the UNDP programme to modernise the electoral register ahead of local elections in Albania. It is also financing cross-party initiatives between the youth divisions of the main political parties. In Romania, WFD is turning its focus towards elections at all levels in the Autumn and funding a number of NGOs with linked programmes. In the past year, funding has supported NGOs working on the protection of basic rights, improving communication between public and elected officials, training local authorities in human rights standards, as well as leadership training for young people involved in NGOs.

With the Visegrad countries progressing well towards full membership of the EU, it has been important to focus our work in these countries on specific areas of need. The Roma in these countries continue to be marginalised, and WFD has funded programmes in Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic designed to



Trainers from the UK political parties and British NGOs providing training for leading political parties in Kosovo, at a seminar run by WFD in February 2000.



inform Roma communities about the workings of local government and encourage them to participate in the decision making process. The Foundation has also worked to encourage women to participate in political life by funding training programmes to prepare them to stand as candidates; and funded programmes that promote accountability and transparency in the funding of political parties.

Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia

In 1999/2000 WFD continued to support a wide range of activities across Russia, as the country underwent a momentous change of President. While projects reporting on human rights and monitoring the judicial process were supported in Moscow, the trend continued to be towards activity in the regions. WFD part-funded the Moscow School of Political studies to run two regional seminars for young political leaders, supported an NGO newsletter in Chelyabinsk, and funded internships to increase the skills of activists from the small and scattered ethnic groups living in the north and east of Russia.



The Kyrgyz NGO, Women's Support Centre, providing training to women in Jalal-Abad oblast, southern Kyrgyzstan, in February 2000, to encourage the involvement of women in elections.

In Belarus, where the environment for free expression and political activity failed to improve, WFD continued to fund a mix of NGOs, independent newspapers and regional human rights groups. Building the skills of NGOs in the regions was high on the agenda in Ukraine, with a training course run by the Gurt Resource Centre and WFD support for an NGO magazine in Donetsk Region.

Conflict resolution occupies an important place among WFD's projects in the Caucasus. Conciliation Resources organised workshops aimed at building civil society in Abkhazia in the aftermath of civil war, and another UK-based organisation, International Alert, worked to overcome ethnic and political differences in the Caucasus through a region-wide NGO Forum. The Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Baku ran a series of seminars for young politicians on ways of averting potential conflict in Azerbaijan. In Armenia as well as Azerbaijan, WFD funded projects on human rights and women's participation in civil society.

Women's rights also featured strongly in WFD projects in Central Asia. In the Kyrgyz Republic, NGO activists were given training in ways of encouraging women to use their vote, and a Kyrgyz-language newspaper designed to inform rural women about their rights was published. In the first of what we hope will be many projects for neighbouring Tajikistan, leaders of women's NGOs were invited to Britain to find out how their counterparts work for change here. Identifying projects aimed at involving the public in the political process remains problematic in Central Asia, but WFD was able to support the production of voters' handbooks ahead of parliamentary and presidential elections in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Parliament in Mongolia, which unlike Central Asia enjoys a diversity of political parties and opinion, sent a cross-party group of parliamentarians and party representatives to the UK on a WFD-funded visit to learn about the British parliamentary system.



Anglophone Africa

Following the handover to civilian rule in May 1999, WFD's work in Anglophone Africa continued to be heavily focussed on Nigeria. In addition to the technical assistance project (see page 12) grants were made to a wide range of organisations supporting democratic development, including Women for Democracy and Leadership, HURI-LAWS and The Ogoni Foundation. WFD has funded projects aimed at supporting democracy in West Africa as a whole, in recognition of the strategic geo-political importance of the region. These have included the production of a human rights and democracy training manual for NGOs produced by the Centre for Democracy and Development, and the development, led by the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response, of a network aimed at conflict prevention and resolution in the region.

In other parts of the continent, constitutional reform has been high on the agenda and WFD has funded several projects supporting the promotion of civic education and community participation in constitutional review processes in Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe. A major grant provided support for the Zimbabwe Election Support Network, funding to a network of 25 NGOs in Zimbabwe providing voter education and the training of monitors in advance of elections in June 2000.

As in previous years, a key emphasis has been on support for the participation of women in the political process, and support has been provided for the Education Centre for Women in Democracy in Kenya, advocacy workshops in Tanzania and Ghana for women, and three projects in South Africa, increasing women's participation in local decision making. An education campaign on the Affirmative Action Act in Namibia, and civic education for youth leaders in Tanzania have been funded.

Other Regions

Elsewhere in the world WFD has supported projects in the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and non-Commonwealth Africa.

A new focus of WFD's work has been several projects in Israel, following the first assessment visit to the region. Work has been directed towards increasing tolerance and understanding between Jewish and Arab Israelis, encouraging women's participation in the political process, and increasing mutual knowledge and understanding between parliamentary aides from the Knesset and members of the Palestinian Legislative Council. In the Occupied Territories, WFD joined with the FCO in funding an expert in Constitutional Law to advise the Palestinian Authority on its Constitution.



Maasai women leaders from Kajiado District of Kenya listen attentively as they are addressed by Mrs Jael Mbogo of the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, as part of a project aiming to integrate rural women into the constitutional reform process.



Women in Tamil Nadu taking part in a project organised by Womankind Worldwide, to encourage women to develop their skills in village associations, and to prepare women candidates and voters for local government elections, after the Government stipulated that a third of seats be reserved for women.

In Asia, WFD continued to support the Voice of Tibet Radio's production office in Dharamsala, and provided grants for Human Rights in China, the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor and the Peoples Forum for Human Rights and Development in Bhutan.

Technical Assistance Projects

The political conflict and instability in the Balkans have placed new demands on the Foundation's work. It was felt that WFD should provide a timely and effective response to the need for new structures and skills in countries divided by ethnic conflict.

Recognising that political and civic development work should go hand in hand with the humanitarian effort, WFD carried out an assessment visit to Kosovo soon after KFOR entered the province. As a result, a technical assistance programme was designed for the development of political parties and promotion of civic participation of youth. Funding in the range of £100,000 was secured for this project from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The objectives were to improve the performance of the political parties and develop the understanding of the political process so that the electorate can make informed choices.

The focus was on training and advice in all key areas of party building, including organisation and structure, policy programme and communication with the electorate. Broader-based training in democratic principles, virtues of pluralism, civic values and political negotiation will also be provided.

Extra-budgetary funding of £100,000 was secured for projects in Serbia to support political opposition and civic action. The purpose remains to provide technical assistance that will enable local organisations to promote conditions where openness and pluralism can be freely practised.

WFD has continued its four-year programme of party development to strengthen the non-ethnic democratic parties, and civic participation in Bosnia. Since the inception of the programme in February 1999, WFD has initiated more than 20 projects at a cost of £240,000. The project activity has addressed key problem areas faced by the parties such as communication with the electorate and internal party democracy. It sought to help the parties develop skills to practice politics based on openness and tolerance. The cross-party work focused on local government development and women's and youth participation in the democratic process.

In the first elections since the programme began, the opposition gained seats in municipalities at the expense of nationalist parties. The most successful were the Social Democrats (SDP) who have been supported, through our programme, by the Labour Party. The success of the SDP is undoubtedly due to their own efforts and the diminishing confidence among the electorate in ethnicity-based politics. But it is also clear that the international donors' support, including WFD's, has added to the SDP's success.



Participants and UK trainers at a workshop for the LDK held at Lake Ohrid, Macedonia, as part of the major programme of assistance being provided by WFD to Kosovo political parties. The trainers were drawn from all the UK political parties.



In 1999 WFD was awarded Euros 393,460 by the European Commission to carry out a project designed to promote stability and good neighbourliness in the Balkans. WFD developed the project in response to the need for renewed efforts to underpin ethnic conciliation initiatives and widen popular support for confidence building measures.

In Nigeria, WFD's programme of support has continued, with a six-month series of workshops on human rights for magistrates, customary and sharia court judges conducted by WFD's partner organisation the Legal Defence and Assistance Programme. In December 1999, WFD awarded LEDAP a grant of £44,000, using funds from the Human Rights Fund of the Human Rights Policy Department at FCO. Between December 1999 and January 2000, LEDAP distributed 450 questionnaires to lower court judges, lawyers and court clerks to help determine the focus and content of the training programme, particularly in light of the unrest in Northern Nigeria surrounding the issue of sharia law. LEDAP engaged a consultant, a lecturer in law, to analyse the responses to the questionnaires and make recommendations for improvement in the curriculum LEDAP had developed and used earlier in 1999. Six training sessions were conducted, each lasting two days, in major centres around Nigeria. The workshops were held in Owerri, Enugu, Kano, Lagos, Makurdi and Calabar.

The project funded by the National Lottery Charities Board, to support and strengthen the work of four human rights organisations in Africa, continued for its second year. Grants were channelled to the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda, the Ghana Centre for Peoples and Human Rights, the Campaign for the Defence of Human Rights in Nigeria, and Zimrights in Zimbabwe, to support a wide range of activities in each country.



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Organisation and Staff

After an increase in budget, the development of a major new category of projects, the recruitment of new staff and a move to new offices at the beginning of the year, the year under report was a period of consolidation for the organisation.

We welcomed new governors Frances D'Souza and Nicola Duckworth to the Board, and wish to thank Professor Peter Frank, who leaves the Board, for his many important contributions to the work of the Foundation since its creation, and to Richard Page MP, for his support. We also welcome new staff who have joined: Andrew Bache as interim Chief Executive, John MacLeod as Project Manager for the CIS, and Kathy Clayden as Projects Assistant.

We were delighted to launch our website (www.wfd.org) and hope this will enable an even wider audience to find out about our work and access information about the Foundation.

We have cooperated in, and passed a Financial Procedures audit carried out by the National Audit Office as a part of our ongoing auditing process.

Our thanks are also extended to all the Governors, political party colleagues, FCO colleagues, WFD's corporate supporters, and other friends for their cooperation and support during the year.



Performance Indicators and Statistics 1999-2000

1 Number and value of proposals submitted to WFD Board:

1999-2000	444	£5,398,718	1998-99	441	£5,663,109
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2 Number of projects managed during the year:

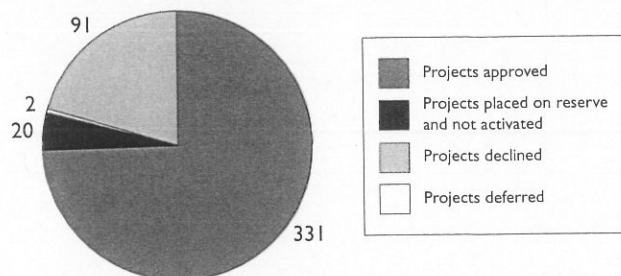
1999-2000	656	1998-99	497
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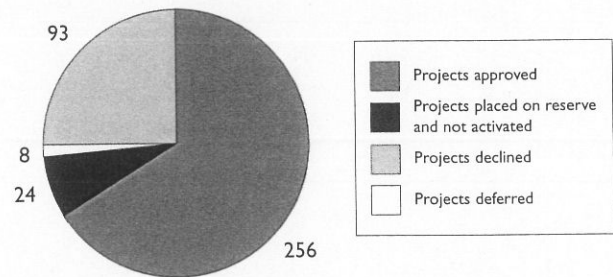
	1999-2000		1998-99	
Under £5,999	91	27%	103	38%
£6,000 - £10,999	130	39%	84	31%
11,000 - 20,999	88	27%	69	25%
21,000 - 40,999	17	5%	18	7%
Over £41,000	5	2%	0	0%
Total	331	100%	274	100%

4 WFD Board meeting decisions:

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5 Number of approved projects, by region and channel:

1999-2000

	F	C	L	D	S	Total
CEE (1)	4	6	12	0	0	22
CEE (2)	61	23	32	5	1	122
CIS	46	9	1	5	0	61
AAF	45	8	9	8	1	71
OTH	34	9	4	8	0	55
Total	190	55	58	26	2	331

1998-99

	F	C	L	D	S	Total
CEE (1)	11	11	16	4	0	42
CEE (2)	48	14	12	11	0	85
CIS	43	13	3	4	0	63
AAF	24	11	12	6	0	53
OTH	23	5	1	2	0	31
Total	149	54	44	27	0	274

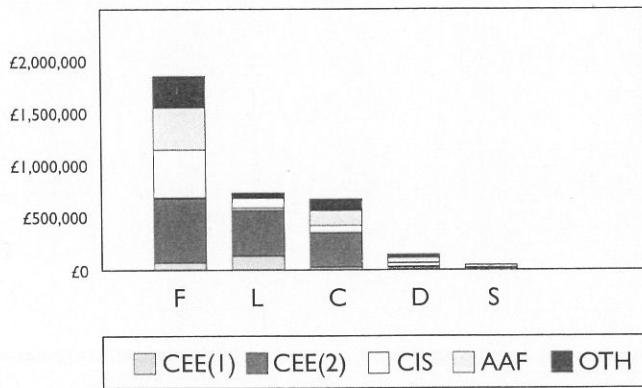
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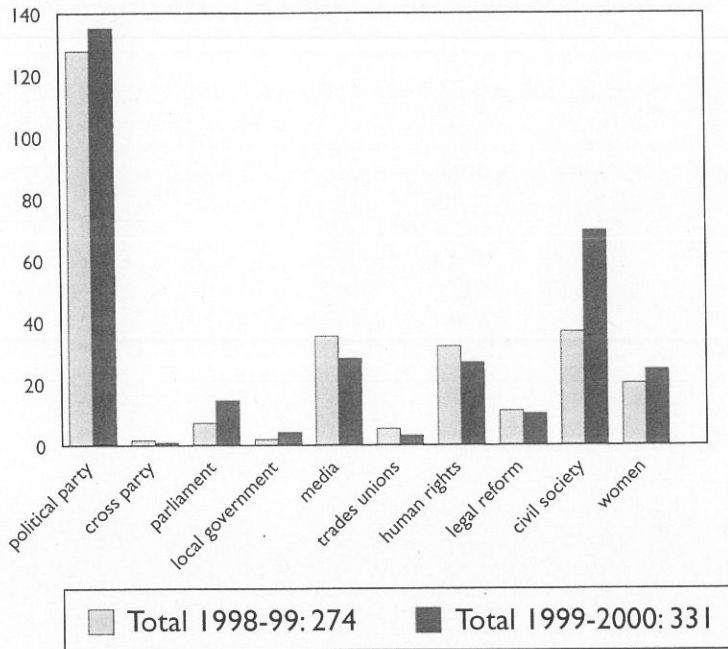
The region previously known as Central and Eastern Europe has been divided into CEE (1), which includes EU accession countries (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovenia) and CEE (2), which includes the Balkans, other Baltic countries and Slovakia. This is to reflect changes in funding policy. The 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, 1999-2000:



7 Number of projects approved, by type, 1999-2000:



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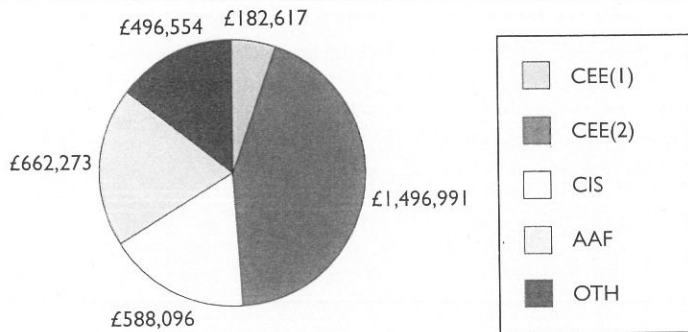
	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	17	53	15	27	23	135
Cross-party	0	0	0	0	1	1
Parliament	1	7	4	1	3	16
Local government	0	2	0	1	1	4
Strengthening the media	2	15	7	5	2	31
Trades unions	1	0	0	2	0	3
Human rights	0	10	9	3	8	30
Legal organisations and reform	0	3	3	4	1	11
Building civil society	0	24	19	21	9	73
Womens political and civil involvement	1	8	4	7	7	27
Total	22	122	61	71	55	331



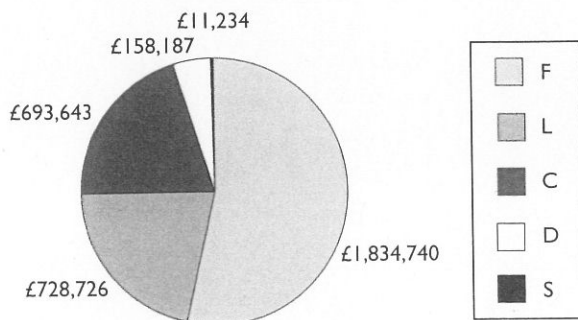
9 Value of projects approved, by region and type, 1999-2000

	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	£135,850	£751,677	£114,850	£287,655	£240,851	£1,530,883
Cross-party	£0	£0	£0	£0	£6,000	£6,000
Parliament	£6,464	£77,669	£34,272	£500	£28,401	£147,306
Local government	£0	£53,681	£0	£6,240	£0	£59,921
Strengthening the media	£23,240	£169,020	£73,496	£39,970	£24,800	£330,526
Trades unions	£4,280	£0	£0	£12,587	£0	£16,867
Human rights	£0	£120,728	£100,502	£15,915	£59,821	£296,966
Legal organisations and reform	£0	£31,056	£20,066	£41,070	£12,400	£104,592
Building civil society	£0	£223,553	£226,672	£197,667	£70,590	£718,481
Womens political and civil involvement	£12,783	£69,607	£18,238	£60,669	£53,691	£214,988
Total	£182,617	£1,496,991	£588,096	£662,273	£496,554	£3,426,531

10 Value of projects approved, by region, 1999-2000:

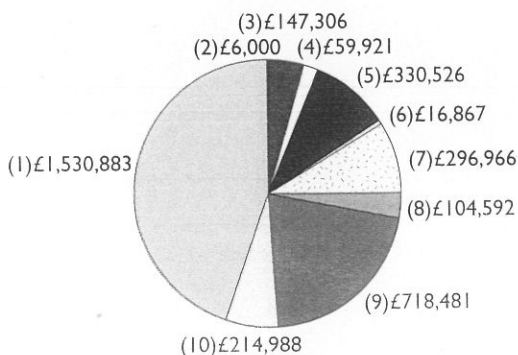


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Value of projects, by type of project, 1999-2000:



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



11 Value of WFD approved projects, 1999-2000, broken down by regional and sectoral categories used in the current Strategic Plan:

CATEGORY	F	C	L	D	S	Total
Former Yugoslavia	£416,295	£33,072	£186,865	£8,708	£10,000	£654,940
Albania, Bulgaria, Romania	£74,422	£52,723	£32,480	£11,146		£170,771
Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania	£42,542	£82,493	£53,657			£178,692
'EU Accession 5' (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia)	£43,527	£49,328	£190,669			£283,524
Russia	£133,477	£2,258	£9,986	£39,711		£185,432
Belarus', Ukraine, Moldova	£163,644	£37,404				£201,048
Caucasus	£80,144	£25,822				£105,966
Central Asia/Mongolia	£89,150					£89,150
Anglophone Africa	£330,907	£128,488	£98,707	£51,992	£1,234	£350,050
Middle East	£97,562					£97,562
Asia/Pacific	£78,953	£90,813	£2,740	£7,253		£179,759
Western Hemisphere	£17,930		£49,113	£3,147		£70,190
Rest of Africa	£15,000					£15,000
Cross-party projects	£14,792	£6,568	£10,000			£31,360
Cross-border projects	£129,248	£184,675	£78,289	£36,230		£428,442
Women's political and civil involvement	£95,654		£16,220			£111,874
Proactive/Pilot projects	£11,493					£11,493
Totals	£1,834,740	£693,643	£728,726	£158,187	£11,234	£3,426,531

12 Completed projects success rate*:

	1999-2000		1998-99	
Projects which achieved all objectives	130	79%	106	85%
Projects which achieved some objectives	20	12%	15	12%
Projects which were unsuccessful	2	1%	0	0%
Projects cancelled	12	8%	4	3%
Total	164	100%	125	100%

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

13 WFD Administration costs:

i) as percentage of total grant-in-aid:				
	1999-2000	14.02%	1998-99	14.35%
ii) as percentage of total income:				
	1999-2000	12.24%	1998-99	12.24%

14 Partnership funding attracted to projects:

1999-2000	* £3,022,978*	1998-99	£2,311,045
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* This includes all jointly funded projects from a wide range of sources, but does not include funding for the extra-budgetary projects (Bosnia, Nigeria, Kosovo and the NCLB/WFD Human Rights projects) which total an additional £577,403, bringing the whole figure to £3,600,381.



Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2000

The Governors have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31st March 2000. 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 21 of the financial statements and show a surplus of £113,007 (1999: £174,927).

The Foundation has developed well and an increased level of funding is anticipated for 2000/01. 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:

Ms Georgina Ashworth	
Ms Frances D'Souza	- appointed 20.12.99
Professor Peter Frank	
Mr Timothy Garton Ash	
Mr Nik Gowing	- Vice Chairman, re-appointed 30.6.99
Ms Mary Kaldor	
Mr Archy Kirkwood MP	-Vice Chairman
Ms Gillian Merron MP	
Mr Richard Page MP	- resigned 21.2.00
Mr Ernie Ross MP	-Chairman
Ms Elizabeth Smith	
Mr Gary Streeter MP	- Vice Chairman
Mr Michael Trend MP	- appointed 30.6.99
Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones MP	



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

3 July 2000

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 21 to 26 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 24.

Respective Responsibilities of the Governors and Auditors

As described on page 19 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 2000 and of its surplus 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 15th December 1997, 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: 3 July 2000



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Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 2000

		2000			1999	
	Note	Core	Corporate	Earmarked Funds	Total	
		£	£	£	£	
Income - Continuing Activities						
H M Government Grants	2	4,000,000	-	460,734	4,460,734	3,168,815
Corporate Funding and Donations		-	5,000	-	5,000	50,000
National Lottery Charities Board		-	-	116,669	116,669	161,256
		<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>577,403</u>	<u>4,582,403</u>	<u>3,380,071</u>
Direct Expenditure						
Projects	3	3,335,023	63,954	511,872	3,910,849	2,810,974
		<u>664,977</u>	<u>(58,954)</u>	<u>65,531</u>	<u>671,554</u>	<u>569,097</u>
Other Expenditure						
Staff costs	4	311,647	-	3,545	315,192	260,607
Depreciation - owned assets		21,163	-	-	21,163	5,520
Other operating charges	5	233,445	120	238	233,803	132,747
Other operating income		(5,356)	-	-	(5,356)	-
		<u>560,899</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>564,802</u>	<u>398,874</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>104,078</u>	<u>(59,074)</u>	<u>61,748</u>	<u>106,752</u>	<u>170,223</u>
Interest receivable		-	7,819	-	7,819	5,954
Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities before taxation		<u>104,078</u>	<u>(51,255)</u>	<u>61,748</u>	<u>114,571</u>	<u>176,177</u>
Corporation Tax	6	-	(1,564)	-	(1,564)	(1,250)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		<u>104,078</u>	<u>(52,819)</u>	<u>61,748</u>	<u>113,007</u>	<u>174,927</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st April 1999		(34,535)	203,484	203,555	372,504	197,577
Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 2000		<u>69,543</u>	<u>150,665</u>	<u>265,303</u>	<u>485,511</u>	<u>372,504</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year of £113,007 (1999 - £174,927).

The attached notes form part of these accounts



Balance Sheet at 31st March 2000

	Note	2000	2000	1999	1999
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		39,250		17,290
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	15,587		12,756	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
-Core		41,906		(9,148)	
-Corporate		155,004		156,259	
-Earmarked funds		265,303		203,555	
		477,800		363,422	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	9	22,839		8,208	
Net Current Assets			454,961		355,214
Provision for Liabilities & Charges	10		(8,700)		-
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			485,511		372,504
Funds					
Core Funding	11		69,543		(34,535)
Corporate Funding	11		150,665		203,484
Earmarked Funding	11		265,303		203,555
			485,511		372,504

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 3 July 2000.

Chairman

Chief Executive

The attached notes form part of these accounts



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Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st March 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(a)	146,851	180,329
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		7,819	5,954
Taxation			
Corporation tax paid		-	(2,609)
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(43,123)	(12,633)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(b)	<u>111,547</u>	<u>171,041</u>

Notes to the Cash Flow statement

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

	2000 £	1999 £
Operating Surplus	106,752	170,223
Depreciation	21,163	5,520
(Increase) in debtors	(2,831)	(168)
Increase in creditors	13,067	4,754
Increase in provisions	8,700	-
	<u>146,851</u>	<u>180,329</u>

(b) **Reconciliation of Net Cashflow to Movement in Net Liquid Funds**

	2000 £	1999 £
Increase in cash in the period	111,547	171,041
Net liquid funds at 1st April 1999	350,666	179,625
Net liquid funds at 31st March 2000	<u>462,213</u>	<u>350,666</u>

(c) **Analysis of change in Net Funds**

	At 1st April £ 1999	Cashflow £	At 31st March £ 2000
Cash at Bank and in Hand	350,666	111,547	462,213



Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2000

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 ¹ / ₃ % straight line basis

(c) Rentals paid under operating leases have been taken to the Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(d) Core grants are credited to income in the year to which they relate. Non-core grants are credited and 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) Pension costs are charged to Income and Expenditure Account on a cost basis when paid to employer defined contribution pension schemes.

2	2000	1999
	£	£
FCO Grant-in-Aid and special purpose grants-current year	4,427,818	3,136,970
DFID Grant	32,916	31,845
	<u>4,460,734</u>	<u>3,168,815</u>
3	2000	1999
	£	£
Foundation projects	2,212,132	1,596,050
Conservative Party sponsored projects	714,044	504,139
Labour Party sponsored projects	666,201	514,777
Liberal Democrat sponsored projects	236,609	158,643
Other	46,368	-
	<u>3,875,354</u>	<u>2,773,609</u>
Travel and subsistence	35,495	37,365
	<u>3,910,849</u>	<u>2,810,974</u>
4	2000	1999
	£	£
Wages and salaries	239,766	199,673
Temporary staff	5,746	6,016
Social Security costs	24,670	20,699
Other Pension costs	45,010	34,219
	<u>315,192</u>	<u>260,607</u>

The directors do not receive any remuneration for their services



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	The average number of employees during the year was:	9	7	
	The number of senior staff by salary band was:			
	60,001 - 70,000	1	1	
	The Foundation contributes to individual personal pension plans for all eligible employees.			
5	Other Operating Charges	2000	1999	
	This includes:	£	£	
	Travel subsistence and hospitality:			
	- Employees	35,495	37,365	
	- Directors	-	141	
	Auditors Remuneration	3,878	3,365	
	Operating lease rentals: office equipment	4,305	3,064	
	property leases	50,979	18,806	
	Exceptional item; onerous lease provision (note 10)	8,700	-	
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6	Corporation tax	2000	1999	
		£	£	
	Corporation tax on investment income for the year	1,564	1,250	
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7	Tangible Fixed Assets	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	Cost	£	£	£
	At 1st April 1999	66,942	19,749	86,691
	Additions	31,494	11,629	43,123
	At 31st March 2000	98,436	31,378	129,814
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	Depreciation			
	At 1st April 1999	51,519	17,882	69,401
	Charge for the year	17,919	3,244	21,163
	At 31st March 2000	69,438	21,126	90,564
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	Net Book Value			
	At 31st March 2000	28,998	10,252	39,250
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	At 31st March 1999	15,423	1,867	17,290
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8	Debtors	£	£	
	Prepayments and accrued income	14,820	12,458	
	Other debtors	767	298	
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		15,587	12,756	
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9	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	£	£	
	Corporation tax	2,814	1,250	
	Other taxation and social security	9,040	-	
	Accruals	10,985	6,958	
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		22,839	8,208	
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10	Provision for Liabilities and Charges	£
	Balance brought forward	-
	Provided in the year	8,700
	Balance carried forward	<u>8,700</u>

Provision has been made in the year for onerous lease obligations on the property Clutha House in accordance with FRS12. The provision is based on the aggregate rents payable under the lease reduced by the aggregate rents receivable for sub-letting the property.

11 Funds

Fund balances are held as follows:					2000	1999
	Core Corporate		Earmarked Funds		Total	Total
	£	£	£		£	£
Fixed assets	39,250	-	-	39,250		17,290
Debtors	15,587	-	-	15,587		12,756
Cash	41,906	155,004	265,303	462,213		350,666
Creditors	(20,025)	(2,814)	-	(22,839)		(8,208)
Provisions	(8,700)	-	-	(8,700)		-
Interfund accounts	1,525	(1,525)	-	-		-
	<u>69,543</u>	<u>150,665</u>	<u>265,303</u>	<u>485,511</u>		<u>372,504</u>

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

Included within Earmarked funds, are the following balances:		2000	1999
National Lottery Charities Board funds		20,944	66,428
DFID Grant re: Indonesia		-	31,845
FCO Grant re: Bosnia		186,468	22,872
FCO Grant re: Nigeria		57,891	82,410
		<u>265,303</u>	<u>203,555</u>

12 Operating Leases

At 31st March 2000 the Foundation had annual commitments under non-cancellable operation leases as follows:				
		2000		1999
	Land & Buildings	Other	Land & Buildings	Other
Expiry date:				
Within one year	-	4,305	-	3,084
Between two & five years	32,313	-	18,806	-
Over five years	40,000	-	-	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above commitment arising on a lease of land and buildings expiring within two and five years is expected to be largely funded by rents receivable under a sub-lease of the premises.

13 Pension Commitments

The company makes contributions to personal money purchase pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to these schemes and amounted to £45,010 (1999: £34,219). No contributions (1999 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the year end.

14 Capital Commitments

At the year end there were outstanding commitments for the purchase of computer equipment amounting to £8,185.



LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED, 1999-2000

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

ALBANIA

Women's Workshop on Election Campaigning

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send their Head of Training to Tirana to hold a workshop on local election campaigning at the annual conference of the Democratic League of Albanian Women, the women's organisation of the Democratic Alliance.

Budget: £1,027

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake an assessment visit to Albania to study the current political situation and assess the possibility of project work in early 2000.

Budget: £980

Electoral Assistance

To part-fund a programme put together by UNDP to organise a data centre, national civil register, voter identification cards, national electoral register database and data enumeration ahead of local elections expected in September 2000 in Albania.

Budget: £20,000

Integration of Youth in Politics

To fund the Forum for Youth Integration in Civil Society to hold two seminars in Tirana to discuss the participation of youth in politics in Albania, on a cross-party basis, with the aim of promoting cooperation and integration between both younger and older party members and between parties, over the months of March and April 2000.

Budget: £2,717

Collaboration of Young Political Leaders

To fund a series of seminars in eight towns of national/regional importance in Albania to encourage cross-party collaboration and stimulate regional cooperation, through the evaluation of significant moments of national unity, as a route to political dialogue.

Budget: £12,075

BOSNIA

Support for Conflict Resolution Training

To fund the Centre for Religious Dialogue, Sarajevo to host training seminars, for laymen and religious leaders, who support the principles and practices of civil society, and who play an influential role in conflict resolution and reconciliation initiatives within local communities.

Budget: £10,900

Coalition of Women's NGOs

To fund the Future for six months to organise a coalition of women's NGOs geared to promoting female participation in local elections in April 2000 and defending the rights of women, once elected, so that they receive fair representation in local legislative and executive bodies.

Budget: £10,000

SDP Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Bosnia Herzegovina to produce materials for the municipal elections in April 2000.

Budget: £51,252

SNSD Party Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Independent Social Democrats of Republika Srpska to improve co-ordination between their mutual and regional offices through the purchase of equipment beginning in February 2000.

Budget: £21,905

Elections Assistance to SNSD

To fund the Labour Party to assist the independent Social Democrats of Republika Srpska (SNSD) to produce pamphlets and leaflets for the voters in preparation for the April 2000 municipal elections.

Budget: £11,732

Bosnian Liberal Coalition Leaders Round Table

To fund the Liberal Democrats to bring the six leaders of the two newly-formed Liberal coalitions to London for a workshop to discuss further cooperation.

Budget: £5,681

Further Support for Democratic Centre

To fund the office costs of the co-ordinating body of the Democratic Alliance in Bosnia for an extra four months leading up to local elections to take place in April 2000.

Budget: £2,429

Support for School for Human Rights and Freedom

To fund Ideja, Demokratija, Investicija, Subvenciji (IDIS) to carry out a human rights training programme in one of eight designated centres in the eastern part of Republika Srpska, the least developed Serb populated area of Bosnia where ethnically based exclusion is still predominant.

Budget: £16,800

Support for TV Programmes on Democracy

To fund the United Women, Banja Luka, to produce a series of eleven TV programmes explaining in simple language the fundamentals of democratic rule and the opportunities it holds for citizens. The twelve month project will be prepared by the United Women of Banja Luka and broadcast by the independent TV Station Banja Luka.

Budget: £15,200

"The project was a way for citizens of Mostar to discuss together, for the first time after the war, the issues that are pressing them all. Finally, realisation of the project helped in the re-establishment of some ties that were broken up by war"

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Exchange Programme for Women in Politics

To fund a week's study visit by two of Zene Mostara members to the 'Women into Politics' project in Belfast designed to encourage women to think politically. This is to be followed by a two-week return visit and contact for three months.

Budget: £7,889

Support for Media Training and News Service

To part-fund Media Plan to provide training for two young journalists from Republika Srpska over nine months at their School of Journalism in Sarajevo. Funding is also sought for the development of Media News service, a specialised fortnightly service used as a teaching tool in the Institute's training programmes.

Budget: £10,727

Political Training and Education for Women Voters

To fund three workshops in the Mostar region aimed at women voters dealing with the new election law, independent election supervision and the role of women in the implementation of the Dayton agreement. The project is scheduled to take place before the April 2000 local election.

Budget:

Support for Independent Radio 'Feral'

To fund the purchase of equipment for Radio Feral in Kelesija, eastern Bosnia, required to enable the station to continue producing political and current affairs programmes in 1999 which have won popular support for challenging local authorities and nationalist interests in the regions.

Budget: £8,568

SDP Party Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Bosnia-Herzegovina to purchase necessary equipment as part of their party development programme starting in Winter 1999.

Budget: £63,636

Legal Advice for Refugees and Displaced Persons

To part-fund the Serbian Democratic Forum office in Banja Luka to organise a ten-month programme of activity in Republika Srpska beginning 1 October 1999.

Budget: £13,080

Media Development Seminars

To part-fund the Centre for Civic Co-operation, Livno to enable them to hold a programme of three seminars, the first in September 1999, aimed at media development and training in journalistic skills.

Budget: £8,800

Human Rights Radio Programme

To part-fund the Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs (DISS), Sarajevo in the production of a human rights radio programme to run over a twelve month period beginning October 1999.

Budget: £8,750

SNSD Women's Training in Republika Srpska

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Independent Social Democrats of Republika Srpska to attend a two-day study programme in the UK for four women activists on the organisation and development of women's organisations.

Budget: £6,480

SNSD Youth Training in Republika Srpska

To fund the Labour Party to enable four young leaders from the Independent Social Democrats of Republika Srpska to attend a study programme in the UK on the development of political youth organisations.

Budget: £6,480

BULGARIA

Project to Monitor Draft Legislation

To fund Transparency International for twelve months during 1999 to establish independent working groups to monitor draft legislation in Bulgaria's Parliament. The aim is to stimulate public control of and participation in the country's legislative process.

Budget: £9,875

Local Government Election Training Programme

To fund the Conservative Party to participate in a Local Government Training Programme for the Political Academy of Central & Eastern Europe (PACE) ahead of local government elections in Bulgaria in 1999.

Budget: £28,920

Political Academy of Central and Eastern Europe

To fund the Conservative Party to send four UK experts to Bulgaria to participate in the long term training cycle of the Political Academy of Central and Eastern Europe (PACE).

Budget: £3,880

Party Development for Liberal Democrat Union

To provide the newly-formed coalition of liberally inclined parties, the Liberal Democrat Union (LDU), with support towards costs of a Headquarters and Press Centre in Sophia.

Budget: £10,119

Seminars on Women's Role in Political Life

To part-fund the Yakaterina Karavelova Association to run a series of seminars and publications aimed at encouraging women's involvement in political, civic and electoral processes from July 1999 until local elections in October 1999 in Bulgaria.

Budget: £6,500

Opinion Poll Survey of Voter Priorities

To fund the IEEH to run a programme of opinion poll surveys, data collection and training to motivate electoral political involvement in Bulgaria over twelve months in 1999/2000.

Budget: £6,865

A Chance for Survival

To fund Association Obnovlenie to continue its work providing legal advice and support to Romany people living in the Varna region of Bulgaria for twelve months.

Budget: £6,000



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CROATIA

Support for Legal Advice Centre in Krajina

To fund HOMO Pula for one year to establish, equip and staff a legal advice centre in the Korenica area of Croatia.

Budget: £16,000

Women and Elections

To fund a programme of political party and media analysis by Zenska Infoteka prior to the 1999 elections in Croatia highlighting the status given to women and the role and status assigned to them in political and campaign agenda.

Budget: £11,220

Pre-election Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia in co-operation with the Trades Union Congress, to organise a two-stage training programme to start in early October 1999 in preparation for the elections.

Budget: £5,918

Election News Service

Funding to support the STINA Press Agency to provide coverage and media support to civil and political initiatives in Croatia with the aim of ensuring that democratic principles are to the forefront of the Croatian parliamentary elections due late 1999.

Budget: £11,493

SDP Women in Politics Seminar

To fund the Labour Party to assist the women's organisation of the Social Democratic Party of Croatia to organise a seminar in Spring 2000 on 'Women in Politics' in Zagreb.

Budget: £5,150

Production of Posters for Election Campaign

To fund the Labour Party to enable the Social Democratic Party of Croatia to produce posters in preparation for the general elections in December 1999. Five sets of posters will be produced which will be distributed throughout Croatia.

Budget: £10,000

Dalmatia Action Publications

To fund the Labour Party to assist Dalmatia Action to publish, from Spring 2000, a further six copies of the party's newsletter, 'The Voice of Dalmatia', on its activities, human rights issues and information on trade unions, for distribution to members and supporters.

Budget: £15,426

Political Awareness Seminar for Youth

To fund the Labour Party to assist Dalmatia Action to organise a seminar in Spring 2000 for young people who are supporters of Dalmatia Action to increase political awareness by acquiring a better knowledge of democratic principles, civil society and social movements.

Budget: £3,900

Support for Civic Education of Women

To fund the Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb, to organise a three-day seminar for forty participants and a series of lectures, debates and an interview survey of women in civil initiatives.

Budget: £11,130

Support for Training Project in Eastern Croatia

To part-fund the Centre for Peace and Non-Violence, Osijek, to run a series of workshops during 1999 in five communities of eastern Croatia targeted at local political, society and community leaders. The workshops will be on democracy, conflict resolution, reconciliation, woman's empowerment, community action and post-trauma issues.

Budget: £14,500

Programme for Review of Law on Associations

To fund CERANEO, for a year from April 1999, to conduct a programme of activity aimed at securing a revision of the existing Law on Associations. This will include public debates and round table discussions to enable civic groups, NGOs, trades unions and political parties to have an input into the process.

Budget: £13,800

Support for Human Rights Summer School

To part-fund the costs of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights' fourth annual one-week summer school on human rights, for approximately 100 participants engaged in human rights protection and promotion.

Budget: £11,486

Roundtable on Modern Regionalism

To fund the Labour Party to assist Dalmatia Action to organise a roundtable in Autumn 1999 for 30 participants from Croatia and two experts from the Labour Party to focus on regionalism and social democracy.

Budget: £5,788

Dalmatia Action Publication

To fund the Labour Party to assist Dalmatia Action to publish a further six copies of the party's newsletter, 'The Voice of Dalmatia' on its activities, human rights issues and information on trade unions, for distribution to members and supporters starting in Summer 1999.

Budget: £15,426

Political Awareness Seminars

To fund the Labour Party to assist Dalmatia Action with four seminars on political awareness in Dalmatia with a maximum of fifty participants, the first two to take place in June and September 1999, the second set in Spring 2000.

Budget: £6,080

"Only one objective, and that is building society that respects gender differences, demands, probably, wider actions that this programme could not provide because of its limited duration, but this programme is a small step towards this goal"

Natasa Bijelic, Centre for Education and Counselling of Women, Croatia

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Campaign to Get the Vote Out

To part-fund the Diaspora-Homeland Foundation for Democratic Development to carry-out a programme of ten workshops and publicity starting Autumn 1999 designed to explain key principles of parliamentary democracy and the importance of voting in forthcoming elections.

Budget: £12,000

Election Monitoring Recruitment Campaign

To fund the production of posters and jingles as part of a volunteer recruitment campaign to precede the monitoring of the Croatian elections, to take place in the period September-November 1999.

Budget: £10,625

CZECH REPUBLIC

The Voluntary Sector and Media

Funding to support a two year programme run by the Czech organisation Nadace Via to develop relations between, and understanding of, the non profit sector and the media. The project is intended to address the problem of the poor perception of the voluntary sector. The programme will commence in October 1999.

Budget: £20,000

CSSD Seminar

To fund the Labour Party to help the Czech Social Democratic Party to organise a seminar exchanging information on political representation with the Roma.

Budget: £1,022

Devolution Study Visit to Scotland

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a study visit to Scottish Conservative Office for a senior member of the ODS, Czech Republic.

Budget: £1,065

Seminar on Political Party Funding

Funding to support the costs of a two day seminar focusing on the financing of political parties in the Czech Republic for politicians and political NGOs being organised by the Centre for Political Analysis during November 1999.

Budget: £6,464

ESTONIA

Local Election Training Seminars

To fund the Conservative Party to organise four local election training seminars for the youth wing of Pro Patria including the participation of 2 UK experts at each event.

Budget: £13,000

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Assessment Visit to Liberal Party

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send a representative on an assessment visit to Kosovo in February 2000.

Budget: £598

Support for a Weekly Magazine

To part-fund the production costs of 56,000 copies (nine issues) of the Zeri Magazine which re-established itself in Pristina after the liberation of Kosovo. Zeri is a weekly magazine which provides a balanced coverage of issues affecting the restoration of normal political and social life.

Budget: £15,000

Training for Journalists in Political Reporting

Funding for a comprehensive twelve-day training programme for twelve Kosovo Albanians in the UK to include a BBC-organised course on political reporting and time in political parties' press offices in March 2000.

Budget: £15,000

Support for Kosovo Association for Civic Initiatives

Funding to enable KACI to provide logistical support for WFD activity in Kosovo. In addition KACI will organise three seminars in mid-2000 on democratic development in Kosovo providing an opportunity for young dynamic people, professionals, civic activists, local leaders, non-party figures, women and journalists.

Budget: £12,000

Support for Independent Media in Montenegro

Part-funding for Daily Press, a publishing company based in Podgorica, to purchase the equipment to improve the design and quality of two of its publications, a daily newspaper VIJESTI, and a weekly magazine MONITOR.

Budget: £9,985

Training for Young Civic Activists

To fund a four-day seminar, in late October, for fifty young people from the countries of the Balkans to be held in Kotor, Montenegro, to encourage young people in Montenegro and former Yugoslavia to promote human rights, peaceful settlement of ethnic and political disputes and wider civic participation in the region.

Budget: £13,346

HUNGARY

EU Workshop for HSP Youth

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Hungarian Socialist Party with a three day workshop for the youth section of the party on the role of the European Union and the process of accession.

Budget: £7,343

HSP Youth Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Hungarian Socialist Party to organise a six-day training for young members of the Party.

Budget: £11,794

“The Labour Party’s support, by training and other educational activities, for the Hungarian Socialist Party has played a major role in the party’s structural renewal and in the formation of the new system for training future politicians.”

Monika Lamperth, President of the National Committee for Training and Education, Hungarian Socialist Party



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Series of Visits Defining the Centre Right

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a series of four workshops covering issues for parties of the centre right in Hungary, from September 1999 to March 2000.

Budget: £9,250

HSP Women's Training

To fund the Labour Party to help the Hungarian Socialist Party to organise a two part programme for women activists of the party during January 2000.

Budget: £18,258

Media Training

To fund the Labour Party to help the Hungarian Socialist Party to organise a three-day training during the latter part of 1999 on media communications and presentation for regional officers.

Budget: £6,135

LITHUANIA

Party Building for Conservative Party of Lithuania

To fund a further set of visits in a programme to twin local associations of the Conservative Party of Lithuania with those of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom.

Budget: £6,982

Supply of Conservative Publications

To fund the Conservative Party to purchase publications for the Library of the Conservative Party of Lithuania.

Budget: £1,000

Party building for the Conservative Party of Lithuania

To fund a further two sets of visits in a programme to twin local associations of the Conservative Party of Lithuania with those of the Conservative Party of the UK.

Budget: £13,964

MACEDONIA

Seminar on Democracy and Human Rights

To part-fund the Youth Information Centre in Tetovo, Macedonia to organise a week-long interactive seminar for members of NGOs and representatives of youth political organisations from Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, to strengthen the links between groups and individuals of different nationalities with common approaches to issues such as human rights protection, democratic development and the role of NGOs in civic development.

Budget: £9,563

Support for Judicial Lobbying Programme

To fund the Macedonian Judges Association to conduct a year-long programme of activity to encourage the development of an independent judiciary in Macedonia.

Budget: £16,656

Programme Development

To fund the Conservative Party to host a two-person, three-night programme development visit to Macedonia in late 1999 to identify a programme of future activity to support VMRO-DPME in their committed programme of reform and stability.

Budget: £1,802

Support for Kosovo Albanian Publication

To part-fund the production costs of the Zeri magazine which re-established itself in Macedonia early June 1999 with the purpose of providing information to thousands of Kosovo refugees and local communities in the host countries.

Budget: £10,000

Women in Politics Training

To fund the Conservative Party to send three UK experts with experience of providing bilateral assistance and training to host a three-day 'Women in Politics' seminar in April 2000 for VMRO-DPMNE designed to encourage the women to participate fully in the democratic process in Macedonia.

Budget: £6,568

Strengthening NGOs in Macedonia.

To co-fund the Youth Information Centre to organise five, two-day workshops for ten participants from ten NGO's over seven months starting Spring 2000 and to establish a new NGO library and purchase supporting computer equipment.

Budget: £12,109

POLAND

Local Government Training Seminar

To fund a three night visit to Krakow by two UK experts to conduct a Local Government Training Seminar for the Freedom Union in Krakow, in June 1999.

Budget: £3,888

Role of Women in Local Government

To fund a twelve-month training programme in the Malapolski region of Poland, to identify women leaders and develop leadership skills, encouraging them to participate in local political activity.

Budget: £12,783

Political Leadership Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to meet the costs of a one-day seminar in Warsaw for Polish centre-right parties focusing on political leadership.

Budget: £2,950

ROMANIA

Civic Education Project in Small Towns

To part-fund APD Cluj, for one year, to develop civic education programmes in ten small and medium sized cities in Romania. The project aims to improve relations between citizens and their Members of Parliament through the organisation of public meetings, training sessions for citizens, the production and distribution of brochures, and the involvement of volunteers.

Budget: £10,000

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Law and Order Training Visit to Romania

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a three day visit to Bucharest for a team of three Conservative Party experts led by Rt. Hon Michael Howard QC MP Shadow Foreign Secretary to hold a series of meetings on law and order.

Budget: £2,785

Party Building via Twinning Projects

To fund a second series of "twinning" projects in a programme designed to pair regional organisations of the Romanian National Peasant Christian Democratic Party (PNTCD) with the Conservative Party Constituency Associations in the United Kingdom.

Budget: £13,458

Human Rights Training at Local Government Level

To part fund LADO to conduct ten workshops from July 1999 on human rights standards and implementation mechanisms for the representatives of local authorities including elected representatives, officials, police, education inspectors, courts and tribunals.

Budget: £4,200

Campaign/Media Training Tour of Romania

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a two-person ten-day campaign and media training tour of the regional organisations of the Romanian Peasant Christian Democratic Party (PNTCD) in 1999.

Budget: £3,680

Training for Social Democratic Women

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Romanian Forum of Social Democratic Women to organise training workshops for women candidates and election staff in preparation for the local and parliamentary elections in 2000.

Budget: £31,500

First time elector, First Time observer

To fund APD Brasov from February 2000 to run twelve training sessions for 3,000 young people on electoral issues in three cities and a study trip to the Romanian national parliament ahead of parliamentary elections in 2000.

Budget: £10,982

SLOVAKIA

Itinerant Summer University

Funding to support travel, subsistence and accommodation costs of experts and temporary assistants participating in a summer school focusing on reconciliation of ethnic tensions for politicians, journalists and civic society activists in Kovacsptak, Slovakia at the end of August 1999.

Budget: £4,500

SDL Media Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Party of the Democratic Left in Slovakia to organise a two-day workshop during the latter part of 1999 on media and communications for ten participants.

Budget: £5,471

Support for the Centre for European Policy

To fund the Conservative Party to support a publicity campaign being mounted by the Centre for European Policy in Slovakia over a ten month period commencing October 1999.

Budget: £16,700

Development of Small Business Study Visit and Series of Seminars

To fund the Conservative Party programme consisting of a seven-day, four-person study visit to the UK and a series of follow-up seminars in Slovakia during the Autumn of 1999.

Budget: £30,618

Public Information Articles for Local Press

Part-funding to support a twelve month programme, commencing Spring 1999, by the Milan Simecka Foundation to run monthly articles in fifteen regional newspapers entitled "Civic Letters" with the objective of informing readers about their rights and the workings of local democracy.

Budget: £7,142

Confidence Building in Roma Communities

Part-funding to support a twelve month training programme to increase understanding between the Roma minority and indigenous majority in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary; and to train a team of specialist mediators capable of immediate mobilisation to diffuse potential conflict.

Budget: £5,864

SDL Party Organisation

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Party of the Democratic Left to purchase essential equipment to help the party re-organise following the September 1998 elections.

Budget: £23,417

Programme Development

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a two-person three-night programme assessment and development visit to Bratislava in April/May 1999.

Budget: £1,390

SDL Roundtable of Employment and Social Policy

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Party of the Democratic Left to organise a round-table in September 1999 to look at employment and social policy.

Budget: £2,065

"Participation in the Labour Party/WFD projects has contributed to the greater efficiency of the working of the party and to its European identity, and strengthened the values of modern European social democracy in the eyes of the people of Slovenia".

Dusan Kumer, General Secretary, United List of Social Democrats, Slovenia



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Equipment for Anton Tunega Foundation

To fund the Conservative Party to purchase a replacement copier for the Anton Tunega Foundation.

Budget: £4,270

Community Development Groups

Part-funding with the National Democratic Institute in Bratislava and others, for an initial one year period commencing July 1999, to support the transition to financial independence of existing community development groups, and the establishment of a national network of grassroots community organisations in the Slovak Republic.

Budget: £8,556

SLOVENIA

Translation of Publications

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats to translate copies of "The Third Way" for discussions with party members.

Budget: £2,000

ZLSD Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats in the forthcoming national elections in 2000 with the production of materials.

Budget: £15,604

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PROJECTS

IUSY Workshop for Young Political Leaders

To fund the Labour Party to assist the International Union of Socialist Youth, IUSY, with a four-day training workshop for young political leaders from central and eastern Europe in Lithuania during the summer of 1999.

Budget: £10,854

Training for Central and Eastern Europe Youth

To fund the Labour Party to assist the European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth to organise a training camp for youth movements from Central and Eastern Europe on democracy building.

Budget: £8,602

Balkan Neighbours - Building Bridges

To part-fund ACCESS, to run a programme of activity for one year aimed at monitoring the media on a pan-Balkan basis, promoting a better understanding of national attitudes, ideas, and stereotypes, and strengthening links amongst journalists, NGOs, and academics in the region.

Budget: £10,000

East European Party Leaders at Party Conference

To fund a visit in October 1999 by 30 Central and Eastern Europe political leaders to the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool and the ensuing meeting with British politicians and academics at Wiston House.

Budget: £44,174

Cross-border Partnership Programme Seminar: EU Accession

To fund the third of the Conservative Party's Programme of Seminars for the leadership of its sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to continue to address the issues of EU accession.

Budget: £16,150

Programme of Capacity Building for NGO's

To part fund the Quaker Peace and Service to enable their appointed representatives in Sarajevo to host a series of seminars, in Bosnia and Croatia. The seminars will address skills development in advocacy, fundraising, negotiation, campaigning and publicity.

Budget:

Support for Cross-border Seminars

To part-fund the Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) from Gostivar, Macedonia, to organise a cross-border seminar for NGO activists, councillors and local government workers in five Balkan states, on developing models of successful co-operation and relationship building between NGOs and local government institutions.

Budget: £12,150

Seminar on Politics and Media

To part fund Article XIX to organise a three-day seminar in Krakow in November 1999 for 30 young politicians primarily from the Balkan region, but also from other Central and Eastern European countries, focusing on the relationship between politician and the media.

Budget: £14,750

Western Balkan Democracy Initiative Meeting

To fund the European Democrat Union's 'Western Balkan Initiative' to bring together Western donor foundations and the recipient parties and democracy movements.

Budget: £17,360

West Balkan Initiative Programme Outline Proposal

Funding for the Conservative Party to continue work within its West Balkan initiative.

Budget: £80,000

European Forum for Democracy & Solidarity

To continue to fund the Labour Party to support part of the production and distribution costs of the publication "Country Updates" which are produced by The European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity (EFDS).

Budget: £16,000

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 ten-day study programme that will be organised around Labour Party Annual Conference in October 1999.

Budget: £17,445

"This was one of the best seminars we ever held...it was very encouraging to the participants who in many cases work in a media atmosphere which is hostile to new democratic parties"

Leon Marc, International Secretary, Slovene Christian Democrats, after Conservative Party training in early 2000.

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Information Relating to Minority Rights Across Borders

Part-funding for twelve months commencing November 1999 to support the human rights organisation Minelres Riga to disseminate information on minority rights free of charge to NGO activists, official bodies and the media across 25 countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £10,380

Support for EDU Balkan Initiative

To fund the Conservative Party to invite 19 representatives from the Balkan states to participate in the Western Balkan initiative aimed at developing co-operation among like-minded political parties.

Budget: £5,658

Human Rights Bulletin for Legal Practitioners

To fund the AIRE Centre to organise the production of a monthly bulletin in Serbo-Croat with summaries and analysis of European Court of Human Rights decisions, focusing on cases most relevant to current issues in former Yugoslavia.

Budget: £22,800

Stringer Network for Independent Journalists

To fund Transitions Online for twelve months in 2000 to expand its network of stringers in Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union through funding the cost of hiring stringers in Eastern and South East Europe.

Budget: £12,000

Local Elections Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to organise a study programme for ten participants from Central and Eastern Europe on the preparations and implementation of the local elections campaign in May 2000.

Budget: £13,670

Political training for Young Leaders

To part-fund Radio Student Public Institute, Ljubljana and CERANEO, Zagreb to organise two three-day twin-workshops, one in Ljubljana and one in Zagreb in September 2000. The workshops will provide training for 100 participants, bringing together educators, politicians, independent journalists and leaders of NGOs.

Budget: £14,000

Training Seminar for Peace and Nonviolence

To fund a ten-day training seminar for activists from NGOs, political youth and the media in Banovici, Bosnia, April 21 - May 2 2000, and will include 20 participants aged 18-35 from Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia, Vojvodina, Turkey, Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and Romania.

Budget: £8,140

Labour Party Women's Conference

To fund the Labour Party to run a four day training programme in July 1999 for ten participants from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe around the Labour Party's Women's Conference.

Budget: £11,070

Seminar on Social Policy and Employment

To fund the Labour Party to assist the European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth in organising a seminar on Social Policy and Employment from 7-9 April 2000.

Budget: £3,509

Monitoring of Mass Media

To part-fund for six months a project to monitor and analyse the work of the mass media in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY). The project will include workshops, publication of data and analysis.

Budget: £8,000

Policy Workshop on Conflict Resolution

Funding for a three-day workshop to take place in June 1999 in Oxford on minority issues and conflict resolution for eight policy makers and opinion formers from former Yugoslavia and Greece and Turkey.

Budget: £9,440

Support for Cross-Border Information and Dialogue Project

To part-fund Starshel, to run a project to improve dialogue between people from Balkan countries called "Bridging the Balkans", which is targeted at public opinion makers, young people and policy makers. The goal is to involve people in the decision making process through discussions of common problems, and the development of skills for dialogue by use of humour and satire.

Budget: £7,600

European Elections Observation

To fund an observation visit to Britain for the Conservative Party European Parliament election campaign in the UK, in June 1999, to be made by delegates from Russia, Serbia and Sri Lanka.

Budget: £14,925

Labour Party Youth Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to run a four day training programme in July 1999 for ten participants from sister organisations in Central and Eastern Europe around the Labour Party's Youth Conference.

Budget: £11,150

"Taking part in the West Balkan seminar was an important experience in our political career... lecturers gave us useful advice on how to run a successful electoral campaign and how to keep in touch with voters and party grassroots"

Delegation of Serbian Democratic Party and Alliance for Change, after Conservative Party seminar in January 2000.



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COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

ARMENIA

Legal Co-operation Programme

To provide top-up funds for a legal and judicial assistance programme due to run between February and September 1999, for the victims of human rights violations in Armenia. Through support of the Armenian association Avangard, the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) will help to establish legal and judicial assistance as well as advice in four main Armenian cities, with the support of international missions of legal and judicial assistance.

Budget: £9,966

Training and Resource Centre for Political Parties

To fund Democracy Union for eight months from July 1999 to run a training and resource centre open to all Armenian political parties, with library and Internet access, and publish eight issues of a cross-party bulletin.

Budget: £6,337

Young People's and Women's Roles in Civil Society Development

To fund the Armenian Committee of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly for six months from August 1999 to promote the role of young people and women in a changing society through a series of round tables, surveys, human rights workshops and a publication.

Budget: £9,889

Lawyers for Human Rights

To fund the Helsinki Association in Yerevan, Armenia, for twelve months from August 1999 to create a lawyers' group within the Association which will offer pro-bono legal consultation and defence.

Budget: £6,000

AZERBAIJAN

Coalition Building Seminars

To fund the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan through the Conservative Party to hold two seminars in 1999 to bring together like-minded political parties. The first will focus on human rights and the second on economic transition.

Budget: £9,135

Training in Peace and Conflict Resolution

To part-fund the Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Baku for ten months from May 1999 to develop and conduct seminars on peace and conflict resolution for young politicians, NGO members and journalists in Azerbaijan.

Budget: £6,150

Coalition Building Seminar

The Conservative Party proposes to continue its programme of seminars for the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan to bring together the parties of the centre-right with a seminar prior to the Local Government elections scheduled for 12 December 1999.

Budget: £6,828

How Women can Protect their Rights

To fund the Institute for Peace and Democracy for seven months from March 2000 to write, print and distribute five booklets explaining the rights that women in Azerbaijan have under domestic and international legislation.

Budget: £2,937

Lie-detector on Elections

To fund the Centre for the Modernisation of Azerbaijan for nine months from March 2000 to form a committee to record election promises made ahead of parliamentary elections in November 2000, with a view to following their implementation after the election.

Budget: £4,840

Training for Human Rights Activists

To fund the Inam Centre for Pluralism to run a series of ten seminars over twelve months from March 2000 for human rights activists in Baku, with the aim of strengthening regional human rights groups in Azerbaijan.

Budget: £12,188

BELARUS

EYC Freedom Training Programme

To fund a seminar in Minsk in Autumn 1999 for the benefit of right of centre youth and student organisations.

Budget: £3,655

Support for Brest Regional Newspaper

To part fund for one year the publication and distribution of an independent regional newspaper, "Inform-Progulka", for Luninetsk district in Belarus.

Budget: £4,946

Publication of Independent Newspaper "Zgoda"

To fund for a further year from January the publication of the independent newspaper "Zgoda", increasing the editorial staff to boost circulation and raise the frequency of publication from bi-weekly to weekly.

Budget: £15,388

Support for the Independent Newspaper "Youth Prospect"

To fund Civil Forum in Belarus for one year from January 2000 to continue publication of its new independent newspaper "Youth Prospect", increasing circulation and doubling the size of the newspaper.

Budget: £12,830

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Drafting a Democratic Media Law for Belarus

To part-fund the Legal Centre for Media Defence of the Belarussian Association of Journalists for one year from February 2000 to complete work on a draft law on the media.

Budget: £8,075

Human Rights Monitoring in Mogilev Region

To fund the Mogilev Voters' Club for one year to monitor human rights observance in Mogilev Region of Belarus, and make the results of the monitoring known to local government and the media; and to conduct four seminars for local human rights activists on specified topics.

Budget: £7,693

Provision of Equipment for United Civil Party

To fund the Conservative Party to purchase equipment for the United Civil Party of Belarus to facilitate their internal/external communication.

Budget: £10,000

GEORGIA

Human Rights and Documentation Centre

To support the establishment and running costs of a human rights centre in Tbilisi, Georgia, for one year from May 1999. The centre will document, inform, research, educate and consult in the field of human rights. It will also create a database and publish a weekly bulletin.

Budget: £10,475

Civic Education Programme

To fund the Public Relations Service of the Parliament of Georgia for three months from September 1999 to explain simply and effectively the system of elections, citizens' rights and responsibilities.

Budget: £6,825

Coalition Building for Political Parties

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct a seminar in Georgia in 2000 to bring leading members of the parties on the centre right together to discuss economic reform. The proposal envisages a preparatory visit in March 2000.

Budget: £9,859

KAZAKHSTAN

Conflict Management and Prevention Workshop

To fund a two-week workshop in the Summer 1999 on conflict management and prevention. The workshop will be held in Almaty for participants from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Budget: £18,500

Regional NGO Development and Outreach

To part-fund the Civil Initiatives Centre for twelve months from August 1999 so that it may offer further development assistance to regional NGO's and help them gain a popular base.

Budget: £10,625

KYRGYZSTAN

Women's Participation in Elections

To fund a training programme of 20 women activists who will in turn encourage women of the remote Chuiskoi province to use their vote in the approaching elections.

Budget: £4,500

Handbooks for Voters in 2000 Elections

To fund the Development of Human Space NGO for seven months from January 2000 to produce and distribute two guides for voters in the forthcoming parliamentary and presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan.

Budget: £5,960

MOLDOVA

Training for Democracy

To part-fund a six-month project, starting in 1999, to train 180 participants from non-governmental organisations from regions and provinces in Moldova. A total of six training courses will take place on a variety of democracy and organisational development themes, with the aim of improving skills, information and networking of a broad range of local and regional NGO's.

Budget: £9,878

Core funding of Deca Press Information Agency

To fund Deca International Press Agency based in Balti, North Moldova to operate an electronic wire service providing an information exchange for NGOs over a twelve month period.

Budget: £10,382

Parliamentary Democracy Initiative

To fund the Institute for Human Rights of Moldova, based in Chisinau, for twelve months to conduct training courses on applying democratic rights, create publicity material and publish bulletins on Human Rights, and travel regionally to distribute material on human rights.

Budget: £9,500

Strengthening Civic Awareness and Education

To fund Viitorul Foundation along with SCIS and CSRS to produce a monthly newsletter discussing issues such as the development of a modern professional army in Moldova, transparency and regional conflict resolution, stage two seminars on Moldovan integration into Europe and Democratic control of the armed forces, and set up a newswire on issues of interest in the field.

Budget: £9,375

MONGOLIA

Public Awareness and Lobbying

To fund the Centre for Policy Research to increase public involvement in decision making processes and policy implementation through policy analysis, a public awareness campaign and extending citizen involvement in the political process.

Budget: £21,500



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Cross-party visit to the UK

To fund the Mongolian parliament to send a delegation of parliamentarians and political party representatives to learn about parliamentary democracy in Britain. The visit will take place in the first quarter of 2000.

Budget: £14,280

RUSSIA

Joint Workshops on Election Strategy

To fund a round-table workshop for Yabloko activists on a "Strategy for Elections to the State Duma" in co-operation with Friedrich Naumann Stiftung.

Budget: £2,958

Assistance with Yabloko Youth Newspaper

To provide funding to the Liberal Democrats to enable Yabloko's youth wing, "Young Yabloko", to continue producing its youth newspaper, Tsvet, launched in February 1999, for three months.

Budget: £9,014

Project 2000 - Strengthening Democratic Institutions

To part-fund the Moscow School of Political Studies for one year from October 1999 to expand its regional work in this crucial election year. MSPS will run two regional seminars for young leaders drawn from the political, administrative and academic spheres throughout Russia and produce four publications.

Budget: £15,750

Partnership newsletter in Chelyabinsk

To part-fund for twelve months starting from November 1999 a newsletter in the Chelyabinsk region aimed at creating and strengthening links and activities between the statutory, business and NGO sectors.

Budget: £4,000

Yabloko Youth Wing Newspaper

To fund the Liberal Democrats to extend support to the Russian political party, Yabloko, with help in the production of the newspaper of the Youth wing of Yabloko in 2000.

Budget: £10,088

Monitoring Judicial Abuses in Moscow Region

To fund the Committee for Civil Rights in Moscow for one year from January 2000 to monitor and publicise abuses of judicial procedure by Russian courts.

Budget: £5,991

Training Internships for Ethnic Minorities

To fund the Lauravetlan Indigenous Information Centre, based in Moscow, for three months from January 2000 to bring a group of six members of different ethnic minorities to Moscow for a three month familiarisation with Russian national and international human rights legislation.

Budget: £8,969

Information Centre for the Human Rights Community

To fund the Moscow Helsinki Group for one year from January 2000 to continue the work of the Human Rights Information Centre, including publication and distribution of its monthly bulletin "Chronicle of Current Events".

Budget: £17,338

Legal Advice Centres for Moscow Region

To fund the Hands of the World group for one year from January 2000 to develop a network of NGOs in Moscow Region offering legal advice services to the public.

Budget: £14,129

Political Awareness Training for Youth

To fund the Labour Party to organise two training workshops for the social democratic youth in St Petersburg and the North-West Democratic parties in 1999.

Budget: £9,986

Training for the Women of Russia Movement

To fund the participation by the Chairman of the Woman of Russia Movement, Mrs Ekaterina Lakhova MP, at the European Union of Women's General Assembly in Stockholm in early July, together with an interpreter.

Budget: £2,258

Partnership for Advocacy in Human Rights, Siberia

To part-fund "Right Society", Novosibirsk, to develop mechanisms for co-operation between human rights groups and national political parties. The project envisages a series of seminars for human rights and political figures and the establishment of a human rights information centre.

Budget: £13,800

Young Leaders Forum

To part-fund a Young Leaders Forum in Moscow in summer 1999 for Russian high fliers from across the country. The theme of the forum will be how to involve young people in politics, particularly in this critical year for elections.

Budget: £10,000

Assistance for two seminars on protection of electoral rights

To provide funding to the Liberal Democrats for a program of seminars in September and October 1999 each to take place over a period of three days covering voters' rights, the prevention of electoral infringements, accepted methods of preventing falsification and submission of complaints.

Budget: £9,192

Summer School for the Researchers for Yabloko

To fund the representatives of the Igrunov Institute to meet with representatives of the Party regionally within the Russian Federation and to evolve a party campaign strategy.

Budget: £8,459

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Developing the Framework for Non-Profit Legislation and Public Involvement

To fund the Charities Aid Foundation for twelve months from September 1999 to run a series of seminars for local law-makers and NGO's in four regions, to improve the legal framework for the non-profit sector and public awareness.

Budget: £23,500

Social Partnership

To fund the Tchaikovsky Branch of the Perm Regional Legal Centre for six months from August 1999 to develop links between NGOs and the local authorities in the Perm region and the neighbouring Udmurt Republic.

Budget: £5,000

TAJIKISTAN

Women and Politics

To fund a ten-day study visit to London for three women NGO activists involved in promoting democratic transition and women's participation in Tajikistan. The programme will examine the British precedent for the development of a women's agenda.

Budget: £7,835

UKRAINE

Training Women in Politics

To fund the Conservative Party to run a Woman in Politics Training Seminar in Ukraine and related Programme Development visit to London.

Budget: £6,543

Training for Local Government Officials

To part fund costs associated with five, two-day seminars for the city council officials and mayors to be held in different cities in Ukraine with the aim of promoting the creation of a democratic system of self-governance in Ukraine on the principals of the European Charter on Local Self-Governance.

Budget: £8,954

Third-Sector Training and Support

To part-fund the Gurt Resource Centre for NGO Development for one year from March 2000 to increase professionalism, ethical practice and service delivery in the third sector through education and training of NGOs in the regions of Ukraine.

Budget: £14,835

Democracy Information and Analysis Service

To part-fund the Ukrainian Centre for Independent Political Research for one year from March 2000 to expand its operations by means of creating a special unit that will provide an up-to-date, free and democracy and market oriented Democracy Information and Analysis Service.

Budget: £20,425

Monitoring Media Freedom

To fund the Equal Access Committee for one year from March 2000 to continue monitoring and publicising media coverage of civil rights issues in Ukraine.

Budget: £14,700

Campaign Training for Reforms and Order

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a three-day campaign training seminar in Kiev for 40 participants from Reforms and Order.

Budget: £12,980

UZBEKISTAN

Networking Newsletter for Women's NGOs

To fund Samarkand Women's Information Consulting Centre for twelve months to produce six issues of a networking newsletter on the Third Sector and Women's issues.

Budget: £5,950

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES REGIONAL PROJECTS

International Relations Training for Civil Society

To fund Conciliation Resources to organise two five-day workshops in collaboration with local partners in Abkhazia in September 1999. The workshops will be for civil society representatives and representatives of a new think-tank being established by Abkhaz State University and the Abkhaz Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Budget: £4,537

NGO Information Network of Civil Society as a Tool of Integration

To co-fund with the TACIS Democracy Programme the promotion of NGO (minimum 120) co-operation across national borders (Russia, Ukraine, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan) and developing NGO relations with the general public, mass media, local authorities, and local businesses.

Budget: £15,000

*"The seminar was interesting and instructive.
I hope it will be a weighty brick of mighty right central Ukrainian party building."*

Ihor Koliushko MP, Ukraine, after Reforms and Order seminar held by Conservative Party, Autumn 1999



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ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

CAMEROON

Party Re-Organisation & Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Front of Cameroon with three workshops to train party officials, mayors and parliamentarians in Autumn 1999.

Budget: £25,647

GHANA

Meeting the Democratic Union of Africa

To fund the Conservative Party to support the DUA alliance of democratic parties in Africa to hold a meeting of key parties to confirm the organisation's workplace and be briefed on the elections in Ghana.

Budget: £48,368

Election Reporting Workshops

To fund the Commonwealth Press Union (CPU) and the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA) to hold a five-day training course, in Kumasi, Ghana for press and broadcast journalists in Autumn 1999.

Budget: £5,170

Vehicle and Equipment for Human Rights Organisation

To provide the Ghana Committee for Human and Peoples' Rights, Accra, with funding for a second-hand four wheel drive vehicle and a video camera, in early 2000, to facilitate their work promoting and protecting human rights in the rural areas of Ghana.

Budget: £5,500

KENYA

Paralegal Training for Women

To fund the Community Education and Development Network (CEDEV) working in conjunction with the Centre for Legal Education and Aid Networks (CLEAN) to hold a paralegal training workshop for women in Western Province, Kenya in the Summer of 1999.

Budget: £8,820

Publications on Key Constitutional Reform Issues

To fund CLARION to produce a number of publications on key controversial reform issues early in 2000, and to distribute them to politicians, government officials, civil society organisations and the media, to provide valuable background information and education for the current reform process in Kenya.

Budget: £7,300

Integrating Rural Women in the Constitutional Reform Process

To fund the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, Kenya, to continue a training programme to provide civic education to women in Kenya's rural areas, to enable them to fully participate in the constitutional review process.

Budget: £15,091

Understanding the Constitutional Process

To fund the Anglican Church of Kenya to hold a series of workshops for women and young adults on Kenya's current constitution, the review process and how both affect daily lives. The workshops will be held in the Autumn of 1999, three in each of Kenya's ten regions.

Budget: £8,639

Constitutional Reform Awareness Programme

To fund Youth Agenda, an NGO based in Nairobi, to undertake a civic education project providing training on the current constitutional reform process for young civic and political leaders during early 2000.

Budget: £9,903

Centre for Governance and Development

To fund the Centre for Governance and Development, a non-partisan, non-governmental organisation in Kenya, with support for their overhead costs during 2000, to enable them to run their successful policy advocacy and research projects.

Budget: £22,833

Constitutional Review Education Workshops

To fund the Ecumenical Centre for Justice and Peace, Nairobi, to hold four training workshops for opinion leaders, in early 2000, on the constitutional review process, to encourage political participation amongst their organisations and communities.

Budget: £9,280

Assessment Visit

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send a representative to undertake an assessment and factfinding visit to Kenya, early in 2000, for possible future project work.

Budget: £1,026

LESOTHO

Assessment Visit on behalf of Plaid Cymru

To fund Plaid Cymru to undertake a four-day assessment visit in the Autumn of 1999 to Lesotho to meet all the political parties and relevant NGOs and to plan a later visit by a delegation from Plaid Cymru.

Budget: £1,234

"This project has so far reached 40,000 individuals with specific information about constitutional review and relevant issues affecting the everyday lives of those participating."

Report from a Seminar run by the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, Kenya aimed at integrating rural women in the constitutional reform process.

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LIBERIA

Conflict Resolution Training for Women

To fund Femmes Africa Solidarite to hold a five day training course for leaders of women's organisations in Liberia, on conflict resolution. The course will be held in Monrovia in the Autumn of 1999, and is part of a wider programme aimed at helping Liberia rebuild after the violent civil war.
Budget: £8,395

MALAWI

Books for Malawi National Assembly

To fund the Malawi National Assembly to enable them to update their library by purchasing a range of books, in order to improve the workings of the Malawi Parliament during 2000.
Budget: £500

Representatives to Autumn Conference

To fund a visit of representatives of the United Democratic Front in Malawi and the Seychelles National Party to the Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference in September 1999.
Budget: £9,790

Democracy and Development through Radio

To fund the Panos Institute, London, working with the Malawi Federation of African Media Women (MAMWA) and the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), to establish two radio listening clubs in Malawi in late 1999, aimed at providing rural populations with access to the media.
Budget: £10,785

Support for Association of Progressive Women

To provide the Association of Progressive Women, Malawi, with core funds towards their overheads during 2000, to enable them to continue their programmes as a small but active non-governmental organisation.
Budget: £6,000

Training for the United Democratic Front

To fund the Liberal Democrats to hold a four-day training workshop for the United Democratic Front in Malawi, in advance of the local elections in September 2000. The training will include effective use of membership services and local campaign skills training.
Budget: £9,199

Human Rights Training for NGO Leaders

To fund the Centre for Youth and Children's Affairs, Malawi, to hold a training workshop for twenty-five leaders of youth organisations, to promote the advancement of youth and children's rights and to provide a venue for the exchange of experiences in the field of human rights education.
Budget: £4,204

MOZAMBIQUE

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to organise an assessment visit to Mozambique in March 2000 to assess the political situation and plan future project work.
Budget: £3,688

NAMIBIA

Election Assistance to the DTA

To fund the Conservative Party to provide election assistance for the DTA of Namibia for the parliamentary elections via radio, through its newsletters and with campaign materials.
Budget: £12,540

Affirmative Action Act Education Campaign

To fund the Namibia Institute for Democracy to produce a booklet explaining the Affirmative Action Act which will be distributed nationally to all businesses, unions, regional councils and government departments.
Budget: £9,500

Regional Council Study Visit to the UK

To fund the Warwickshire County Council and Khomas Regional Council, Namibia, to arrange a study visit to the UK for nine days in March 2000. The project aims at familiarising the councillors with the workings of local government in Britain, as part of the current debate on decentralisation policies and implementation in Namibia.
Budget: £6,240

NIGERIA

Civic Education Project with CECODEC

To part-fund a civic education project in the eastern Anambra state of Nigeria, due to start in June 1999. The project entails a train-the-trainer programme for 180 people. Participants will be drawn from rural grassroots organisations and the results of the programme will be broadcast on six radio programmes.
Budget: £8,338

Media Training Workshop

To part-fund Conciliation Resources to hold, in conjunction with the Independent Journalism Centre, Lagos, a training workshop for journalists on good governance and professional reporting in a democracy. The workshop will take place in late Spring 2000.
Budget: £9,800

"The intellectual exchanges, as well as sharing of field experiences, has put civil society leaders in good stead to face the challenges of operating in a democratic setting in Nigeria"

Emma Ezeazu, Executive Director, Community Action for Popular Participation, Nigeria, reporting on a training and advocacy workshop for civil society leaders, organised by Human Rights Monitor in Kaduna, Nigeria.



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Human Rights and Legal Aid Training for Lawyers

To fund the Law Society to provide internships for eight Nigerian lawyers with UK law firms in July 2000 and July 2001, to provide the lawyers with hands-on training with firms specialising in human rights law and provision of free legal aid.

Budget: £18,320

Support for Conference to Promote Democracy

To fund HURI-LAWS to hold a two-day conference in Autumn 1999 which brings together civil society organisations, political leaders, the media, international organisations and members of the Nigerian Diaspora to address the issue of achieving sustainable democracy in Nigeria.

Budget: £4,908

Civic Education for the Ogoni People

To fund the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People to purchase computer equipment for their three civic education centres in Bori, Kono and Kpor, Nigeria, in the early summer of 1999.

Budget: £7,830

Newsletter for Legislators

To fund the Civil Liberties Organisation to produce a quarterly newsletter for legislators, civil servants, NGOs and the general public on the democratic system, constitutional issues, human rights law, good governance and the role of the opposition. The newsletter will be produced from October 1999.

Budget: £7,801

Women Working Group Network

To part-fund Women for Democracy and Leadership (WODEL) to develop and organise a Women Working Group Network which will comprise an inaugural meeting, two training of trainers workshops, monthly meetings of the Women Working Group and an end of year conference in each of Nigeria's states.

Budget: £6,016

Training of Legislature and Executives

To fund Academic Associates Peace Works to hold a training workshop in Spring 2000, for members of the legislature and executives at state level in Nigeria, to build peoples' capacity to manage conflict and develop co-operative group processes for building a sustainable democratic structure.

Budget: £4,086

Support for Centre of Governance and Pluralism

To part-fund the set-up costs for a new Centre for Constitutional Governance and Pluralism in Nigeria, which aims to establish a long term strategy for the consolidation of democratic development in the country by providing an independent and autonomous advocacy and training resource, in Autumn 1999.

Budget: £10,000

Democratic Peace Building in Benue State Region

To fund the Ecumenical Commission for Justice and Peace (ECJP) to run workshops and a campaign to increase understanding of the causes of conflict, awareness of civic rights, and increased community participation in pluralistic peace building activities. The workshops will take place over twelve months beginning in February 2000.

Budget: £3,531

Niger Delta Initiative

To fund the Ogoni Foundation for twelve months from January 2000 to set up a legal aid centre in the Niger Delta, establish a community response to the constitutional rights project review of the land use decree and consolidate a network of community discussions building on the ethnic nationalities conference held in 1999.

Budget: £7,500

Advocacy Training for Trade Unions

To fund the Centre for Workers Rights (CWR) to train union leaders in Jos in advocacy to enable them to participate positively in the democratic transition, and to pursue reform of legislation which currently represses workers rights and are undemocratic. The workshop will be held in Spring 2000.

Budget: £3,087

SOUTH AFRICA

Visit to the Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference

To fund the Liberal Democrat Party to enable South African Democratic Party members to attend the conference to improve the fundraising potential of their own Party Congress Meetings, and to attend training sessions and meet key campaigners.

Budget: £6,260

New National Party Political Conference

To enable the Conservative Party to part-fund a policy conference for the New National Party in South Africa in March 2000, to discuss the key policy documents for the 2000 Local Government elections.

Budget: £20,860

Women's Media Watch

To fund Media Works, an NGO in South Africa, with funding for a newsletter and workshops as part of their 'Women's Media Watch' project, for one year during 2000. Women's Media Watch acts as a watchdog on the media by monitoring its representation of women, and is a lobbying and advocacy group.

Budget: £6,085

Women's Participation in Decision Making

To fund the Voter and Democracy Education Trust, an NGO in South Africa, to hold two workshops and to develop training materials as part of a programme providing training to 30 women in rural areas of the Eastern Cape in early 2000, to increase their participation in decision making processes and public life in South Africa.

Budget: £9,687

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Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake a post-elections assessment visit to South Africa, in early 2000, in order to study the political situation and discuss the potential for further assistance to the African National Congress.

Budget: £1,243

Free Market Foundation

To fund the Conservative Party to provide the Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa with the material to promote the free market and tackle the protectionist, socialist, 'third way' threat to free market economies as well as conducting a seminar for parliamentarians and decision makers.

Budget: £3,070

Good Governance Education in Rural Areas

To fund the Community Law and Rural Development Centre, South Africa, to hold one consultative workshop and two training workshops for traditional leaders in the rural areas in KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape, in early 2000, to increase understanding and participation in the forthcoming local elections.

Budget: £11,121

Women, Public Participation and Good Governance in KwaZulu Natal

To fund the Provincial Parliamentary Programme, South Africa, to carry out a training and information dissemination programme during late 1999/early 2000 to strengthen women's participation in the provincial legislative and policy processes in KwaZulu Natal.

Budget: £12,504

Freedom of Expression Monthly Newsletter

To continue to fund the Freedom of Expression Institute in South Africa to publish five issues of its bi-monthly publication "Update" during 2000, to promote the right to freedom of speech and expression and access to information, in Southern Africa.

Budget: £7,650

Increasing Participatory Democracy

To fund the Khululekani Institute for Democracy, South Africa, to produce a guide on South Africa's political institutions, called "Our Democracy", and a monthly newsletter, during 2000, as part of a programme providing training and support to organisations in disadvantaged communities to increase their interaction with the legislative policy processes.

Budget: £9,550

Media Training for New National Party

To fund the Conservative Party to provide radio and television training to four members of the New National Party Media Department and media spokespersons, in early 2000.

Budget: £7,490

Capacity Building for Local Government Elections

To fund the Conservative Party to help the New National Party train candidates and party organisers at a training conference in summer of 2000, to deal with the new local government election system, in advance of the elections due to be held in November.

Budget: £29,080

TANZANIA

Civic Education Training for Youth Leaders and Activists

To fund the National Youth Forum to hold four training of trainers workshops in Ruvuma, Pemba, Kigoma and Mara, Tanzania. The workshops will train youth leaders and activists aged 18-35 on civic education, in order to inform and empower their peers in their local communities. The workshops will be held between May and October 1999.

Budget: £9,498

Equipment for Civic United Front

To fund the Liberal Democrats to purchase of public address equipment for the Civic United Front in order to equip them with improved communication tools in advance of elections in the year 2000.

Budget: £8,855

CUF Tactical and Party Building Assistance

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send a senior party trainer to Zanzibar in order to follow up and develop the tactical and party building activities which were undertaken on a previous visit. The training will take place in August 1999.

Budget: £2,193

Visit by CUF to Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference

To fund the Liberal Democrats to bring a group of Civic United Front activists to observe the Liberal Democrat 1999 Autumn Conference, with particular focus on the role of women within the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £6,560

Visit to Zanzibar by Liberal Democrat Trainers

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send a senior training team to run a full intensive training for trainers course for the women and youth from the Civic United Front in the summer of 1999 in preparation for the General Election.

Budget: £8,109

"The delegates exhibited a high degree of camaraderie and sense of responsibility in the deliberations of the subjects and topics of the seminar. The level of debate and participation by all the delegates and participants was remarkable."

Hon George Anyona MP, Leader of the Kenyan Social Congress, participant at Seminar on Governance and Parliamentary Democracy for Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 29 November - 3 December 1999



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UGANDA

Workshop on Referendum

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Democratic Party to organise a workshop to discuss their strategy in preparation for the referendum in 2000 on political systems in Uganda.

Budget: £8,814

UYD Political Awareness Workshops

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Uganda Young Democrats to organise a series of workshops in preparation for the referendum in June 2000 to encourage active participation on political issues.

Budget: £20,023

Conflict Resolution Training for Journalists

To part-fund a project run by Conciliation Resources, a UK NGO, and Human Rights Focus and the Media Club of Northern Uganda, two Ugandan NGOs, to provide two training workshops on conflict resolution and prevention techniques, alongside basic journalism skills, to sixty journalists in Uganda, in February 2000.

Budget: £12,460

ZIMBABWE

Assessment and Training

To fund the Conservative Party to provide training during 1999 for the Zimbabwe Union of Democrats to enable them to establish a mass-membership party.

Budget: £7,080

Funding for Constitutional Commission

To fund a UK expert to attend the international conference being held by the Constitutional Commission of Zimbabwe in November 1999, to advise them in its work to create a new constitution of Zimbabwe in advance of elections.

Budget: £6,500

Election Support Network

To provide a grant in early 2000 to the Election Support Network, a group of 25 NGOs in Zimbabwe, who are undertaking civic education, training of election monitors, the development of materials and a media voter education campaign, in the lead up to elections.

Budget: £20,000

Membership Cards for Movement for Democratic Change

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Movement for Democratic Change, a new opposition party in Zimbabwe, with the funding to produce membership cards before their first national conference early in 2000.

Budget: £10,000

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake an assessment visit to Zimbabwe in Spring 2000, to enable them to assess the current political situation and plan future projects.

Budget: £2,917

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Training Manual on Democracy and Human Rights

To fund the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) to publish and distribute a training manual on democracy and human rights, which will be produced as the outcome of a conference for West African NGOs. The manual will be produced in the Spring of 2000, and will be distributed free of charge to human rights NGOs in West Africa as a training and informational tool.

Budget: £6,211

Assessment Visit to East Africa

To fund the Labour Party to assist the International Union of Socialist Youth, IUSY, to undertake an assessment visit to Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi.

Budget: £4,750

Annual Conference Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Anglophone Africa to participate in a ten day study programme that will be organised around the Labour Party's Annual Conference in October 1999.

Budget: £20,445

Legal Cooperation Programme

To part-fund a legal cooperation programme being organised by FIDH to strengthen the administration of justice and the role of human rights defenders in Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe, to be held during Summer 2000.

Budget: £8,750

Seminar on Good Governance and Parliamentary Democracy

To co-fund the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to organise a seminar on good governance and parliamentary democracy for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, to be held in October 1999.

Budget: £5,000

IDU Leaders' Meeting

To fund the Conservative Party to enable sister parties from developing countries to attend the meeting of centre-right Party Leaders in Berlin for the International Democrat Leaders' Meeting convened by the German CDU.

Budget: £11,868

Political Education and Human Rights training for Women

To fund African Initiatives and its partner organisations to hold six workshops, three in Accra, Ghana and three in Arusha, Tanzania in Autumn 1999. The workshops aim to empower women so they can relate their own experiences of poverty to the wider political context and with that information participate effectively in existing democratic structures.

Budget: £8,970

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Roundtable with Experts

To fund the Labour Party to organise a workshop in July 1999 with party trainers and experts who have participated in projects to exchange views on how the quality of the projects could be further improved.

Budget: £1,180

Seminar for Young Centre-Right Politicians

To fund the Conservative Party to send a group of young centre-right politicians from Central Europe and Anglophone Africa to participate in a meeting held by the International Democrat Union in January 2000.

Budget: £17,558

OTHER REGIONS

ASIA REGIONAL PROJECTS

Encouraging Liberalism in Asia

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send their international officer and an international representative to conduct an assessment visit and hold a workshop on encouraging liberalism within Asia.

Budget: £2,780

Human Rights Training Programme

To part-fund a five-day seminar in August 1999 to train human rights defenders from a broad variety of organisations in the Trans-Himalayan region; to consider how to make effective use of international human rights laws and procedures.

Budget: £10,000

BHUTAN

Support for the Human Rights Monitoring Programme

To fund the operating costs of the Peoples Forum for Human Rights and Development for the period of one year from June 1999 to enable them to campaign for human rights, support civic initiatives in Bhutan, carry out skills development, woman's development and publish a monthly bulletin.

Budget: £2,940

CHINA

Support for Human Rights in China's Website

To fund Human Rights in China to continue to maintain its influential website, which is presented in both English and Chinese for one year, beginning in August 1999.

Budget: £9,317

Training of Chinese Opposition Leaders

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a seminar to examine the transition to democracy in Russia and Taiwan and to show activists from the Democratic Party of China how a political party is organised at local, regional and national level, in February 2000.

Budget: £28,373

COLOMBIA

Developing Responses at Community Level

To fund a two year programme in Central Colombia run by Justapaz, working with local communities to develop non-violent responses to conflict, and develop a framework for effective human rights legislation.

Budget: £10,998

EGYPT

Civil Society Development in the Arab world

Funding for twelve months to support the Arab Civil Society Development Programme run by the Ibn Khaldun Centre for Development Studies in Cairo commencing October 1999.

Budget: £8,592

HONG KONG

Support to the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor

Part-funding for the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor to continue to employ a Research/Political and Legal Development Officer from November 1999 to October 2000.

Budget: £10,000

INTERNATIONAL

Fringe Meeting at the Liberal Democrat Conference

To fund the Liberal Democrats to hold a fringe meeting at their party conference in September 1999, in order to discuss the work of the party with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy in promoting liberal democracy world-wide.

Budget: £147

Seminar for Young Centre Right Politicians

To fund the Conservative Party to support a seminar for young centre-right politicians on economic policy and presentation; the role of the opposition in a democracy and the future role of the UN in the world order.

Budget: £17,558

Training Video for all Liberal Democrat Projects

To fund the Liberal Democrats to make a training video to be sent to partner parties and to be used in training projects illustrating how the party works and a guide to campaigning and press techniques.

Budget: £25,000

"We express our support and thanks for all that the WFD is doing to assist parties in the promotion of democracy, good governance, respect for the rule of law and in training through British sister parties"

Wavel Ramkalawan, Leader, Seychelles National Party, after support from the Liberal Democrats



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Interactive WFD pages within the Liberal Democrat Web Site

To fund the Liberal Democrats to produce an interactive web page dedicated to Liberal Democrat work with WFD within the Party's own main web site.

Budget: £3,000

ISRAEL

Israeli - Palestinian Aides Forum

Part-funding to support the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East to arrange six meetings of parliamentary aides from the Knesset and Palestinian Legislative Council to increase tolerance and understanding among future political leaders.

Budget: £11,726

Citizens' Involvement in the Political Process

To provide funding to the Four Mothers Movement to enable them to establish a database of supporters, and to organise meetings and seminars throughout the country to further strengthen the grassroots movement by providing information for women not previously involved in citizen groups and politics.

Budget: £5,555

Placement Worker at the Arab Human Rights Association

To fund, for a further year, the placement of a human rights worker at the Arab Association for Human Rights, Israel. The placement will provide the Arab Association with an experienced human rights practitioner, who will develop fundraising and project proposals and conduct training of the Association's staff.

Budget: £4,235

Involving Israeli Arabs in the Elections

To part fund the Al Ahali Association to undertake a programme of activities aimed at encouraging the Arab minority in Southern Israel and the Negev desert to vote in the forthcoming Prime Ministerial and Knesset elections. Activities include advertising campaigns, canvassing, public forums and rallies and travelling caravans.

Budget: £9,694

Train the Trainers Workshops

Funding to support the Ahali Centre for Community Development to organise a programme to train a core group of ten community organisers to work with the Arab sector in Israel to increase civil participation in developing community structures. The project will be of three months duration and commence in October 1999.

Budget: £5,000

Young Leadership Programme

Funding to support three workshops proposed by the Re'ut Sadaka Jewish-Arab Youth Organisation as part of the Young Leadership Programme for 120 Jewish and Arab young people aged 18-25 years designed to develop inter-cultural dialogue and mutual understanding of the different problems separating the two communities.

Budget: £10,380

MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL PROJECTS

Freedom of Expression Web Site

To part-fund CMF MENA to design and develop a web site dedicated to Freedom of Expression and Information issues in the Middle East and North Africa region. The web site will act as a resource for journalists, lawyers, human rights activists and academics in the region. Development will begin in February 2000.

Budget: £8,000

NEPAL

Local Government Training for Women

To part-fund SOCDEV to conduct 18 two-day training courses for 360 women representatives of municipal councils in the Arghakhanchi district, focussing on women's rights, roles and responsibilities, confidence building, presentation and integration.

Budget: £11,500

Opinion Poll Survey

To fund Media Services International to undertake a programme of public opinion polls to highlight issues of concern to the general public and encourage greater scrutiny of public policy.

Budget: £16,800

Seminar on Legal Development Issues

To fund a programme of three seminars organised by the International Commission of Jurists in Kathmandu from August 1999 dealing with legal development issues.

Budget: £12,400

NICARAGUA

Liaison with Liberal Women's Groups

To send a representative of the International Network of Liberal Women to Managua for six days to meet with prominent women in the Liberal Alliance, and undertake an assessment aimed at promoting the advancement of Liberal Women in political life.

Budget: £2,439

FSLN Political Awareness Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Sandinista Front for National Liberation, FSLN, to organise twelve workshops on the role of elected officials for party members.

Budget: £17,919

Human Rights Programme

To fund the Centre for Human Rights in Chontales, Nicaragua, over a twelve month period to defend and promote human rights as an integral part of the lives of the people in the area.

Budget: £4,895

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PAN-AFRICA

Early Warning and Response Network

To part-fund the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response's new network in Senegal, the Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Mauritania, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. A training programme for civil society representatives and regional governmental officials in the region will be conducted aimed at developing local capacities for preventing the outbreak of deadly conflict.

Budget: £9,375

Women's Rights Outreach Workshops

To fund the Centre for the Strategic Initiatives of Woman, an organisation with offices in the US and Horn of Africa to hold five two-day workshops in each of Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia on woman's rights.

Budget: £9,982

PAKISTAN

Support for Newsletter of Woman's Issues

Funding, for one year, to the Himmat Society for the production costs of IMAGES, a newsletter designed to raise awareness and counter the negative portrayal of women in the Pakistan media.

Budget: £13,333

RWANDA

Legal Aid to Victims of Human Rights Abuses

To fund Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) to send two lawyers to Rwanda to provide free legal aid to the victims of human rights abuses during the genocide of 1994. The lawyers will spend three months in country, based in Kigali, but also operating a mobile clinic to reach into the rural areas.

Budget: £5,625

SENEGAL

Web Site Network for Human Rights Organisations

To part-fund the Goree Institute to establish and maintain a web site network for eleven NGOs which belong to the Information and Learning Network of Senegalese Human Rights Organisations for one year from January 1999.

Budget: £11,860

SRI LANKA

Training for United National Party

To fund the Conservative Party to run a three-stage programme of campaign training to assist the United National Party (UNP) in their preparations for Parliamentary / Presidential elections in Sri Lanka in 1999/2000

Budget: £5,968

Public Opinion Research through Tracking Poll

To fund the Conservative Party to continue the programme of opinion research in Sri Lanka aimed at enabling the United National Party to construct its political programme based on sound information in preparation for the provincial council elections.

Budget: £3,750

Technical Assistance for the United National Party

To fund the Conservative Party to manage a programme of technical assistance for the United National Party including the provision of some material support through 1999.

Budget: £18,961

Women in Politics Training Workshop for the United National Party

To fund the Conservative Party to run a four-day training "Women in Politics" workshop for the United National Party in Autumn 1999.

Budget: £6,240

Leadership Training Visit to UK and Berlin

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a leadership training visit for Party Leader and Party Chairman of the United National Party (UNP) of Sri Lanka in 1999.

Budget: £6,059

Presidential Election Campaign Support

To fund the Conservative Party to provide election campaign support for the presidential candidacy of Mr Ranil Wickremesingh, Leader, United National Party in November and December 1999.

Budget: £20,000

ST LUCIA

Party Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the St Lucia Labour Party to organise a series of workshops on political accountability, formulation of party policy, membership recruitment and the development of membership databases in the regions.

Budget: £31,194

SUDAN

Planning Conference for Sudanese Human Rights Defenders Part-funding to enable the Sudanese Victims of Torture Group's London office to hold a conference in Cairo in October 1999. The conference will bring together 20 participants from human rights groups in Sudan to plan a strategy and build networks.

Budget: £5,000

TAIWAN

Women in Politics Workshop

To fund the Liberal Democrats to hold a seminar promoting women in politics in Taiwan and other sister parties from the South East Asian region in February 2000.

Budget: £1,160



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TIBET

Continuation of Support to Voice of Tibet Radio

To fund the Foundation Voice of Tibet to cover running costs and expansion of Voice of Tibet Radio's production office in Dharamsala, India from November 1999 to May 2000. Voice of Tibet's main objective is to inform and educate Tibetans within Tibet, China and India of internationally acknowledged human rights, democratic values and the work of democratic institutions in the Tibetan exile communities.

Budget: £9,268

VENEZUELA

Civil Participation

Funding to support the office expenses of "Momento de la Gente", an independent body established by civil society campaigners and based in Caracas to scrutinise the drafting of the new constitution and re-organisation of the political and judicial systems by the Venezuelan Assembly over a period of five months commencing September 1999.

Budget: £6,932

WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

Democratic Awareness and Education for Women

Funding to support a three month programme commencing November 1999 to promote and foster the democratic concept through raising women's awareness through women's organisations and NGOs in the Gaza strip.

Budget: £11,500

Assistance with Drafting the Constitution

Funding in co-operation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to support the costs of an expert in Constitutional Law to advise on preparation of the Palestinian Constitution.

Budget: £15,000

Visit to the UK by Members of the Palestinian Legislative Council

To fund a visit by members of the Palestinian Legislative Council to the House of Commons and various constituencies, aims to familiarise participants with the workings of the House of Commons and the relations between MPs and their constituents.

Budget: £6,000

Voter Education for Women

To fund the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy to hold two workshops to train 780 women in civil rights, with a particular focus on women's rights, in five cities, seven refugee camps and eleven villages, to encourage more women to vote in elections and enter public life.

Budget: £7,081

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

BOSNIA

Party Development Support for the Democratic Centre Alliance

To fund the Liberal Democrats to purchase office equipment for the three parties which comprise the Democratic Centre Alliance and provide infrastructure support, in the run-up to the municipal and general elections held in 1999 and 2000.

Budget: £25,929

Summer School for Activists from the Democratic Centre Alliance

To fund the Conservative Party and the Liberal Democrats to hold a five-day 'Summer School' for twenty members of the Democratic Centre Alliance during the summer of 1999.

Topics covered include the role of party agents, campaigning techniques, training volunteers, fund-raising and dealing with the media.

Budget: £33,950

Support for the Republican Party

To fund the Conservative Party to host a seven day visit to the UK by a four-person team from the Republican Party in Summer 1999, to learn about party structure and organisation.

Budget: £8,077

Support for Workshops on Women's Role in Politics

To fund the League of Women Voters to hold a series of ten round table discussions in the Muslim Croat Federation designed to debate legal aspects of issues related to women's participation in politics. The recommendations, expected to centre on women's demands for access not only to legislative but also executive powers at all levels of government, will be passed to the Electoral Commission which is now in the process of drafting the new electoral law.

Budget: £16,000

Radio Programmes to Promote Women Candidates

To fund Radio Kameleon, Tuzla, to produce a series of thirty-minute weekly radio programmes which will feature women candidates in local government elections scheduled for Autumn 1999.

Budget: £13,860

Assessment Visit

To fund the Liberal Democrats to attend a seminar meeting of the European Liberal Project Group and the Democratic Alliance of Bosnia in Sarajevo in Spring 2000. The Liberal Democrat International Officer will evaluate current projects and determine future activities in the light of the delayed elections.

Budget: £750

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Women, Politics and Reconciliation II

To part-fund the British Association for Central and Eastern Europe to organise a follow-up to the Women's Round Table on women's role in the reconciliation process conducted in Brcko, Bosnia in June 1999. A visit of nine members to the UK will take place to encourage and assist the process of reconciliation between Bosnia's three ethnic communities through sharing the lessons from Northern Ireland.

Budget: £8,000

Political Dialogue Between Young Politicians

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Youth Forum of the United List of Social Democrats in Slovenia to organise a workshop in Spring 2000 on the development of youth organisations in a (post) conflict society. Representatives will be invited from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia.

Budget: £1,500

KOSOVO

Support for Young People's Political and Civic Participation

Funding, as part of the programme to support the growth of democratic institutions and process in Kosovo, for two youth organisations, the 'Post Pessimists' and 'Forum', to organise lectures, workshops, round tables and exhibitions and to publish a magazine aimed at building bridges between groups with different nationalities, backgrounds and religions.

Budget: £18,626

Political Party Training

Funding for political parties in Kosovo aimed at helping them convey a balanced programme of policies through a well-prepared campaign. Specifically, to conduct three training seminars, for each of the political parties covering topics such as building party structures, election campaigning and local governance. The seminars will provide direct engagement and exchange between political parties in the UK and Kosovo.

Budget: £79,350

Training for Journalists in Political Reporting

To provide training for up to 12 journalists in political reporting and election coverage, to take place in March and July 2000. The training will include a four-day professional training course to be conducted by the BBC, time at political parties' press offices, visits to provincial and national newspaper's, meeting with lobby correspondents and government spokesmen.

Budget: £30,000

NIGERIA

Human Rights Training for Magistrates, Sharia and Customary Court Judges

Funding for partner-organisation LEDAP's six-month programme of human rights training for magistrates and customary and sharia court judges. LEDAP distributed 450 questionnaires to lower court judges, lawyers and court clerks to help determine the focus and content of the training programme, particularly in light of the unrest in Northern Nigeria surrounding the issue of sharia law. Six training sessions were then conducted in major centres around Nigeria.

Budget: £25,000



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