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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE / CARTER CENTER DELEGATION TO OBSERVE PERU'S RUN-OFF ELECTION

The National Democratic Institute (NDI) and The Carter Center today announced it will send a delegation to observe the June 3 Peruvian presidential run-off election. The 35-member multinational delegation will be led by Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State; Rodrigo Carazo Odio, former President of Costa Rica; Ramiro de Leon Carpio, former President of Guatemala; and Sam Gejdenson, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The delegation will include elected officials, electoral and human rights experts and civil society leaders from twelve countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The delegation will draw upon the observations of the joint NDI/Carter Center election monitoring project, which has been active in Peru since November 1999. Together NDI and The Carter Center have maintained a permanent staff presence in Lima, organized six pre-election assessment missions and deployed an observer mission to the April 8 elections, headed by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former Guatemalan President Ramiro de Leon Carpio. All of the reports of these delegations and other materials are available on the NDI web site at www.ndi.org and The Carter Center web site at www.cartercenter.org.

From May 30 to June 1 the delegation will gather in Lima to meet with Peruvian government officials, civil society leaders, electoral authorities, candidates and political analysts. Teams of delegates will then deploy to ten different electoral departments. The day before the elections, each team will meet with local election officials, party representatives, long-term international observers, and representatives of the *Defensoria del Pueblo* (Ombudsman's Office) and *Transparencia* to assess the election environment in their deployment sites. On election day, the teams will visit polling places and counting centers in their respective regions.

Following the counting of results, the teams will reassemble in Lima for debriefing and to prepare a preliminary delegation statement.

The delegation will conduct its activities in a nonpartisan, professional manner in accordance with Peruvian law and international standards for election monitoring. NDI and The Carter Center recognize that the citizens of Peru will ultimately determine the credibility of the 2001 run-off election.

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NOTE: A schedule of media opportunities will be made available soon.