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Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 11:47 AM
To: Johnston, David(LAC/SA)
Cc: Yates, Michael(BOLIVIA/DIR); Natiello, Peter(BOLIVIA/DIR)
Subject: RE: Democracy Program Activities

Dave – As requested in your phone call, I'm sending you a quick edit of your bullets. Please note that these are current programs only; as our democracy budget is scheduled to expand considerably in 08, we are in the process of designing & planning a number of new activities. Sorry for the irregular bullets.....

- Support for consolidation of Bolivia's criminal justice reform process, through strengthening justice sector institutions, including the Supreme Court, Attorney General's Office, Constitutional Tribunal, Judicial Council and Public Defender Service. (Includes technical assistance, training, information systems, establishment of customer service systems to relieve backlog of cases in the courts and district attorneys' offices.)
 - Increasing access to justice for poor Bolivians through Integrated Justice Centers in high-conflict areas (the IJCs have processed over 60,000 cases since 2004) and Justice Houses (Casas de Justicia).
 - Support for civil society organizations that monitor justice reforms and advocate for greater citizen, women's, and indigenous participation in justice reforms.
 - Technical assistance and training to strengthen departmental governments in their capabilities in strategic planning, financial management, and regional economic development.
 - Training in legislative procedures for Congress' regional caucuses; support to Women Parliamentarians' Caucus. (*the legislative services & database have had to be put on hold because of competing priorities within the Congress.*)
 - Grants to Bolivian civil society organizations for civic education and conflict resolution activities nationwide.
- Technical assistance and training by the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) to strengthen all of Bolivia's major political parties.
 - Support for the Democratic Values Survey to document, analyze and disseminate information on Bolivia's democratic culture; support to strengthen quantitative investigation capabilities of two Bolivian Political Science doctoral candidates.
- Land titling assistance as part of a conflict resolution program in Santa Cruz Department (with DCHA/CMM funds).

During pre-election periods, the program generally supports activities that include voter education and election monitoring, including recruitment and training of Bolivian elections observers.

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Karen,

Paul Bonicelli asked me last week what the Democracy Program does. I gave him a general answer about strengthening Bolivia's democratic systems, increasing transparency and strengthening effective governance, but he wanted something more specific. So I told him that the program is working with NGOs and civil society organizations, strengthening political

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parties, strengthening judicial systems and providing support for decentralization by strengthening departmental governance. This seemed to be enough for the moment and he hurried off to a meeting.

Later I thought it would be good to have a more complete list for the next time he wants information. So I made the following list of things that I think are probably significant Democracy Program activities:

- Support for the Democratic Values Survey to document information on Bolivia's democratic culture.
- Dissemination of information on Bolivia's democratic culture.
- Support to strengthen quantitative investigation capabilities of Bolivian doctoral candidates in Political Sciences.
- Technical assistance and training by the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) to strengthen all of Bolivia's major political parties.
- Support for civil society organizations that monitor justice reforms and advocate for greater citizen, women's, and indigenous participation in justice reforms.
- Support for NGOs that monitor and advocate for electoral transparency.
- Land titling assistance as part of a conflict resolution program in Santa Cruz Department.
- Decentralization assistance to strengthen the Prefects (Departmental Governance Capabilities) in Cochabamba, La Paz, Santa Cruz, Oruro and Potosi Departments.
- Training for judges and judicial personnel on human rights, conflict resolution procedures and/or related information.
- Civic education training for 5,000 persons who are active in civil society organizations.
- Establishment of a Legislative Service Center and a Legislative data base for members of Congress.
- Training in legislative procedures and functions for more than 40 technical staff that support members of Congress or the Vice President's Office.

Please review this list and make additions, deletions or edits as needed to provide a good overview of what the Democracy program is doing. Thanks, Dave

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