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Subject: AID Grant No. 526-0591-G-SS-0001-00

Dear Dr. Picado:

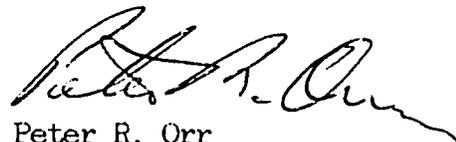
Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "Grantor") hereby grants to the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) (hereby referred to as IIDH or "Grantee"), the sum of \$50,000 to provide support for observing the electoral process in Paraguay, as described in the Schedule of this grant and the Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description".

This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of the date of this letter and shall apply to commitments made by the Grantee in furtherance of program objectives during the period beginning with the effective date and ending August 31, 1991.

This grant is made to IIDH on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1, entitled the Schedule, Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description", and Attachment 3 entitled "Standard provisions", which have been agreed to by your organization.

Please sign the original and each copy of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the grant, and return the original and all but one copy to USAID/Paraguay.

Sincerely yours,



Peter R. Orr
AID Representative

Attachments:

1. Schedule
2. Program Description
3. Standard Provisions

ACKNOWLEDGED:

IIDH

BY: Dr. Sonia Picado Sotela

TITLE: Executive Director

Date: 7 de Mayo de 1991



José L. Zovatto
Directo Ejecutivo a.i

FISCAL DATA

Appropriation: 72-1111021
 Budget Plan Code: LDSA 91-25526-KG12
 Project No.: 598-0591
 Total Estimated Amount: \$50,000
 Total Obligated Amount: \$50,000

Funding Source: A.I.D./W_____ USAID X

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE

A. Purpose of Grant

The purpose of this Grant is to provide support for observing the electoral process in Paraguay, as more specifically described in Attachment 2 to this Grant entitled "Program Description."

B. Period of Grant

The effective date of this Grant is May 1, 1991. The expiration date of this Grant is August 31, 1991.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment

1. A.I.D. hereby obligates the amount of \$50,000 for purposes of this Grant.

2. Payment shall be made to the Grantee in accordance with procedures set forth in Attachment 3 - Standard Provision No. 3, entitled "Payment - Cost Reimbursement."

D. Financial Plan

Local cost financing is authorized under the Grant Budget included below. Revisions to this budget shall be made in accordance with Standard Provisions of this Grant, entitled "Revision of Grant Budget."

ESTIMATED BUDGET

U.S. Dollars

<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>AID</u>
Air fares, airport taxes, fees, etc.	27,000
Per Diem	13,000
Car Rental, gasoline, etc.	5,000
Reports & publications	2,500
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500</u>
TOTALS	50,000

E. Reporting

1. Financial Reporting

a. Financial reporting requirement shall be in accordance with the Standard Provision of this grant entitled "Payment - Cost Reimbursement" as shown in Attachment 3.

b. One original and two copies of the Financial Status Report shall be submitted to USAID/Paraguay no later than 30 days after the expiration date of the Grant.

2. Program Performance Reporting

The Grantee shall submit no later than 30 days after the expiration date of the Grant a narrative report listing: the actual accomplishments, reasons why established goals were not met, other pertinent information, major recommendations, etc.

3. Special Reports

The Grantee shall provide special reports as requested by the AID Representative.

F. Indirect Cost Rates

Not applicable to this Grant.

G. Title to Property

Not applicable to this Grant.

H. Special Provision

IIDH team members travelling under this project are hereby granted concurrence for travels to Paraguay.

ATTACHMENT 2

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

OBJECTIVE

The general objective of this project is to observe the development of the democratic process in Paraguay. The specific objectives of the project are: to observe the capacity of the new Junta Electoral Central (JEC) to administer the coming municipal elections; to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the electoral process during this election; and to draft a mission report which will analyze the most important aspects of the election, outline recommendations for technical assistance programs for the upcoming constitutional elections, and develop priorities for assisting with the development of Paraguay's democratic system. Assistance under this project will be implemented by the Centro de Asesoría y Promoción Electoral (CAPEL), a specialized unit of IIDH.

DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Paraguay has seen great political changes in recent years. Formerly ruled by one of the hemisphere's most repressive dictators, Paraguay has embarked on a process of democratic transition which began in 1989. This process will continue with the upcoming municipal elections in May and be followed by constitutional elections in November.

In 1989, CAPEL was able to send a small mission to observe the Presidential elections and under this project will continue the process of observing the development of Paraguay's democratic system. In this manner, CAPEL will be able to continue to monitor and verify, in an unbiased manner, Paraguay's electoral process and also to evaluate the need for, and the elements of, technical assistance programs to further improve that electoral process. Such assistance could include civic-electoral programs to educate people concerning the nature of upcoming elections and permanent post-electoral programs to assist the Junta Electoral and to reinforce the nation's political transition.

To achieve both objectives, a three person team from CAPEL will make a preliminary visit to Paraguay to evaluate the development of the democratic process. Subsequently, CAPEL will prepare an observation mission composed of fifteen members from various fields including IIDH's directors and support staff, political scientists, experts in constitutional law, and representatives from the electoral organizations of Central America and South America which are signatories to the Protocols of Tikal and Quito. The mission would encompass the entire country and would terminate the day after the election. A group of three experts will remain in the country three days after election day in order to verify the tabulation and vote reporting systems.