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AMENDMENT NO. 4
TO THE
PROJECT MEMORANDUM

NEW INDEPENDENT STATES:
DEMOCRATIC PURALISM INITIATIVES
(110-0007)

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**ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR
EUROPE AND THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES**

FROM: Geraldine Donnelly, ENI/DG

SUBJECT: Democratic Pluralism Initiatives Project
(110-0007): Authorization Amendment #4

I. ISSUE: Your approval is needed to further amend the project authorization to the Democratic Pluralism Initiatives (DPI) Project for the New Independent States (NIS) to extend the project assistance completion date (PACD) to December 31, 1999.

II. BACKGROUND: The purpose of the project is to assist in political and social transformation of the states of the former Soviet Union from a one-party centralized communist regime to pluralistic democracies. In practice that has meant helping the citizens of the NIS build political, legal and social institutions, and processes and attitudes critical to the success of democratic and economic reform.

In pursuit of this objective, the DPI project, as amended, will support activities in five project components:

(1) Political Process activities help individuals and organizations participate freely, fairly and competitively in the political process, thereby effecting political, economic and social change.

(2) Independent Media that are financially sustainable, credible and widely accessible provide the quality and quantity of information required for effective citizen participation in political, economic, and social processes.

(3) Rule of Law activities support the efforts of NIS republics to create and strengthen laws, legal institutions and civic structures supporting democratic and market-oriented societies.

(4) Governance/Public Administration activities help national, regional and local-level public sector institutions in the NIS clarify and better administer their roles and responsibilities within democratic, market-oriented societies.

(5) A viable Civil Society enables citizens to participate more actively and effectively in the political and economic life of their countries.

The project was originally authorized on April 10, 1992 with a life-of-project (LOP) funding level of \$25 million and a PACD of April 10, 1996. On February 3, 1993, Authorization Amendment #1 increased the LOP to \$85 million. On September 9, 1993, Authorization Amendment #2 increased the LOP to \$160 million and extended the PACD to December 31, 1996. On July 21, 1994, Authorization Amendment #3 increased the LOP to \$260 million and extended the PACD by one year to December 31, 1997.

III. DISCUSSION: The PACD for this project needs to be extended to enable the project to be implemented as planned. Several of the grants to implement the project will go beyond the current PACD of December 31, 1997. Specifically, under the Independent Media component, Internews Network, Inc. has a USAID-funded grant that will extend beyond the PACD. In addition, a USAID-funded grant with United Way will extend beyond the December 31, 1997 PACD. Therefore, to accommodate these grants and to continue the other on-going program elements, the PACD for the project should be extended an additional two years to December 31, 1999.

IV. IMPLEMENTING DETAILS:

A) Congressional Notification: No formal CN is required to extend the PACD.

B) Environmental Determination: This activity qualifies for a categorical exclusion as per 22 CFR Part 216, §216.2(c)(1)(i) and Part 216, §216.2(c)(2)(i) as it is for technical assistance and training which will have no direct effect on the natural or physical environment.

V. AUTHORITY: The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; the FREEDOM Support Act of 1992, as amended; Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Program Appropriations Act, 1994; and Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs 1995 Appropriations and 1994 Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Under Delegation of Authority No. 400, dated August 16, 1991, the Associate Administrator for Operations was delegated authority to authorize and amend any project and non-project assistance so long as the action did not present significant policy issues. This authorization amendment poses no significant policy issues since only the PACD is being extended by two years for the Democratic Pluralism Initiatives Project (110-0007). Interim Reorganization Delegation of Authority No. 1, dated October 1, 1993, delegates to the Assistant Administrators, for their regional and programmatic areas of responsibility, all of the authorities delegated to the Associate Administrator for Operations. Under Delegation of Authority No. 300, dated April

23, 1994, the Administrator delegated to the deputies of Assistant Administrators and the heads of independent offices, authority to act as the alter ego of their principals.

IV. RECOMMENDATION: That you approve this Action Memorandum, and sign the attached Amendment #4 (ANNEX A) to the project authorization of the Democratic Pluralism Initiatives Project (110-0007), to extend the PACD of the Project by two years from December 31, 1997 to December 31, 1999.

Approved *Barbara Stone*

Disapproved _____

Date 4/4/95

Attachments:

- ANNEX A: Project Authorization Amendment No. 4
- TAB A: Original Authorization
- TAB B: Amendment No. 1
- TAB C: Amendment No. 2
- TAB D: Amendment No. 3

ANNEX A

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

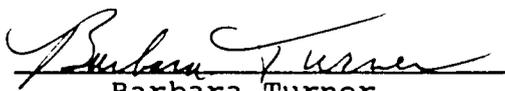
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Name of Region: New Independent States Regional
Project Name: Democratic Pluralism Initiatives
Project Number: 110-0007

The Democratic Pluralism Initiative Project was authorized on April 10, 1992. The project authorization was subsequently amended on February 3, 1993, September 9, 1993, and July 21, 1994.

1. The authorization for the New Independent States Regional Project is hereby further amended to provide an extension of the project assistance completion date by two years from December 31, 1997 to December 31, 1999.

2. Except as modified herein, the project authorization, as amended, remains in full force and effect.


Barbara Turner
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Bureau for Europe and the
New Independent States

4/4/95
Date