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BACKGROUND

This quarter saw the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) taking a giant leap forward in its democratic transition process. Significantly, on April 7, CEI (Independent Electoral Commission) President Abbé Malu-Malu made a point of saying the real end date of the transition was June 30, 2006. According to Article 196 of the Constitution of the Transition, the transition could be prolonged beyond the two-year by a period of six months, with one additional six-month extension, if there were problems specifically linked to the organization of elections. The Electoral Commission would have to address a proposal to the National Assembly and to the Senate. Their decision would have to be a joint one. With the end of the two-year- transition date of June 30th rapidly approaching, it was evident to all that election preparations were far from being ready.

The CEI was developing a new electoral calendar. On April 28 the CEI officially requested that the transition be extended. On May 16, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa was present to see the National Assembly adopt the draft Constitution that would eventually be put before the citizens in a referendum, once the voter register and the referendum law were in place. Following the parliament's approbation of the Constitution, preparations for voter registration began in earnest. In his speech on May 16, President Joseph Kabila urged all Congolese to rally in support of democracy, saying the country's electoral process now was irreversible.

Logistics challenges for holding elections remained formidable. By mid-June, civic education/awareness campaigns were just getting underway. Customs was holding the registration kits. Large quantities of forms needed to be printed. Laws remaining to be promulgated included the budget, amnesty, political party finance, public demonstration, decentralization, and the electoral law. Most pressing was the need to organize the central collection of registration data. Yet even that concern was overshadowed when, on June 16, the air shipment of registration kits from Brussels still hadn't arrived.

The registration process got underway on the scheduled date of June 20, gradually launching 1,143 registrations centers in Kinshasa. Also on June 20, the Joint Decision of the Senate and National Assembly on the Prolongation was published in the official journal. June 30 was, after all the fears and worries, surprisingly quiet. In the first 10 days of registration, more than 300,000 voters were registered. After 20 days, that number had jumped to 1.6 million.

IFES in the DRC

The DRC field office had several major staff changes. Following an intense two-year contribution to DRC legislative development, civic education, and electoral commission structure and organizational assistance that culminated in the recent successful voter registration, IFES /DRC Chief of Party Micheline Bégin resigned effective June 30 to take on a hopefully less arduous technical assistance position with United Nations Development Program in the Cote d'Ivoire. IFES recognized her unwavering commitment to the democratic transition in the Democratic Republic of Congo and her eight years of faithful service with IFES.

Former project administrator Jean-Louis Bouterin (France) was named Acting Chief of Party. Gisèle Poirier (Canada) was named Deputy Chief of Party and Chief of Technical Assistance. IFES headquarters staffer Gabrielle Bardall (United States) travelled to Kinshasa to assist in a smooth transition. Civic Education Director Marcel Assigname (Benin) travelled to his home to recover from a bout of typhoid.

IFES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES - Summary and Highlights

During this period, IFES activities and technical assistance ran at break-neck pace. The long stretch of technical assistance to the CEI in planning and the groundwork laid in developing election awareness among civil society finally came to fruition. Trust built over time allowed entities to work together. Several types of election-focused civic education tools IFES had prepared became eagerly sought and were readily shared as various groups facing the daunting task of delivering civic education and election assistance in the DRC. Popular USAID-sponsored and IFES-produced civic education materials included the thematic one-page question-answer format “Fiches Syntheses”, basic Laws in five languages, the *Registration Observation Manual*, and the Boite Images picture-based participatory training/discussion kit.

Samples of the diverse range of the Resource Centers for Democracy activities are included below. The daily publication and dissemination of news bulletins, Internet training and consultations, and resource reading room activities continued. At the end of the period there were a total of 254 CSOs accredited to the Resource Centers. Each of these groups had animators and activities that IFES encouraged to reach into the communes and territories to give wide outreach.

In the technical assistance realm, working in a flurry of activity and extremely long hours on the part of CEI and IFES staff, on June 20, the target date, voter registration began. This event, coupled with an extensive six-month awareness campaign carried out with IFES and influential civil society organizations, coupled with the government’s taking responsibility for the security of citizens, resulted in a peaceful June 30 national holiday.

Specific IFES-related activities in this quarter included the following:

April 2005

- On April 7 IFES and the National Democratic Institute **opened a fourth Resource Center for Democracy in Kisangani**, adding to the existing centers in Kinshasa, Kikwit, and Lubumbashi. Kisangani was chosen because of its central location and because of its sensitive history due to the massacre in 2002.
- Beginning April 7, the day the CEI president announced that the real end of the transition is June 2006, **IFES and the CEI developed a plan for training election workers.**
- In early April, Martin Nadon arrived from Canada as the Management and Organization expert, replacing David Backler, who had resigned effective March 15 to become elections logistics officer with MONUC. Martin Nadon’s first job was to help the CEI **recruit operations bureau personnel.**
- On April 8 in Lubumbashi, IFES held a **registration and elections (R&E) seminar for 93 handicapped persons** associated with two CSOs (civil society organizations).

- On April 9 in Lubumbashi, IFES held an **R&E seminar for 64 artists**, actors, musicians, writers, and comedians on incorporating various electoral themes in their work.
- On April 10-11 in Kisangani, **35 Boîte à Image animators were trained**. In turn, these 35 trained 386 trainers from civil society organisations. Kits were provided by IFES and the trainers were deployed in the 6 communes of Kisangani.
- On April 14 in Kinshasa, IFES hosted a **working session with grass-roots animators on Article 196**. The 36 participants complained of lack of space to hold seminars, lack of means, and need for training. Participants were told to put requests in writing to schools, churches, to implicate local authorities in awareness programs, and to take advantage of IFES documents as training tools.
- On April 20 and 21 in Kikwit, **33 Boite image animators were trained in participatory techniques and simulations**; the Mayor of Kikwit attended.
- On April 23 in Kisangani, **102 conference attendees (one-third women) received training kits** that included the Law on Nationality and the Fiches syntheses.
- On April 24, in Kisangani, **an evaluation and planning (E&P) session was held with 44 participants from CSOs** on successes to date in reaching the grass-roots. Problems included permission from local authorities, reaching women and youth; strategies were developed to gain cooperation of local authorities and to go to universities, markets, cooperatives, training centers, and churches. Participants developed a map to insure full coverage.
- On April 26 Lubumbashi held its E&P session with animators from 33 CSOs. Lack of transport made some areas difficult to access; also, people weren't used to an associative culture. During Boite sessions, women expressed themselves more freely when they were only in the company of other women. Animators were advised to make sure they specifically elicit women's participation.
- On April 26 Kikwit met with the mayor and 19 male and 3 female civil society representatives to discuss **observing the registration process**.
- In mid-April, IFES consultant **Martin Nadon assisted the CEI in developing procedures for applying the Voter Identification and Enrollment Law**.
- In mid-April IFES convened a "Virtual Election Law Working Group," enlisting readers from various countries who gave **pro bono readings and commentaries on the DRC draft election law via e-mail**. These comments were then edited and **compiled by a team of election experts under the guidance of Law Professor Jean Louis Esambo and attorney Claude Rioux**, on loan from the Secretary General of Elections Quebec for the period of 16 April to 13 May, and who continued to provide consultation even after his return to Quebec.
- Meanwhile, also in April, the CEI, with assistance from IFES' Micheline Begin **developed criteria and protocol for testing the registration equipment** that would govern the selection of equipment including a portable computer, scanner, digital camera a plastic applicator, indelible ink reader, battery and generator. The goal was to have a procurement process that was fair, transparent, and met the requirements. There would be a pre-selection of suppliers on April 12 to see who met the basic criteria. Trials would be held from April 27 to 29, and a final selection made on May 2. The tests were to be made in a variety of conditions, in urban Kinshasa and in provincial Ngeba, Bas Congo, to determine whether the equipment could meet the goal of handling about 100 registrations per day. Those activities were completed, with Zetes, a Belgian company, offering the most reliable equipment.

- On April 9, with the help of MONUC, Administrator Jean-Louis Bouterin organized the **printing and distribution of 350,000 copies of the Fiches Syntheses** basic election information sheets to 10 provinces, along with **41,000 copies of the Law on the Identification and Enrollment of Electors** that had been printed in five languages.
- On April 20 and 21, **IFES hosted the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa in a forum** at which Micheline Begin spoke on civil society participation in the elections process.
- Meanwhile, also on April 21 and 22, IFES Civic Education director Marcel Assigname, and consultant Anne Marie Mukwayanzo held a **Training of Trainers seminar with 33 persons in Kikwit to launch training in the use of the IFES-produced 2500 Boite Image kits**. The attaché carrying kit contained an animator's guide, 8x10 cardboard stock full-color printed images, cloth for posting, pins, and glue. The election-related Boite had been conceived, drafted, edited, and tested by the IFES team. The event was covered by RTNC, the national television station. The Boite was expected to eventually reach 1.2 million potential voters. Its strength is that it has appeal to all ages and education levels, including persons who can't read.
- On April 26, IFES and ARCO, the network of community radio stations, collaborated on the **production of two radio dialogues on the role of women in political processes and on elections and the future of the DRC**. Participants included Abbe Malu-Malu, Anne Marie Mukuayanzo, and Jean Louis Esambo, member of the regional high court. This was another occasion for sensitizing the public to the possibilities in the transition timetable. On May 27, copies of the **CDs were finalized, duplicated, and distributed to radio stations**.
- On April 28, **with drafting assistance from IFES, the CEI asked parliament to extend the government of transition beyond June 2005**, citing the government and parliament's slow pace in enacting necessary legislation and in light of the financial, logistic, and security problems.

May 2005

- From April 23 to May 7, **IFES hosted visting Prof. Edward Errante, who spoke on Elections in a Post-Conflict Environment**. He addressed groups in Bunia, Goma, Bukavu, and Kinshasa.
- On May 6, a ceremony marked the training of 48 animators from Kinshasa from the JRCI, the Journees de Reflexions chritiennes, an organization of evangelical churches. On May 11, a partner group Binza organized outreach to pregnant women at a clinic regarding elections.
- Following the May 14 National Assembly approval of the Constitution text that would be presented to voters in referendum within six months, from May 9 to 15, **registration procedures based on the Constitution were developed with the help of Micheline Begin, while at the same time developing appropriate registration materials**.
- On May 14 and May 27 the two-phase training of Electoral and Civic Youth Educators was held in Kinshasa.

- On May 27 in Kikwit, with Justice and Peace, IFES organized a **seminar for 104 persons on Article 196**. Participants asked whether a government that hadn't achieved its objectives in 24 months could achieve them in 12 months. The event was **covered by Radio Tomisa, Radio Sanago-malamu, and TRNC/Television nationale**.
- On May 30, with the support of IFES, the **registration agent recruitment process began**. With the help of various liaison bureaus, school inspectors and the CEI Operations Bureau, Martin Nadon from **IFES developed a test that was administered to select the appropriate persons from the 20,000 candidates**.
- Toward the end of May, the CEI undertook consultations on Measures of Application and Procedures of Inscription that, though useful in building awareness, seemed a drain on time and money. IFES' concerns on how the registration data would be collected and checked at a central location went unaddressed.
- Throughout the month, a significant civic education campaign (debates, discussions, media Information Days, etc) helped inform the public about the Constitutional extension of the transition

June 2005

- On June 1 in Kikwit, **79 handicapped persons participated in a seminar on election registration**, and responding that unless people were certifiably mentally handicapped, handicapped persons could pose their candidacies for elections.
- On June 2, **at the request of the university community, IFES presented a forum on Article 196 for 270 persons**, which succeeded in calming the suspicions that signatories were ignoring the Transition Constitution to prolong their stay in power.
- On June 4, **IFES sent approximately 20,000 copies of the law on voter registration to the CEI Regional bureaus**, in anticipation of the start of recruitment and registration.
- On June 5, IFES assisted the CEI in selecting from a pool of 4,000 persons from 18,000 candidates, based on a 15-question test. From this pool, 39 national supervisors and 168 controllers were selected. **IFES helped the BNO organize the printing of affidavit forms, various attendance forms, accreditation badges, and the more than 4 million voter ID forms that would be needed to launch the voter registration process**.
- On June 6, Micheline Begin **participated in a Selection Committee for the Technical Secretary for the CEI, Bureau National des Operations(BNO)**, selecting Bechir Bundi, of the Institute Nationale de Statistics, eminently qualified, with previous experience on the registration sub commission. Following his appointment, **IFES attended the newly inaugurated nightly meetings regarding voter registration, held with BNO, MONUC, and APEC**.
- IFES continued **support to the BNO in recruitment of registration agents**. On June 6, the names of selected candidates were posted, in total 12, 720 persons, who passed the registration agent test. IFES consultant Nadon then proceeded to Bas Congo for the hiring of 2,570 agents and to Province Orientale for the hiring of 5,345 agents, receiving a warm welcome in both places.
- On June 8, IFES learned that the draft Referendum text that IFES had helped prepare in July 2004 with Jean Chartier, Jean Louis Esambo, and others varied from the final version adopted by the Council of Ministers. IFES sought help to investigate how and why the versions varied and to make recommendations.

- **In early June, with IFES' help, consultant Ferdinand Kapanga began drafting the *Guide to Registration Observation*.** On June 8, IFES learned that Kapanga, the IFES lead trainer, animator, and author of the Small, Practical Dictionary of Elections, had accepted a full-time post as consultant to EISA.
- On June 13, **the CEI, with the help of IFES, put forth a nation-wide campaign of civic education and awareness.** The CEI wanted to see included themes of peace, reconciliation, and tolerance and added Youth and Police/Military to target audiences.
- During this period, Renosec (Reseau national pour l'observation et la surveillance des elections) sought support for observation from various groups and also a **partnering for the use of the Observation Guide and the Observation forms.** IFES agreed, knowing there would be a better possibility for having a consistent system for gathering facts.
- Additionally, in June, **the USAID-IFES-produced Boite outreach was expanded through IFESH (International Foundation for Education and Self-Help) and the Project APEC (the international donor basket fund for the elections), who produced and paid for an additional 4,000 kits.** The Maison des Elections, supported by GTZ, the German cooperation, also expressed interest in the Fiches and Boite to supplement their radio, theatre, and banners civic education efforts.
- With OTI support, Innovative Resources Management organized a "Voyage of Transition" barge to go from Kisangani to Kinshasa, with **IFES providing the Fiches in the four local languages for the IRM election kits** that were destined to reach 20,000 persons.
- On June 16-17, **IFES and EISA jointly sponsored a training for 80 observers** on themes of observation of registration and elections, a code of conduct for observers, and practical aspects of observation.
- On June 29, Martin Nadon traveled to **assist Kisangani's testing of registration agents**, while CEI logisticians went to South Africa for training.

Indicator Chart

Objective 1: Support to the timely implementation of the legal framework for a democratic transition to representative government.

Indicator	Target	Status this Quarter	Key Results	April 2005	May 2005	June 2005
<i>Number of consultations held with IEC members</i>	<i>4 consultations per week</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>4+ meetings a week held with CEI members</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4+ meetings per week with CEI representatives; consultations include: daily meetings on application measures for Voter Identification and Enrollment (VI&E), participation in exchanges SADC-CEI, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4+ meetings per week with CEI representatives; consultations include: application measures for VI&E law, review of draft Electoral Law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4+ meetings per week with CEI representatives; consultations include referendum law, application measures for referendum law
<i>Level of incorporation of IFES-supported input in key legislative fields (voter registration, draft constitution, electoral law)</i>	<i>10 IFES recommendations included in key legislative texts</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>International Legal Experts analyze draft Election Law</i> ▪ <i>IFES-led Round Table in Kinshasa discuss and review comments on draft Electoral Law</i> ▪ <i>Editing of Application Measures for VI&E Law</i> ▪ <i>Extension of transition granted by Parliament</i> ▪ <i>Referendum Law Passed</i> ▪ <i>Transition Constitution adopted</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Round Table on draft Electoral Law and application measures for VI&E ▪ Assist CEI finalize request for extension of transition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in CEI working group to review draft Electoral Law. Completed Law submitted to Parliament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordination with CIDA (Canada) to prepare arrival of experts to review Application Measures for Referendum Law and produce detailed chronogram of remaining electoral operations

Description of Activities:

A panel of international legal experts finished their review of the draft Electoral Law; the results of their analysis were the subject of a 2-week Round Table, led by IFES in cooperation with the CEI. Under the leadership of IFES consultant Claude Rioux (Canada), the Round Table also undertook a review of the application measures for the Voter Identification and Enrollment Law (VI&E). During this quarter the Parliament passed the Referendum Law and the draft Constitution for the transition; both documents that IFES had reviewed and analyzed in the previous quarters.

Objective 2: Development and strengthening of basic political processes and democratic institutions.

Indicator	Target	Status this Quarter	Key Results	April 2005	May 2005	June 2005
<i>Number of meetings and training sessions held with IEC members over project lifetime, in response to IEC requests</i>	<i>2 meetings and training sessions per week</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruitment, training and implementation of VI&E agents in Kinshasa successfully led by IFES ▪ Significant support to logistics planning vis VI&E material testing and selection, emergency communication plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily meetings for pilot test of VI&E materials (qualification test, training of testers, briefing of suppliers, review of translated instructions, participate in evaluation panel, observe training) held at IFES at request of BNO ▪ Moderated EISA debate on domestic observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IFES instigated and led Working Group on procedures for VI&E begins at request of BNO. Completed measures submitted to CEI. ▪ Assisted with harmonisation of procedures and Application Measures with CEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily meetings at BNO to resolve VI&E obstacles, crises, daily evaluations, logistics ▪ Coordination with inspectors of Minister of Education (Primary, Secondary, Superior) and with BL and BRP staff for VI&E recruitment and testing process
<i>Level of incorporation of IFES-supported input in key IEC operational areas (internal management, electoral calendar, budget and logistical plan)</i>	<i>10 IFES recommendations included in IEC documentary output</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kinshasa recruitment and completed, VI&E stations in Kinshasa open ▪ Begin recruitment process in Bas Congo and Province Orientale ▪ Extended transition calendar established ▪ Political parties sign Code of Conduct ▪ Support CEI in installation in new HQ, support implementation of BL and BRP, recruitment of staff for BNO, support to planning and implementation of qualification test for registration materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop summary of training plan for CEI-CT meetings ▪ Assist in implementation of emergency communication plan ▪ Intensive support to development of VI&E material validation test ▪ Begin recruitment for BNO ▪ Review background documents for Chemonics/OTT's <i>Guide de la Transition</i> ▪ Legal review of all forms used in the VI&E centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advise CEI on registration kit purchase, participation in selection committee ▪ Submitted proposal for recruitment and management strategy for Kinshasa registration ▪ Regular meetings with BNO to further creation and organisation of BL and BRP ▪ Recruitment of staff for BNO (National Technical Secretary, 2 technical assistants, 2 legal assistants, 2 administrative assistants) support to training ▪ Continued support to recruitment CEI/BNO includes 35 national technical supervisors and 4 "pool" supervisors. Begin recruitment process for 5500 agents for Kinshasa (develop tests, coordinate city-wide exams) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selection on National Technical Secretary for the BNO ▪ Recruitment for VI&E agents: revised test, prepared materials and logistics for 18,000 candidates. ▪ 39 supervisors, 168 controllers, 5715 agents selected. ▪ Training for new VI&E recruits held 8-11 June. ▪ VI&E begins in Kinshasa ▪ IFES Logistics Expert begins recruitment process in Bas Congo (2570 agents) and Province Orientale (5345 agents) ▪ Meeting with political parties to sign Code of Conduct and review VI&E operations

Description of Activities: This quarter marked the move into the operational phase of the transition. Contract bidding for registration kits was launched, competing kits were tested, a company chosen, the kits ordered, received, stocked and distributed in time for the beginning of voter identification and enrollment processes on the 20th of June. IFES consultant Martin Nadon (Canada) led the recruitment process, assisting in the recruitment of support staff

for the BNO and the establishment of the BL and BRP in the provinces. Of 18,000 candidates to take the qualifications test (written and organized by IFES), the CEI successfully recruited 39 supervisors, 168 controllers and 5715 registration agents for the registration centers in Kinshasa. While voter registration in Kinshasa reached apx. 800,000 at the end of the quarter, IFES began the process of recruitment of registration agents in the Bas Congo and the Province Orientale.

Objective 3: Increased public participation in economic and political decision making and government reform.

Indicator	Target	Status this Quarter	Key Results	April, 2005	May, 2005	June, 2005
<i>Number of contacts with key civil society organizations on major election themes</i>	<i>500 contacts with multiplier effects</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Grass-roots reach, 3.12 million persons, if animators reach 100 who reach 25 each</i> ▪ <i>254 partner associations registered as CEPPS Democracy Center Users (80 new this quarter)</i> ▪ <i>Apx. 1770 users use 4 Democracy Centers each month</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 329 ▪ 54 new CSOs accredited as CEPPS Democracy Center Users ▪ 1796 election stakeholders use 4 centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 546 ▪ 21 new CSOs accredited as CEPPS Democracy Center Users ▪ 1656 election stakeholders use 4 centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 373 ▪ 5 new CSOs accredited as CEPPS Democracy Center Users ▪ 1847 election stakeholders use 4 centers
<i>Number of debates held on transition-related themes</i>	<i>14 per center</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>39 events held at Democracy Centers (avg. 60 participants, 18% women in Kinshasa & Kikwit, 35% in L'shi, 52% in Kisangani)</i> ▪ <i>2291 direct participants in Democracy Center activities (30% women)</i> ▪ <i>1,197 conference-debates held through Base Outreach & 133,771 direct participants (54% women) + multiplier effect</i> ▪ <i>Est 6,550,000 beneficiaries of radio/TV programming</i> 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Kinshasa</u>: 1 event held. Base outreach: 84 conf-debates (10,070 participants) ▪ <u>Kikwit</u>: 2 event held; Base outreach: 168 conf-debates (16,193 participants) ▪ <u>Lubumbashi</u>: 4 event held; Base outreach: 52 conf-debates (3,834 participants) ▪ <u>Kisangani</u>: 3 event held; Base Outreach: 21 activities (881 participants) 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Kinshasa</u>: 5 events held ; Base Outreach: 106 conf-debates (20,426 participants) ▪ <u>Kikwit</u>: 3 event held; Base Outreach: 114 conf-debates (13,065 participants) ▪ <u>Lubumbashi</u>: 6 event held ; Base Outreach: 65 events (6,650 participants) ▪ <u>Kisangani</u>: 2 event held; Base Outreach: 87 conf-debates (5,388 participants) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 ▪ <u>Kinshasa</u>: 3 events held; Base Outreach: 152 conf-debates (11,370 participants) ▪ <u>Kikwit</u>: 2 event held; Base Outreach: 175 conf-debates (16,292 participants) ▪ <u>Lubumbashi</u>: 5 event held; Base Outreach: 42 conf-debates (7034 participants) ▪ <u>Kisangani</u>: 3 event held; Base outreach: 131 conf-debates (22,566 participants)
<i>Production of footage suitable for a documentary film on the transition process, elections and the role of CSOs in the DRC</i>	<i>15 minutes of suitable footage</i>	TARGET MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Production and diffusion of radio program featuring CEI President and electoral education and legal experts</i> ▪ <i>37 radio programs and 9 TV clips produced in relation to Base Outreach program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13 radio programs produced in relation to Base Outreach ▪ Contact made with film producer from “Eloges” re Boîte à Images film 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9 radio programs and 4 TV clips produced in relation to Base Outreach ▪ Brainstorming for Boîte à Images film with “Eloges” director/producer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kinshasa Democracy Center produces radio program with Abbé MaluMalu and electoral education and legal experts, diffused in provinces ▪ Collaboration with IRM on possible documentation of Congo River sensibilisation project ▪ Centre Lokole provides IFES 40 CDs with radio programs on the electoral process ▪ 15 radio programs and 1 TV clip produced in relation to Base Outreach ▪ Concept paper for Boite à Images film submitted by “Eloges” director/producer
<i>Individuals and/or organizations capable of providing information on voter registration/ observation</i>	<i>50 2-person teams</i>	TARGET EXCEEDED	<p><i>University groups and RENOSEC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>25 2-person teams of VI&E Observers trained, to systematically observe</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seminar with RENOSEC ▪ Boite à Images: training of animators continues, Boite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boite à Images: training of animators continues, Boite reaches at least 23,300, popularity in the east (Province Orientale Kivus, Maniema, Equateur) especially noted by local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint Training with RENOSEC ▪ Boite à images: reaches at least 22,450. Training of animators for the quarter is: Kinshasa-80, Kikwit-33, Kisangani-20,

At the beginning of the quarter, the opening of a fourth Democracy Center was enthusiastically welcomed by civil society groups in Kisangani, as testified by the number of participants in CRD activities (376 people attending 8 CRD activities this quarter, base outreach reaching 22,500 by the end of the quarter). A total of 39 IFES-sponsored activities took place at CEPPS Democracy Centers in Kinshasa, Kikwit, Lubumbashi and Kisangani this quarter (73% of planned activities, or apx. 280% of workplan target). Civic and electoral education dealt with pressing topics, such as understanding and accepting constitutional delays of the transition, as well as general education about electoral processes, voter identification and registration and the participation of special groups (handicapped, women, etc) in the electoral process. The summary Sheets (Fiches de Synthèse) produced in the last quarter proved very successful as did the Boite à Image education program in the provinces. Base outreach programs organized by IFES-trained partner organizations illustrated the multiplier effect, as over 130,000 people participated in almost 1200 activities this quarter. These programs reached an estimated TV and radio audience 6.5 million. At the end of the quarter the pilot project for training observers for the identification and registration process began, with a first training of 25 teams of observers in Kisangani.

Some comments from participants in IFES' Boîte à Image training of trainers in Bandundu, Equateur, Province Orientale and Kivu: (translation from French):

"The Boîte à Image is very well adapted to the reality on the ground [because it is] less academic. We appreciate the participative methodology."

"The methodology of the Boîte is excellent and allows us to reach all the layers of society. Even more than radio programs or conferences, the pictures help improve people's understanding of the different stages of the Electoral Process."

"We appreciate the simplicity and effectiveness of these pictures as a vehicle for sharing this message. The images speak for themselves and spark questions and debate."

From l'Observateur (10/06/05) on IFES-supported Election Education for the Handicapped:

"The questions dealt with during this event truly underlined handicapped people's need to fully understand what is going on [in the electoral process] and clearly affirmed that handicapped people must not be marginalized, but recognized as citizens with full rights in our country."

From La Référence Plus (20/4/05) on the opening of the Kisangani Democracy Center:

"With the opening of this Resource Center, NDI and IFES are rendering a great service, particularly to those with an interest in politics."

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Continue support to the CEI for voter registration personnel recruitment and logistics
- Material, logistic and technical assistance in training voter registration personnel
- Translation, printing and distribution of the Referendum Law
- Follow-up on voter registration observation teams and reports
- Conception, translation, printing and distribution of the Summary Sheets (Fiches de Synthèse) on the Constitution of the 3rd Republic and the Referendum Law
- Training of observers for the voter registration and enrolment process in Kisangani, Lubumbashi, Kikwit and Kinshasa.
- Popularization of the draft Constitution and voter outreach
- Popularization of the Referendum Law
- Popularization of the law on Political Parties

- Voter outreach and education activities on Referendum Law
- Training of election observers, popularization of principles and rules of election observation
- Popularization of the Election Law and related outreach activities
- Sponsoring of “Information Day” for the draft Constitution
- Technical support to CEI for concept and methods of organizing the Referendum and General Elections
- Assist in development and elaboration of training plan for electoral personnel
- Material, logistic and technical assistance in training election personnel
- Planning for deployment of election personnel
- Support to identification and planning of voter centers
- Assist with deployment of voting materials
- Continue the MONUC-CEI-IFES synergies for registration and for the referendum November 27
- Organize debates in the CRDs (Democracy Resource Centers) and surrounding areas to augment awareness of registration and voting processes; use media to amplify messages where possible
- Continue supplying CSOs with the information to be effective in outreach