

FINAL MEETING
of the Non-Governmental Process of the
Community of Democracies

Santiago, 3-4 March 2005

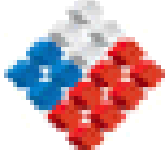
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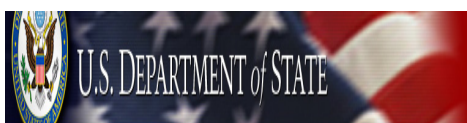
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1. Executive Summary

The Community of Democracies is a coalition of democratic countries that was first convened in 1999 with the goal of strengthening democratic institutions and values at the national, regional, and global levels. The first Ministerial Meeting was held in Warsaw, Poland in 2000, and included representation from more than 100 countries, mostly at the level of Foreign Ministries. The meeting resulted in the Warsaw Declaration, a document, signed by the governments, that articulated their common principles on democracy. At the second meeting, held in November 2002 in Seoul, South Korea, 95 participating governments agreed on the Seoul Plan of Action.

After the Ministerial Meeting in Seoul, November 2002, there was a consensus among non-governmental actors previously involved in the process of the Community of Democracies that there was a need to:

1. Implement a follow-up process between Seoul, Santiago and the next meeting,
2. Involve different social and political actors in the process and,
3. Significantly increase government implementation of commitments.

With these needs in mind, an Executive Secretariat (ES) was created in May 2003 as a temporary coordinator of a non-governmental process to prepare for the third Ministerial meeting, to be held in Santiago, April 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2005. The Executive Secretariat is currently hosted in PARTICIPA, a Chilean NGO that participated in the International Committee of the non-governmental forum in Seoul 2002 and that works on issues of democracy promotion and public participation in Latin America. The former Minister, Secretary General of Presidency of Chile (1994-1996) and Ambassador of Chile to the United States (1998-1999) Mr. Genaro Arriagada, heads this Secretariat and the Director of PARTICIPA, Ms. Andrea Sanhueza, is its Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretariat has developed a strategy to organize and develop a participatory process for social and political actors in preparation for Santiago 2005, to promote the creation of a non-governmental counterpart of the Community of Democracies, and to provide governments with a high-level analysis of democratic deficits and proposals for how to address them.

One goal of the strategy is to decentralize the Non-Governmental Process, and to this end the Executive Secretariat has been working simultaneously with a variety of stakeholders in six regions: (i) Asia, (ii) Latin America and the Caribbean, (iii) Middle East and North Africa, (iv) North America, (v) Europe + Russia, Balkans and New Independent States, and (vi) Sub-Saharan Africa.

The ES organized its first meeting in Lisbon, Portugal in January 2004 to present the first draft of the Non-Governmental strategy and, together with regional partners, agree on the objectives and a Plan of Action. It was agreed that the ES would help coordinate regional workshops to promote substantive dialogue regarding the major democratic deficits in each region and prepare proposals on how governments should address them. This First Meeting of the Non-Governmental Process, held in Lisbon in January 2005, convened 40 members of civil society organizations, political parties, and political foundations from 20 countries. The participants broke into regional working groups to define the major democratic deficits facing their respective regions and to map out regional work plans for the year leading up to the Ministerial Meeting.

Another goal of the strategy is to make the Non-Governmental Process an ongoing one that promotes the conditions for continued involvement of a broad range of actors that can use the Plan of Action that will come out of the Final Meeting in Santiago as a basis for their work in following-up on government commitments and advocating for their implementation at the national and regional levels. After the Ministerial Meeting, the ES will systematize the process in a publication that will explain the lessons learned and will use this publication as a tool to help pass the Secretariat to the next chair country.

At the **regional level**, regional workshops were developed in coordination with regional partners. The **main goals of the workshops**, which were adapted in response to regional priorities and needs, were:

- To evaluate the progress and setbacks of democracy in its political, economic, and social dimensions, discussing main challenges to democratic governance and development.
- To make proposals related to the strengthening of democracy that can then be presented to governments of the Community of Democracies at the Santiago Ministerial Meeting.

- To encourage a substantive dialogue among NGOs, political parties, political foundations, and think tanks to promote a greater mutual understanding for collaborative work on democracy building.

Five regional workshops took place in 2004 and in January 2005 in the following regions: (1) Asia. Co-organized with the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; (2) Europe, Russia and NIS. Co-organized with Forum 2000; (3) Africa Sub-Saharan. Co-organized with IDEA International and EISA; (4) Latin America. Co-organized with IDEA International and Organization of American States. (5) Middle East. Organized by the Panorama Centre and the North-South Centre of Europe. (6) North American Workshop. Organized by the Council for Community of Democracies, Democracy Coalition Democracy Project, Center for Democracy and Election Management: American University, Alianza Cívica, Rights and Democracy/Droits et Démocratie (Montreal), Elections Canada and Center for American Progress. (7) Middle East and Northern Africa Workshop, organized by the Arab Institute for Human Rights, Freedom House, and the National Commission on Human Rights in Qatar in collaboration with The Yemeni Human Rights Information and Training Center, AISHA network on women's rights, and the Arab NGO Network for Development

2. Final Meeting of the Non-Governmental Process of the Community of Democracies

In preparation for the Ministerial Meeting that will take place on April 28th-30th in Santiago, the Executive Secretariat has organized a Final Meeting of the Non-Governmental Process for the CoD to take place on March 3rd and 4th in Santiago.

The **objectives** of this **Final Meeting** are to:

1. Present the Community of Democracies Governmental and Non-Governmental Process.
2. Present and discuss proposals that addressed the five common democratic issues across all the regions.
3. Refine and formalize proposals on those five issues.
4. Define what issues and which proposals will be emphasized in each region in preparation for the Ministerial Meeting.
5. Define issues and proposals to improve the CD process itself.
6. Agree on an outreach and advocacy strategy leading up to the Ministerial Meeting in Santiago.

Participants. The Final Meeting will be attended by approximately 90 people, preferably who have participated in regional workshops or in previous CoD meetings, with 10-15 people from each region, coming from 35 different countries. Participants belong to NGO´s, Political Parties and Political Foundations, Think Tanks and Universities, and to International Institutions. Many of these institutions and actors also represent important national and regional networks.

The participants list was created based on the following criteria:

- *Experience:* Participants who have been involved in other Community of Democracies meetings and regional workshops have a better understanding of the democratic deficits and the proposals that have been developed over the course of the process, and will therefore have priority.
- *Active Participation:* Partners who have actively participated in the process, by taking the initiative in promoting the process in their region will be given priority.
- *Geographic diversity:* the Executive Secretariat is committed to a balanced regional representation of approximately 10-15 participants per region.

Methodology. The meeting will be divided into plenary sessions and regional working groups. The plenary sessions will be dedicated to the discussion of the *common issues* and the proposals that were formulated by participants in the regional workshops. The common issues are:

1. Political Systems
2. Corruption, transparency and accountability
3. Civil Society
4. National Security
5. International Community and Promotion of Democracy

The Opening Ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Genaro Arriagada, Ms. Andrea Sanhueza and Chilean Foreign Minister Ignacio Walker, who will officially inaugurate the Final Meeting. The Inaugural Panel will be about *Promoting and Strengthening Democracy at the International Level*. The second panel will provide an overview of the *Governmental and Non-Governmental processes*, the strengths of each and challenges that they face. The third panel will focus on the *Community of*

Democracies process itself and proposals that have been raised in the Global Issues group on how to improve it. After that, two more panels will follow: Political Systems and Corruption, and Transparency and Accountability.

The second day of the conference will start with a panel about *Civil Society* in the Public Arena and the need to *educate for democracy*. The second plenary session will focus on *National Security* issues that were discussed in the regions. The second part of the day will start with a brief update about the next *Ministerial Meeting* in Santiago and will then go over potential *advocacy strategies* that might be useful in the different regions. After that, participants will work in **regional groups** to refine their regional proposals, start defining regional advocacy strategies, and reach a consensus on the issues that ought to be presented at the Ministerial Meeting. The results of these working groups will be shared in the last plenary session of the meeting.

The **panellists**, who discussed their respective topics at the Non-Governmental workshops in their regions, were asked to comment on all of the proposals that dealt with their topic. The ES will send the Document for Discussion 10 days before the meeting. Each panel will have a **Moderator** that will introduce the panellists, keep track of the time allotted to each person and guide the discussion following the presentations. The Executive Secretariat will be the **Rapporteur** of the plenary sessions.

3. Non Governmental process and Final Meeting outcomes

The Final Meeting will produce the following concrete results:

- Document containing the final global proposals addressing the main common democratic deficits as well as those about how to improve the CD process itself.
- Documents containing regional proposals
- Outreach and advocacy strategies for the national, regional and global level
- Final Meeting Report summarizing main contributions of speakers and participants

4. Before the Ministerial Meeting

- The Executive Secretariat will publish the six regional documents containing the proposals and the comments, discussions and proposals about the five common democratic deficits, that were finalized during the Final Meeting.
- The Executive Secretariat will release a Report of the Final Meeting that will be available online.
- The proposals will be presented to the Convening Group in the Meeting to be held on March in Santiago (Date to be determined).
- Regional partners will also submit their regional proposals to their governments.

Thursday, March 3		
8:30am-9:00am	Reception	At the Auditorium of Fundación Telefónica Av. Providencia 111, ground floor.
9:00am-9:30am	Opening Ceremony Speakers: Ms. Andrea Sanhueza Mr. Genaro Arriagada <i>The Executive Secretariat</i>	
9:30am-10:00am	Mr. Ignacio Walker, <i>Foreign Minister of Chile</i>	
10:00am-11:15am	Inaugural panel: Promoting and Strengthening Democracy at the International Level Mr. José Goñi, Chile (The Socialist International) Mr. Gutemberg Martínez, Chile (Christian Democrat Organization of America) Mr. Morton Halperin, USA (Open Society Institute & Soros Foundation)	Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Windsor, USA (Freedom House)

	Mr. Roel von Meijenfeldt, the Netherlands (Institute for Multiparty Democracy)	
11:15am-11:45am	Coffee break	
	Return to the NH Hotel	
12:15pm-1:00pm	Panel: The Governmental and Non-Governmental Processes of the CoD: strengths and challenges Marcelo Díaz <i>Chilean Chancellery</i> Andrea Sanhueza <i>Executive Secretariat</i>	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch	Executive Secretariat
2:00pm-3:00pm	Panel Community of Democracies process: Global Issues discussion Ted Piccone, Democracy Coalition Project (North America)	Moderator: Genaro Arriagada, Executive Secretariat
3:00pm-4:30pm	Introduce and Discuss the Stated Proposals Panel 1: Political Systems Political Parties: Kabasubabo Katulondi, DRC (Africa)/20min Electoral Systems and Electoral Processes: Matteo Mecacci, Transnational Radical Party (Europe)/20min Transition to Democracy: Arturo Valenzuela, Georgetown University (Latin America)/20min Discussion/30min	Moderator: Patricia Valenzuela, Partido Justicialista (Latin America) Rapporteur: Viviana Giacaman, Executive Secretariat
4:30pm-5:00pm	Coffee Break	
5:00pm-6:30pm	Panel 2: Corruption, Transparency and Accountability Corruption: Debbie Stothard, Alternative Asian Network on Burma (Asia)/20min Access to Information: Pedro Mujica,	Moderator: Augusto Miclat, Initiatives for International Dialogue (Asia) Rapporteur: Silvana Lauzán, Executive

	Participa (Latin America)/20min Freedom of Expression and Media: Roberts Putnis, Transparency International, Latvia (Europe)/20min Discussion/30min	Secretariat
6:30pm	End of the day	
7.30 pm	Departure from Hotel NH to Castillo Hidalgo	
8.00pm	Cocktail	Executive Secretariat

Friday, March 4		
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Andrea Sanhueza, Executive Secretariat	
9.15am-10:45am	Panel 3: Civil Society Raj Liberhan, Citi Foundation (Asia)/20min Yuri Dzhibladze, Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights (Europe+Russia+NIS)/20min Gonzalo de la Maza, Más voces (Latin America)/20min Discussion/30min	Moderator: Gonzalo de la Maza, Más voces (Latin America) Rapporteur: Jan Mortier, Executive Secretariat
10:45am-12:15pm	Topic 4: National Security Michael Kau, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (Asia)/20min Sadikou Ayo Alao, GERDDES-Africa (Africa)/20min Abdel Basset Ben Hassen, Arab Institute for Human Rights (MENA)/20min Discussion/30min	Moderator: David Carroll, Carter Center (North America) Rapporteur: Lea Sarles Newfarmer, Executive Secretariat
12:15pm-2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm-3:00pm	Plenary: Update on Ministerial Meeting. Establish an Outreach and Advocacy Strategy	Moderator-Rapporteur: Silvana Lauzán,

	Andrea Sanhueza, Executive Secretariat	Executive Secretariat
3:00pm-4:00pm	<p>Constructing the Regional Agendas</p> <p>Group 1: Europe, Russia and NIS Facilitator: Ilona Mihaies</p> <p>Group 2: Asia Facilitator: Soon Juan Chee</p> <p>Group 3: Latin America Facilitator: Vanesa Weyrauch</p> <p>Group 4: North America Facilitator: Richard Rowson</p> <p>Group 5: Sub-Saharan Africa Facilitator: Ozias Tungwarara</p> <p>Group 6: Middle East & North Africa Facilitator: Mohsen Marzouk</p>	
4:00pm-4:30pm	Coffee Break	
4:30pm-5:30pm	<p>Plenary: Discussion of Regional Group Work Facilitators will present working groups conclusions/5-10min</p>	Moderator-Rapporteur: Executive Secretariat
5:30pm-6:00pm	Evaluation and Closing	Executive Secretariat