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IFES SUDAN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Washington, DC – February 27, 2009 – IFES has been awarded a multi-million dollar contract by USAID to support the electoral process in Sudan. The three-year program is aimed at helping the Sudanese electoral administration deliver technically sound and credible elections called for in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. It will cover both the presidential, gubernatorial and legislative elections planned for 2009 and the Southern Sudan and Abyei referenda scheduled for 2011.

IFES Sudan Election Administration Support Program is designed to accompany all phases of the electoral process. It is comprised of five inter-related objectives to provide advisory and professional services to the election administration in the areas of regulatory framework, organizational set up, operations, training and provision of electoral commodities. It will assist the National Election Commission and its subsidiaries in institutional and capacity building as well as election management.

IFES will be partnering with three leading institutions on this program. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will be providing expertise in enfranchising displaced populations. Blue Law International will support initiatives to provide access to the electoral process for persons with disabilities. IT Shows will be servicing the election administration with information and communication technology support.

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems is the world's premiere electoral assistance organization, possessing more than two decades of experience in more than one hundred countries. IFES provides experts advice and tools to conduct democratic processes; believing genuine and lasting democratic change has to involve all levels of society. Having worked in over a dozen countries throughout the Middle-East and North-Africa, from Morocco to Lebanon to Iraq, IFES has become the leader in providing assistance to improve electoral systems through local governments and civil society.

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