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IFES EXPERT AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS KENYA CRISIS

Washington, DC – JANUARY 14, 2008 – Kenyans are bracing for a new round of violence this week with planned street protests by the opposition and a political showdown as parliament reconvenes. Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan is expected to arrive in Nairobi Tuesday to try to resolve the electoral dispute that arose when incumbent President Mwai Kibaki declared victory over opposition leader Ralia Odinga. At least 600 have died in related violence.

IFES offers the following expert to discuss the crisis:

Chris Hennemeyer, Africa Program Director (Washington, DC)

Chris Hennemeyer has more than 20 years of professional experience in sub-Saharan Africa, having lived in the west, central and north regions of the continent. He has worked throughout the continent to build the capacity of civil society groups, grassroots organizations, human rights groups, non-governmental organizations and faith-based organizations. Hennemeyer's experience also includes running major relief operations in Rwanda during the genocide, and Burundi, Liberia, Congo and Sierra Leone during their various armed conflicts.

Hennemeyer is fluent in French.

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