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## **PRESIDENT CARTER TO LEAD INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION TO MONITOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN ZAMBIA**

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) and The Carter Center of Emory University (CCEU) will sponsor a 25-member international observer delegation to the Oct. 31 national elections in Zambia. The delegation, led by former President Jimmy Carter, includes parliamentarians, political party leaders and election experts from across the democratic political spectrum and from 13 countries in Africa, Europe and North America. The balloting, the first multiparty elections in 17 years, will choose a president and a 150-member National Assembly.

"In every region of Africa, the people are demanding more open and democratic systems," said President Carter. "A successful election in Zambia on Oct. 31 will demonstrate that African governance can be renewed or changed via the peaceful expression of popular will."

The observer mission is the culmination of a six month program in which NDI and The Carter Center have monitored the electoral process. In three previous pre-election missions, international experts advised Zambia election officials on registration and polling procedures and other matters related to the conduct of credible elections. "Through our presence, we hope to demonstrate the international community's support for free and fair elections, and the democratization process in Zambia," said NDI President Brian Atwood, a member of the delegation.

The international delegation will arrive in Lusaka on Oct. 27 and will be briefed on the political situation and preparations for the elections. The delegation will then divide into teams to visit various parts of Zambia to meet with local government and election officials, participants in the political campaign, and representatives of other institutions monitoring the elections. The delegation will return to Lusaka and will issue a statement on its findings on Saturday, November 2, 1991.

**For further information during the election, contact Carrie Harmon or Joe Hennessey at the Intercontinental Hotel at (260 1) 250-125, 250-973, 260-000, Room 351, or by facsimile (260 1) 223-604.**

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