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## I PREFACE

*Dr. Jan P.R.M. van Laarhoven, Chairman Eduardo Frei Foundation*

This annual report gives an overview of the activities in 2004 of the Eduardo Frei Foundation ("EFF"), the foundation for international solidarity of the Christian Democratic Appeal ("CDA"). The EFF has three goals:

- promoting the Christian Democratic idea in the field of international co-operation and especially that of development co-operation;
- promoting awareness in these fields (see 1) among the members of the CDA and affiliated organisations, and
- developing and supporting initiatives in other countries aimed at promoting the Christian Democratic idea in general and in international development co-operation and, especially, in the field of socialisation.

As in previous years, the EFF in 2004 was able to carry out a number of training projects for Christian Democratic parties in Central and Eastern Europe. The projects could particularly be realised on the basis of the "General Education and Training of Political Executives in Central and Eastern Europe" programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the strategic plan 2001-2004 the EFF introduced the motto "Broadening and Deepening", which is well-known in CDA circles. To the EFF, deepening means fewer activities regarding practical skills such as campaigning and party structuring and more emphasis on political issues only such as: conferences and seminars about women in Politics (Serbia and Montenegro); Solidarity in a Civil Society (Slovakia); Reforming Pension and Security Systems (Slovenia); Political Academy for Young Politicians (Bosnia-Herzegovina); Education Freedom (held in Hungary); Nationalism and Ethnic Politics (Bulgaria); Economic Transformation in the Balkans (Serbia and Montenegro), and New Challenges for National Security in Lithuania. We believe that we should emphasise this priority even more.

The majority of the goals set out in the annual plan for 2004, which is based on the strategic plan, have been achieved.

There was a concentration of activities in the Balkan countries and in the Ukraine. In some countries where elections were held, we were able to support activities that were related to the elections. Most remarkable were the elections in the Ukraine. The EFF is grateful that, after years of co-operation with Viktor Yuschenko's opposition bloc "Our Ukraine" and after four campaign training sessions in the run-up to the recent elections, it was able to contribute to the bloc's success and with that to the development of the democratic process in the Ukraine. The EFF wants to be involved in activities in which mostly young people participate and in which parties co-operate. The Robert Schuman Institute in Budapest primarily focuses on young people, as do most of our activities.

The Institute for Multi-Party Democracy ("IMD") which was founded in 2001 is the second main interest of the EFF. The request of the CDA Executive Committee to carry out activities and responsibilities related to the IMD was gladly accepted by the EFF. In 2004, the IMD's political party co-ordinator established many contacts and took part in fact-finding missions to Bolivia, Indonesia, Mali, South Africa, and Zambia for the development of said programmes in these countries.

The EFF Board is grateful to the CDA Scientific Institute, the Steenkamp Institute, the CDA Society of Municipal and Provincial Council Members, the CDAV (Women's Appeal), the CDJA (Youth Appeal), the CDA Foreign Affairs Committee and her working groups, and the Christian Democratic

sister parties united in the EPP for their willingness to co-operate again with the EFF in 2004. Special compliments must be extended to the EFF trainers who, again in 2004, admirably devoted themselves voluntarily to promoting Christian Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. Without their efforts and support, the EFF cannot exist.

## II THE EDUARDO FREI FOUNDATION

### Introduction

2004 was a productive year for the CDA Foundation for International Solidarity "Eduardo Frei". As in previous years, the EFF in 2004 was able to carry out projects on behalf of the development of Christian Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. This takes place on the basis of the subsidy scheme "General Training and Education of Political Officers in Central and Eastern Europe" of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This subsidy scheme is part of the Societal Transformation Programme ("MaTra") of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations to encourage and support building up democracies in Central and Eastern Europe. The Dutch political parties receive a sum of money based on this subsidy scheme to support sister parties. This amount is based on the number of seats in the House of Representatives; for the CDA this amounted to € 470,300 in 2004. In addition, the programme of the Dutch Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, in which the CDA participates, has grown in 2004.

Finally, the EFF had intended to organise - with NCDO funds - an international conference on religion, development, and culture in Africa. Due to circumstances, this conference, planned for December 2004, had to be postponed to 8 and 9 April 2005.

Below follows a short introduction on the EFF working procedure within these several branches, after which follows in the subsequent chapters a more detailed report on the activities and results of the past year.

### Central and Eastern Europe: Working Procedure

The EFF Board of Directors acts on behalf of the CDA as receiver and custodian of the monies received. The EFF has a strategic, long-term policy plan as well as an annual plan for 2004 in which priorities and policy have been set out. Representatives of all CDA affiliated organisations are on the Board (Steenkamp Institute, CDA Scientific Institute, CDA Society of Municipal and Provincial Council Members, CDA Women's Council, CDA Youth Appeal) as well as members of the CDA delegation in the EPP parliamentary party. In addition, the EFF is guided by the foreign policy as advised by the CDA Committee on Foreign Affairs and as determined by the party's Executive Committee. In 2004 the EFF Board convened eight times.

Pursuant to the conditions of the subsidy scheme, political parties from the following countries are eligible for subsidised schooling activities: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine, and White Russia (Belarus). The EFF secretariat receives project proposals from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe. For each project a goal description, a draft programme, and a budget proposal have to be submitted. The proposals are either approved or rejected by the Board depending on the content, the goals, and the budget. The Audit Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations subsequently requests extensive financial accounts.

At least once a year a consultation takes place between staff members of the so-called Eastern-Europe foundations that are affiliated with Dutch political parties (including the EFF) and staff members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, the EFF is in touch with foundations for international solidarity, which are affiliated with EPP member parties. This contact is co-ordinated by the EPP working group for Central and Eastern Europe. Where possible foundations co-operate and, in certain situations, even a focused policy is developed.

## **Projects in Central and Eastern Europe**

For the benefit of co-operation with Christian Democratic parties in Central and Eastern European countries, the EFF Board has determined six categories in which projects can be classified.

### *1. Education and Training Courses*

According to the EFF Board, Education and Training Courses is the most important category. It includes trainings (ideology as well as policy content and communication) which are carried out by CDA experts in Central and Eastern European countries. The trainers are informed extensively beforehand about the specific local situation.

### *2. Conferences and Congresses*

Conferences and congresses are meant to contribute to the development of the Christian Democratic idea in Central and Eastern Europe. It includes activities that are organised together with foundations for solidarity and sister parties.

### *3. Regional Projects*

Regional projects represent a cross-border regional image. Including, for example, the annual (financial) EFF contribution - by EFF trainers - to the Robert Schuman Institute in Budapest.

### *4. Technical Assistance*

Technical assistance on the one hand consists of direct and focused advice to a sister party in a certain country and, on the other hand, of composing or translating documents that could be of importance to the sister party. Direct financial support or other means of material support are not provided.

### *5. Exchanges*

For individuals or groups, the EFF can organise a study tour to the Netherlands. During such a visit, one immediately observes the local existing structure, the functioning of society, and the Christian Democratic contribution thereto.

### *6. Orientation Visits*

Orientation visits by the EFF are meant to gain insight into a country's political situation and the significance of Christian Democracy in said country. Such a visit is usually in preparation for new collaboration or projects.

## **Institute for Multi-Party Democracy ("IMD"): Working Procedure**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs founded the IMD in April 2001 with the aim to support world-wide the democratisation process in young democracies. The IMD's premise is that through reinforcement and development of political parties, a contribution is made to the democratisation process in developing countries. All the political parties in the Netherlands support the foundation so that non-partisan co-operation can take place with political parties in developing countries, and that exchange of knowledge and experiences can take place about functioning in a multi-party democracy.

The IMD programme falls under the CDA affiliated Eduardo Frei Foundation for International Co-operation. The countries supported by the IMD however do not correspond with the countries eligible for support from the MATRA (Eastern Europe) programme. The IMD mainly focuses on Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Each party has been allocated a couple of countries where to head the IMD programme. Allocated to the CDA are Bolivia, Indonesia, Mali, South Africa, and Zambia. Two political party co-ordinators act as administrator and contact person for the IMD projects.



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### **III PROJECTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

#### **Education and Training Courses**

##### **Bosnia-Herzegovina/KAS**

*Project: Regional People's Party Youth conference (October 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Jean Penders and Ronald van Bruchem*

The conference was a joint project of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation ("KAS") and the Eduardo Frei Foundation. Politically active youth and young members of parliament who are active within the youth section of their party were invited (all participants are affiliated with an EPP-affiliated political party). In Bosnia and Herzegovina, three parties have applied for EPP membership: the HDZBiH, the SDA, and the PDP. The parties' youth were abundantly present.

The participants' attitude was positive. A quick accession to the EU is to many the greater goal. EPP President Martens, KAS Director Ms. Hornstein as well as EFF Board Member Penders emphasised that EU membership is a future possibility, but the countries and parties first must accomplish a lot of work. The youth were advised to exercise pressure on the mother party regarding, among other things, reforms. At the end of the conference a number of conclusions were agreed upon. A platform will be established in order for EPP-affiliated youth to meet in future and exchange ideas. These youth will establish a structure within their youth organisation, including a Board of Directors and a programme. Contact with the EPP will be intensified.

##### **Bulgaria/BANU**

*Project: 'Nationalism and Ethnic Politics' seminar (December 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Jan van Laarhoven*

Since the fall of communism, the role of and participation in the political process by ethnic minorities has increased significantly in Bulgaria. Turkish minorities especially suffered greatly under the communist regime. After the fall the Turks have increasingly united, and today the political landscape in Bulgaria can no longer be conceived without the united Turkish minority. The Turkish party "Movement for Rights and Freedoms" is part of the current government coalition. Increasingly, voices of intolerance and nationalism can be heard in Bulgaria. On the eve of elections in Bulgaria, the BANU organised a conference on the role and the position of (ethnic) minorities in Bulgarian politics. Due to the passing of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, the CDA/EFF specialist on minorities, Nicolien Vroonhoven, unfortunately could not take part in the conference.

##### **Estonia/ISAMAA/Liit**

*Project: 'Involvement of National Minorities' seminar (September 2003)*

*EFF Trainers: Nicolien van Vroonhoven and Coskun Cöriüs*

Estonia has a large group of Russian-speaking minorities. Research has shown that this group is becoming more active socially and politically. EFF's partner in Estonia - Pro Patria Union - has requested support from the EFF to organise a seminar on furthering the participation of Russian-speaking minorities within its own party. At the end of the seminar, recommendations were established

that should form the basis of the official party position and policy with regard to furthering this participation. House of Representatives members Nicolien van Vroonhoven and Coskun Cörüs participated on behalf of the EFF. Mr. Cörüs related CDA experiences on drafting and executing minority policy and furthering participation of minorities in the political process. Ms. Van Vroonhoven spoke about campaigning and how to reach a specific minority not only during elections but also between elections. Finally, the EU minority policy was discussed.

### **Georgia (Georgia's seven biggest parties)**

*Project: 'Political Leadership' training (October 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Rijk van Ark and Wietze Smid*

The international foundations of the CDA, the VVD (Liberal Democrats), and the PvdA (Socialist Party) organised a training week for 30 politically active youth from Georgia's seven biggest parties: National Movement & Unified Democrats; New Rights & Enterprise will save Georgia; the Republican Party; the Georgian Traditionalists Union; the Labour Party; The Christian Democratic Union of Georgia and the Socialist Party. Among the youth a great need for knowledge exists on the subjects of party building, party ideology, and development of political leadership skills. The Dutch foundations each sent one trainer. The following trainings were available: "Personal SWOT-analyses and a Personal Message", "Strategy and Organisations", "Delivering Speeches", "Radio Interviews", and "Press Conference Practise".

It was the first time for such a training to be organised. The youth found the training useful and educational. Every effort will be made to initiate a platform for youth from different parties to meet and exchange ideas. The Dutch foundations have the intention to collectively continue and organise activities for Georgia's youth.

### **Croatia/KAS**

*Project: 'Euro-Atlantic Integration and South Eastern Europe' International summer school (August 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Jos van Gennip*

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation, together with the other German Christian Democratic Foundation, the Hans Seidel Foundation, has facilitated the International Summer School for journalists from Croatia and neighbouring countries. The Atlantic Council of Croatia was responsible for the daily running of the school. Approximately 40 (mostly young) journalists, press officers, and politicians took the week-long summer course. A number of high-ranking ministers, politicians, and academics from Croatia and abroad – mostly from Germany – contributed to the programme by giving lectures and introductions. Sipan, a subtropical island off the coast of Dubrovnik, was an appropriate venue for such an intensive and well-attended course. The closing lecture was held by Senator Jos van Gennip, Head of the Netherlands Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Foreign Relations of the Dutch Senate, and EFF Board member.

### **Latvia/People's Party of Latvia**

*Project: 'European Parliamentary Elections' campaign training (May 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Eiko Smid and Meüs van der Poel*

The European elections took place in May 2004. This was the first European election for countries that acceded to the EU on 1 May 2004. The EFF partner in Latvia, the People's Party of Latvia, requested a campaign seminar be organised in the run-up to the European elections. On the seminar's first day, regional and local campaign leaders were offered several workshops; on the second day it was the turn of the candidates for the European elections and members of Latvia's parliament. It was noticed that euro-scepticism is prevalent in Latvia. According to opinion polls, if a referendum had been held at the time of the seminar, the nation would have voted against joining the EU.

### **Lithuania/Lithuanian Christian Democrats**

*Project: 'Christian Values' seminar (April 2004)*  
*EFF Trainers: Rijk van Ark and Annet Doesburg*

EFF partner Lithuanian Christian Democrats ("LKDP") celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2004. In light of this anniversary, the LKDP organised a conference with the following theme: "Spreading Christian Values and Traditions during the 100 years' history of Lithuanian Christian Democracy: experience and wisdom". More than 80 participants from Lithuania attended the seminar. The development of politics in Lithuania in general and that of the party in particular were reviewed extensively. The future and desired direction of the LKDP and Christian Democracy in Europe were also discussed.

*Project: 'New Challenges for National Security' seminar (December 2004)*  
*EFF Trainer: Jan Mulder*

With EFF support and participation, the LKDP organised a seminar titled "New Challenges in National Security for Lithuania". On behalf of the EFF Jan Mulder headed two workshops. His first workshop dealt with National and International Crisis Management and Procedures. His second workshop dealt with EU politics and the Russian Federation. Jan Mulder elaborated on the new challenges of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Seventy LKDP members participated in the seminar, among them the Party Chairman, members of parliament, and other specialists in the field of international security.

### **Moldavia/Christian Democratic People's Party (CDPP)**

*Project: Training for Newly Elected Mayors (March 2004)*  
*EFF Trainers: Rien Fraanje and Klaas Jan de Vries*

Approximately 30 CDPP mayors were elected after the May 2003 local elections. Given the fact that the Communist Party remains the biggest and most influential party in Moldavia, it cannot be ruled out that the new mayors' task will be hindered by opposition from the communist corner. In order to better prepare newly elected mayors for their new challenge, the CDPP has organised a number of trainings for 30 newly elected mayors. A number of councillors participated in the trainings as well. In addition to common skills training (f.e. public speaking), attention was focused on the relation between ethics and politics.

*Project: 'Christian Values' summer school (July 2004)*  
*EFF Trainers: Arnoud Strijbis, Frank Pynenburg, and Babette Lammerts*

Since the last elections in Moldavia, more than 2000 youth between the age of 18 and 28 years have registered themselves as members of the CDPP (the foremost opposition party to the Communist regime in Moldavia). These CDPP youth have organised themselves in the CDPP youth organisation: the Noua Generation. In co-operation with the EFF the Noua Generation has organised a summer school for 50 of its new members. Many of these new members underwrite the CDPP's premises but, at the same time, would like to go more deeply into and develop the party's ideology. Topics related to Christian Democracy were reviewed at length by means of workshops, lectures, and role-play. Topics such as subsidiarity, solidarity, and Christian Democracy in Europe were discussed. The summer school was held in Cahul, a small city in southern Moldavia.

*Project: 'Election Campaign' summer school (August 2004)*  
*EFF Trainer: Annet Doesburg*

Before the summer of 2005 parliamentary elections will take place in Moldavia. The younger members of the party shall play an important role in the campaign in the run-up to the elections. In order to prepare them for campaigning, the CDPP together with the EFF has organised a summer school for 50 youth that will be "deployed" in the parliamentary elections at the beginning of 2005. EFF trainer Annet Doesburg headed workshops on the following topics: Contact with Voters; Public Opinion Research; Voter Identification; Fund Raising, Fund Raising Plan and Budget; Door-to-Door Campaign; Message Development and Political Communication in a Campaign; Targeting, and Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers.

### **Ukraine/CDU and 'Our Ukraine Coalition'**

*Project: four campaign trainings for Youth from the 'Our Ukraine' Opposition Bloc*  
*EFF Trainers: Gijs Weenink, Jeroen de Graaf, Meüs van der Poel, Titus Frankemölle, Rien Fraanje, Frank Pynenburg, Christoph Wielemaker, and Hester Tjalma-den Oudsten*

At the end of 2004 presidential elections took place in the Ukraine. For many years now the EFF maintains strong ties with the Institute of Political Education. This training college had for years been the Christian Democratic CPU training college. The CPU has joined the "Our Ukraine" opposition bloc and the training college has expanded into an institute for the entire opposition bloc. In the run-up to the elections, the institute together with the EFF organised four training weekends for youth of the "Our Ukraine" opposition bloc. Approximately 40 youth were present during each training weekend. Because the opposition could barely make use of the media at the time of the elections, many (young) members of the opposition bloc were lined up to promote "Our Ukraine". In the four trainings the following topics resurfaced: contact with voters; how to identify potential voters for "Our Ukraine"; door-to-door campaigning; telephone campaigning; street campaign organisation, and election observation.

### **Romania**

*Project: 'Future of the PNTCD' conference*  
*EFF Delegate: Lianne Dekker*

Together with the KAS, the Robert Schuman Institute and the EFF, the EPP initiated to support the PNTCD in the run-up to the parliamentary and presidential elections that were held in Romania in November and December 2004. The EFF participated in the preparatory talks in Romania. Unfortunately, these talks did not lead to concrete project proposals by the PNTCD.

## **Serbia and Montenegro/KAS**

*Project: 'Women in Politics' conference (October 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Hillie van de Streek*

In October 2003, the KAS in joint co-operation with the EFF, organised a conference in Belgrade on "Women in Politics and Society". More than 80 women took part in the conference. Because of its successful outcome, women from Montenegro asked the KAS to organise a similar conference in Montenegro to which only Montenegrin women would be invited. The result was a conference held on 15-17 October in Ulcinj, a seaside resort near the Albanian border. The KAS co-operated not only with the EFF in organising the conference, also the Montenegrin government's office on Equal Affairs was involved. Female representatives from all 17 Montenegrin political parties were invited. More than 30 women took part in the conference, representing the ten main political parties. The outcome of the seminar was an initiative by the participants to organise a network for women. Politically active women from the main political parties will be invited to participate within this network.

*Project: 'Basic Values in Politics' seminar (November 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Arie Oostlander*

There are no true Christian-based political parties in Serbia and Montenegro. The goal of this seminar was to try and strengthen the Serbian democratic parties that eventually will join the EPP and further the principles that are common to all European Christian Democratic parties. Representatives from Serbian and Montenegrin democratic political parties - NGO's, civil organisations, religious communities, and officials from federal and republican organisations - participated in the seminar.

*Project: 'Economic Transformation of the Balkans' seminar (November 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Kilian Wawoe*

One of the main obstacles to integration in the European Union for the erstwhile Yugoslavian states is the former economic system and structure. Therefore, a transformation of the current systems into a socially balanced market economy is required. In 2004 the G17 Institute published a so-called "Transition Report", which describes in detail the challenges for Serbia, such as redefining the role of the state, privatisation of state property, restructuring the economy, and redefining the social system and tax system. By means of this scheduled seminar, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the EFF would like to make a contribution to the better understanding of how a market economy functions and the flexibility of the labour market. The balance between self-responsibility and social solidarity in both Germany and The Netherlands serves as an example.

The group consisted of 25 students from Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia. Their foreign language skills were excellent which made communication easy. The level of participation was high during the discussion, and the drive to share ideas on building a better future was admirable.

## **Slovenia/Nova Slovenija**

*Project: 'Reforms in the Pension and Security System' seminar (August 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Evert Jan van Asselt and Marie-Louise Bemelmans*

The seminar intended to focus on the public pensions issue, social security, health and long-term care systems, and the gap between generations on a whole. The adjustment is necessary to avoid that the current generation of taxpayers imposes a higher tax burden on the generation that follows. In Slovenia, this reform is necessary indeed. For that purpose, the solutions as introduced in the Netherlands and how this country's system functions under new regulations could effectively contribute to Nova Slovenija's programme and viewpoints regarding this issue.

## **Slovakia/KDH**

*Project: 'How to Perceive Human Dignity as a Christian Democrat' seminar (March 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Monique Vogelaar and Hester Tjalma-den Oudsten*

On the eve of Slovakia's accession to the EU and the European Parliamentary elections, EFF partner KDH organised a seminar on Christian values in politics and the EU. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the participants with more background information on Christian Democracy and to better equip them in representing Christian Democracy in the European campaign. The participants seemed critical and even somewhat suspicious toward the EU. The EFF trainers were asked many questions as several issues regarding the EU remain unclear among the participants: euthanasia regulation; the church's role in education; our feelings regarding gay marriage; Patent Act regulation in the chemical industry; the mechanisms of the European Court; to what extent is national law subservient to EU law, and whether it is possible to raise children in a society that is too permissive.

*Project: 'Solidarity in a Civil Society' seminar (May 2004)*

*EFF Trainers: Gerda Kempen and Marga de Rooij-Bakker*

Following the March 2004 seminar on "How to Perceive Human Dignity as a Christian Democrat", the KDH organised a seminar on "Solidarity in a Fast Changing Society" in May 2004. The following subjects were addressed: solidarity in a civil society; solidarity and the disabled in society; solidarity in communities; understanding solidarity in a developed democratic society, and solidarity and civil society in the European Union. In order to get the participants involved, they were invited to stick three post-it notes next to their favourite statement. The most favourite statement was "Solidarity is a matter of respect for others and yourself". The second most favourite statement was "Solidarity is a virtue that can be learnt".

*Project: 'Subsidiarity and Mutual Goods' seminar (November 2004)*

*EFF Trainer: Titus Frankemölle*

The Anton Tunega Foundation (affiliated with the KDH) prepared a seminar on education reform in Slovakia. The seminar addressed three subtopics: a theoretical topic on subsidiarity and the common good (*bonum commune*), good practices on international exchange in the Netherlands, and a third topic on communication skills. The Slovak counterparts had prepared the theoretical framework on subsidiarity, the common good and the practical framework in daily political life. A representative of the Ministry of Education gave a lecture on education reform. A Slovak trainer also addressed communication skills and practices.

The Dutch contribution was divided into three lectures and/or presentations:

- the EU and the principle of subsidiarity: advantages and risks. Great differences in the development of specific regions; how to approach highly developed regions of the EU;

- financing and administration of secondary schools in The Netherlands, and
- problems relating to small-sized schools; their preservation and gradual improvement of the quality of education.

To address these issues, the EFF had sent a secondary school principal from the Netherlands, who has a great deal of experience in subsidiarity management, result-oriented management, and finance and administration.

## **Turkey**

*Project: 'Turkey and the European Union' conference (April 2004)*  
*EFF Delegates: Ellen Nauta-van Moorsel and Ab Klink*

In general, the conference and especially the workshop on culture provided insight into questions about the relation between culture, religion, politics, human rights (including the rights of women), and the way these relations are institutionalised in the EU and Turkey. The following relevant topics were selected and made up the agenda, which solidifies contacts between the organisations that support this conference: women's rights; the role of religious symbols in public places; the extent of right to freedom and the way in which the state may or may not support them, and civil society.

## **Regional Projects**

*The Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe in Budapest*

Since 1991, the EFF contributes to the Robert Schuman Institute ("RSI") programmes. As in previous years, the Robert Schuman Institute organised a series of five course weeks for Christian Democratic youth from several Central and Eastern European countries. The students attend five weeks of training divided over a one-year period. The topics differ each course week and the participants hand in homework beforehand. In 2004 the EFF supported a number of these course weeks. The topics of these courses were "Political Management", "Media and Politics", "Building a Political Organisation", and "Young Leaders in a Democracy".

Together with the Robert Schuman Institute, the EFF organised a conference on Education Freedom in October 2004. Both policy-makers and representatives from non-governmental organisations participated in the conference, which enabled the exchange of their knowledge and experiences. In this way, the activities of non-governmental organisations, as well as co-operation between those institutions within the Central and Eastern European region, may increase.

The project mainly addressed legal, administrative, and policy issues concerning the promotion and implementation of free education. Topics such as the role of the state with respect to education, subsidiarity, decentralisation in education, the legal position of parents and non-governmental organisations (f.e. school boards, umbrella organisations in the field of education, interest groups), and the respective responsibilities of both governmental and non-governmental organisations regarding education were addressed. These legal issues were dealt with in relation to the actual problems the participants are experiencing; for example, the lack of adequate funding, autonomy for schools and teachers, religious or philosophical freedom, and the quality of schools.

## **International Youth Conference**

*EFF Trainer: Aart van Bochove*



The seminar “Croatia on its way Toward the European Union – A country in Change” was a joint initiative by the CDJA, a regional branch of the Junge Union (Baden Württemberg), and youth from three Croatian parties (HDZ, HSS, DC). The seminar served as a follow-up to a meeting held in 2003. The goal was to facilitate and reinforce political dialogue between Croatia and two EU members during the difficult decision making process regarding a possible EU membership for Croatia. The first session took place in Zagreb from 30 June to 3 July 2004 during which visits were paid to the German and Dutch embassies and to Croatian government officials. The second session took place in Zadar (on the coast) from 4 to 9 July 2004, and focused on dialogue within the three nations group. Place of action was the local youth hostel. This modest accommodation reduced the overall seminar's costs.

## **Exchanges**

### *Poland/Euregio Connection: Exchanges across Borders (March 2004)*

The project aims to develop contacts with Christian Democratic oriented parties, especially in the Dutch, German, and Polish border regions, and promote cross-border co-operation and regional development. Therefore, local and regional politicians (from the Zachodnio-Pomorsky and Lubuskie provinces) were invited for a visit to the eastern (Euregio) part of the Netherlands in December 2003 (first session of the project). The Polish guests were quartered in Haaksbergen. The second session of the project took place on 2 to 5 April 2004. A Dutch delegation consisting of a member of the Dutch House of Representatives, local politicians of the CDA EuregioVerband, members of local and regional parliaments from the provinces of Gelderland and Overijssel, CDJA members (CDA youth organisation), the secretary of the Eduardo Frei Foundation, a member of the Polish-Dutch Foundation, and a translator visited the Polish regions of Zachodniopomorski and Lubuskie.

During the mutual visits attention was focused on small and medium-sized businesses, safety, education, and rural development.

## **Fact-finding Missions**

In 2003 three fact-finding missions took place in Georgia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the Ukraine.

### *Ukraine (Bart van Winsen, Cees Bremmer, and Wietze Smid)*

The EFF Board has the intention to visit all countries in which it operates at least once every two to three years. The EFF is in the process of shifting its focus from the newly acceding EU countries to the Balkan and to the countries that have become the EU's new neighbours. Intensive co-operation is already taking place between several of these countries. In the Ukraine the EFF worked closely together with the Institute of Political Education for a number of years. This Institute was affiliated with the former CPU and is currently affiliated with the CDU (Christian Democratic Union).

The objectives of the fact-finding mission were:

- to obtain insight into the country's political situation and the position of the CDU as well as the Institute of Political Education in the Our Ukraine bloc, and
- to identify the needs of the bloc and the Institute when it comes to training and support.

The programme for the visit was prepared with the support of the Institute of Political Education (Mr.

Andriy Strannikov, Director).

As a result of the EFF's visit, four campaign trainings were organised for the youth of the "Our Ukraine" bloc. It was agreed that again in 2005 after the presidential elections a conference would be organised regarding the bloc's future.

*Georgia (Jan van Laarhoven and Wietze Smid)*

In Georgia the EFF has no direct contacts with political parties or non-governmental organisations.

The main objectives of the fact-finding mission to Georgia were:

- to gain insight into Georgia's political situation following the revolution of November 2003;
- to become acquainted with some political parties in general and with the Christian Democratic Union of Georgia ("CDUG") and its organisations in particular, and
- to gain insight into the training and support needs and the role the EFF could play.

The programme for the visit was prepared with the assistance of the International Secretary of the CDUG, Mr. Paata Sheshelidze.

After the fact-finding mission to Georgia the EFF Board decided:

- to support the youth organisation of the Christian Democratic Union of Georgia and the SAQDA by organising seminars, conferences, summer schools, trainings, and providing translations;
- to look into organising a summer school for young students from different political backgrounds, and
- to seriously consider using a Dutch, multi-party approach when contributing to and supporting activities in Georgia. The PvdA and the VVD have already expressed their sincere interest in organising projects together.

As a result of the findings, a training took place for 30 youth from seven Georgian political parties in 2004. The training was organised by the international foundations of the CDA, the PvdA, and the VVD.

*Serbia and Montenegro (Hillie van de Streek, Lianne Dekker, and Wietze Smid)*

The EFF has no direct contacts with political parties in either Serbia or Montenegro. The EFF on the other hand does have close contacts with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Belgrade. The KAS in Belgrade requests EFF support a couple of times a year in order to organise conferences and seminars.

The main objectives of the fact-finding mission to Serbia and Montenegro were:

- to obtain insight into the political situation in Serbia and Montenegro;
- to become acquainted with political parties who have ties with the EPP (the DSS, G17 PLUS, and DHSS have EPP observer status);
- to obtain insight into the needs of these political parties and determine the role the EFF could play in this, and
- to evaluate the relation between the EFF and the KAS in Belgrade. Is it possible to work closer on a basis of equality in the near future?

The programme for the visit was prepared with KAS support in Belgrade. The EFF decided to establish a more profound form of co-operation with the KAS in Belgrade. This form of co-operation between the EFF and the KAS in Belgrade would consist of the joint development of a specific EFF/KAS programme, based upon equal partnership. Both foundations should be equally involved in the financing and content of this specific programme. This programme is designed collaboratively at the end of each year. The execution of the programme's projects will be co-ordinated by the KAS in Belgrade. (The KAS has an office in Belgrade, which guarantees the continuation of the projects.) In addition, following an invitation by the KAS, the EFF intermittently could take part in KAS activities that are incorporated in the regular KAS programme.

## **Technical Assistance**

### *'The Soft-spoken Inspiration' translation into Estonian*

During contacts with sister parties and affiliated organisations in Central and Eastern Europe and developing countries, it became clear that there is a need for English-language information on several topics. In recent years, the EFF has put out several English-language publications; ideological publications such as "Essays on Civil Society", "Basic Programme of the Christian Democratic Appeal" and "National Minorities: Problems and Perspectives", as well as publications on communication skills (f.e. "More About Skills", "More About Public Relations", and "Trainers Handbook"). There is always a great deal of interest in these publications from like-minded parties in Central and Eastern Europe, and that is why the CDA Party Head Office has issued a translation in Estonian of "The Soft-spoken Inspiration" which was requested by sister party Pro Patria Union. This publication was written by EFF board member Jos van Gennip. In the process of globalisation, becoming a member of the European Union, working together, and sharing the same values and political goals with other Christian Democratic parties underlines the importance of understanding different theories and practices of fundamental thought. The brochure "The Soft-spoken Inspiration" will better prepare sister party Pro Patria Union and its members for international co-operation.

### *'Education Freedom' translation into Estonian*

Under the communist regime, neither individuals nor organisations could establish educational freedom. The first formation of new educational legislation, administration, and management emerged shortly afterward and has been operating for a number of years without constant evaluation or further development. The publication "Education Freedom" by Professors De Groof and Glenn will provide answers to legal, administrative, and policy questions regarding the management, funding, and quality control of publicly funded schools and promotion and implementation of free education in Estonia. Non-governmental "free" schooling is an essential element in any educational system as it meets the needs of different cultural groups within a society and, at the same time, generates the common values of a democratic society. That is why the CDA Party Head Office has published a translation in Estonian of "Education Freedom", which was requested by sister party Pro Patria Union.

## **Mediation Process in Bulgaria**

### **Stage I**

In Bulgaria, parliamentary elections will most likely take place in the latter part of 2005. The New Movement of Simeon II (NMSII), the main governing party that gained 120 out of 240 seats in parliament in 2001, has lost a great deal of its supporters. Socialists and centre-right parties are the NMSII's opponents. The centre-right parties are somewhat scattered and therefore not a serious

alternative to the NMSII party for the moment. Initially, the purpose of the first mission was to ascertain if there was a basis for undertaking steps that would lead to any form of consolidation between the centre-right parties in Bulgaria. And if there were such a basis, to make an inventory of topics that would have to be addressed in the second stage of the consolidation process. This first stage of the consolidation process took place in March 2004. EFF Chairman Jan van Laarhoven took part as mediator.

## **Stage II**

The second part of the consolidation process took place in June 2004. The goal of this meeting was to explore the possibilities and conditions on how to overcome the division of the centre-right parties in Bulgaria, to reflect on what kind of co-operation is possible in light of the upcoming elections, and to develop a non-attack agreement.

The EPP was actively involved during this meeting. The EPP was the catalyst: facilitating co-operation and finding solutions. This will come about through trust and political will.

The parties present acknowledged that the timing of this meeting was very auspicious as the socialist party showed an almost absolute majority in the opinion polls. No party can hope to win elections on its own; only coalitions can win.

## **Stage III**

The third and final stage of the process was held in November 2004. Following the first two meetings, the Union of Democratic Forces and the BANU-People's Union initiated a continuation of said process. The UDF insisted on a more expanded format for the next meeting, including most of the parties that constituted the former anti-Communist coalition in the early 90's. That is how the number of parties at the table reached eleven in total. Many of them have lost their electoral influence and have transferred it to the UDF Party, thus becoming the so-called allied parties of the UDF. Their presence was regarded more as a sign of support for this process toward comprehensive unity within the centre-right.

The participants worked very hard to produce a joint statement to be made public. The final document, which was adopted unanimously by the participants, provided an outline of the common platform elements of the different parties, an evaluation of the current government and their attitude toward it, a joint declaration by all the participants that their strategic goal is to form a centre-right majority in the next government, and a centre-right government in order to successfully steer Bulgaria toward the European Union. Some additional covenants were stipulated to reiterate the fact that negative statements and suggestions on the part of members of centre-right parties could be detrimental for the joint results in the elections. Members agreed to refrain from making such statements and remain positive.

## **Summary EFF Trainers 2004**

The EFF has a pool of 60 trainers at its disposal. These trainers have very diverse backgrounds and expertise. On the basis of approved project proposals, the Board searches within the database for qualified individuals who can participate in a project on behalf of the EFF. In case the database does not provide a qualified individual, the Board will search outside of this pool for an individual who is willing to work for the EFF.

The following individuals have acted as trainer or speaker in one or more EFF supported activities:

- **Rijk van Ark**

- Director of Communications, City of Amsterdam
- **Evert Jan van Asselt**  
Staff member CDA Scientific Institute
- **Ms. Marie-Louise Bemelmans-Vidéc**  
Member of the Dutch Senate
- **Aart van Bochove**  
Commercial Policy Advisor
- **Ronald van Bruchem**  
Student/Board member CDJA (CDA Youth Appeal)
- **Coskun Cörüs**  
Member House of Representatives
- **Ms. Annet Doesburg**  
Clerk Provincial States of Flevoland
- **Ms. Kathleen Ferrier**  
Member House of Representatives
- **Rien Fraanje**  
Editor at the Staatscourant
- **Titus Frankemölle**  
Dean ZSC in Terneuzen
- **Jos van Gennip**  
Member of the Dutch Senate/EFF Board member
- **Jeroen de Graaf**  
Personal Assistant to Minister De Geus
- **Sybrand van Haersma Buma**  
Member House of Representatives
- **Frank van den Heuvel**  
Executive Secretary DELTA NV
- **Eddy van Hijum**  
Member House of Representatives
- **Ms. Gerda Kempen**  
Former Councillor
- **Roel Knijff**  
Clergyman
- **Jan van Laarhoven**  
General Manager UMC St. Radboud Hospital Nijmegen/EFF Chairman
- **Ms. Babette Lammerts**  
Commercial Recruitment Manager Shell International
- **Ms. Tineke Ladders**  
Former Member of the Dutch Senate/Former Vice-Chairman CDA
- **Ms. Maria Martens**  
Member European Parliament/EFF Board member
- **Jan Mulder**  
Lieutenant Colonel Royal Dutch Army, specialist crisis management and political/military affairs at NATO headquarters
- **Ms. Anne Offermans**  
Senior Advisor at *Justitia et Pax*
- **Arie Oostlander**  
Former Member European Parliament (1989-2004)
- **Jean Penders**  
Former member of European Parliament/EFF Board member
- **Meüs van der Poel**

- Manager Communications and Partner at 'Politiek Online', organisation for policy communication and citizen consultation
- **Frank Pynenburg**  
European Marketing Communication Manager at Philips Consumer Electronics Europe
  - **Ms. Marga de Rooij-Bakker**  
Philosopher/Former Director CLAT Nederland
  - **Ms. Loek Schueler**  
Advisor Buck Consultants/Former Chairman CDJA
  - **Ms. Clarien Slot-Abeling**  
HRM and Education Advisor
  - **Eiko Smid**  
Senior Advisor Public Affairs and Communications at Dröge & van Drimmelen
  - **Ms. Hillie van de Streek**  
SDU Publisher's List Environmental Law/EFF Board member
  - **Arnoud Strijbis**  
Personal Assistant to Councillor Geluk (Rotterdam)/EFF Board member
  - **Hester Tjalma-den Oudsten**  
Chairman of the CDA Parliamentary Party in Voorschoten/Research Advisor at SGBO, the research and advisory organisation of the VNG
  - **Ms. Monique Vogelaar**  
Interpreter
  - **Klaas Jan de Vries**  
Freelance Consultant
  - **Ms. Nicolien van Vroonhoven**  
Member House of Representatives
  - **Kilian Wawoe**  
Recruiter Management Trainees ABN Amro Bank
  - **Gijs Weenink**  
Councillor City of Amsterdam/Director Debate Academy
  - **Christof Wielemaker**  
Policy Officer at 'Coördinatiepunt Kwalificatiestructuur Beroepsonderwijs', Colo, Zoetermeer

In September 2004, the EFF organised a meeting for regular EFF trainers. The meeting was held in order to give board members and trainers the chance to meet each other and discuss their work. The day's programme was prepared in co-operation with the Steenkamp Institute and included a solid learning component with workshops on inter-cultural training and intervision. Interest in the meeting was considerable, and from the assessment sheets it appeared that the participants were mostly positive about the programme.

## **IV     IMD PROGRAMMES**

The IMD supports democratisation processes in a number of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and focuses especially on supporting institutional development and capacity building of political parties. The CDA is responsible for IMD programmes in Bolivia, Indonesia, Mali, Zambia, and South Africa. Following are the most important activities of 2004 in these five countries.

### **Bolivia**

On the basis of a study on the status of political parties and aspects of the party system, the FBDM (the foundation in which all the relevant Bolivian political parties are represented) organised several debates in order to further change within the parties. In addition, the FBDM signed an agreement together with the parliamentary committees, which are responsible for the important constitutional reform process that shall take place in 2005. In co-operation with the election council, the FBDM informed the population, in three different local languages, on the revised local election procedures during the latter part of 2004. In view of capacity building, an elaborate training programme for political leaders and representatives of social organisations as well was set up regarding the role of several political institutions, the common interest of political parties, the party system, and topics on constitutional reform. Toward the end of the year, tensions in Bolivia rose dramatically and national sovereignty came under duress. In 2005, the process of constitutional reform will reveal whether the tensions shall lead to a political crisis as it did in the latter part of 2003.

### **Indonesia**

After a number of fact-finding missions, the decision was made that the IMD programme in Indonesia would focus on establishing trainings on democracy at a local level. In 2004, a study was done in five regions regarding local political situations. In May 2004, a national steering group was founded that is responsible for the development and execution of the IMD programme in Indonesia. They have named the programme "Komunitas Indonesia untuk Demokrasi ("KID"). During the remainder of the year, the National Steering Group prepared the execution of local trainings. Also, a series of Round Table discussions began with representatives of political parties, academics, and activists about the application of democracy in several policy fields. In addition, the IMD supported a project by the International Foundation for Election Systems ("IFES") which aims to improve the sense of responsibility of members of parliament toward their voters. The project shall be executed in Sumatra. In April, the Indonesian Academy of Sciences ("LIPI") published the results of a study on internal procedures in political parties regarding the selection of election candidates. The IMD supports a follow-up study that will examine more closely the democratic content of the newly elected members of parliament. Lastly, the IMD contributed to the participation of an Indonesian delegation in a conference for Muslim Democrats, organised by the National Democratic Institute ("NDI") in Istanbul in April.

### **Mali**

In 2004 during five seminars lasting three days each, representatives of political parties analysed several components of their party structure. On that basis, Malinese experts together with an independent Dutch consultant and the (Dutch) Royal Tropical Institute ("KIT") developed training modules about Party Finance Control, Election Programmes and Starting Points Programme, Conflict Management, Internal Organisational Structure, the Daily Functioning of a Party, and Internal Party Communication. These training sessions, which clearly focus on Malinese reality, shall start in 2005. In addition, debates were held in each regional capitol about internal party democracy, the role parties play during local elections, and why there are so many parties in Mali.

## **Zambia**

In addition to the IMD financed bilateral projects that were carried out by the parliamentary parties during the year, the IMD together with local NGO Fodep organised cross-party trainings in each province concerning internal and external party communication. Furthermore, the association between the IMD and the parties became more and more result-oriented. With IMD support the parties developed a strategic plan with firm objectives and advanced strategies. Parties that meet these objectives and, in addition, meet the reported criteria are eligible for extra funding. In the final quarter, the ruling party initiated (with IMD support) a national agenda for the political parties. In October of that year and at the invitation of the IMD, the Secretary General of the governing party and the Vice President of the biggest opposition party spent a week in the Netherlands for a series of debates with Dutch politicians (on a national and local level) and to participate in the "Zambia Day" organised by the NCDO and several NGO's at the Royal Tropical Institute.

## **East and Southern Africa**

In 2003 the IMD decided to develop a regional programme for East and Southern Africa. During talks with political parties in South Africa, it appeared that there was also a need for a national programme. That is why in 2005 a small programme shall be supported in the form of a series of multi-party meetings that will offer a platform for debates between the parties.

The regional programme is still in its infancy. In this region, the following seven IMD programme countries participate: Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Many of the political parties in these countries have to deal with similar problems. The intention of the programme is that the parties strengthen their networks and learn from each other. During a conference in Tanzania in November 2004, 36 present parties developed a work plan. The co-operation shall, at first, focus on capacity building, exchange of information, and reinforcing relations with the African Union and sub-regional governmental institutions. Activities will begin in 2005.



## VI PUBLICATIONS EDUARDO FREI FOUNDATION

Since its founding in 1990, the EFF each year has issued several publications, which, for example, are used in education and training projects for like-minded parties in Central and Eastern Europe. A summary is included herewith. Those interested may request publications via the secretariat.

### **A. Summary of Publications in English concerning Communications Skills and additions to Seminars and Trainings**

"A Christian Democratic Party in action; Campaign handbook for a successful Christian democratic election campaign", *June 1992*

"Workbook: Political Discussion & Programme Development, Internal organisation, activities and finances. Strengthening of contacts with the electorate, social middle groups, and the media", *September 1993*

"More about Skills, Effective Presentation, Effective Debating, Effective Negotiation, Effective Discussion Techniques", *December 1994*

"More About Public Relations", *December 1994*

"How to Survive in Daily Political Life; Handbook for (prospective) Politicians", *December 1994*

"Trainers Handbook", *December 1995*

"Christian Democracy and Local Politics", *an English language manual, December 1997*

"The Enlargement of the European Union; who are the Candidate Member States?" *December 2003*

### **B. Summary of Publications in English concerning Ideology**

"Information on the CDA Foundation for international solidarity 'Eduardo Frei'", *a leaflet, 1991*

"The national question in Europe, a Christian Democratic approach" (WI/EFF), Report by a special committee of the CDA Scientific Institute in co-operation with the Eduardo Frei Foundation, *September 1992*

"National Minorities: problems and perspectives" (WI/EFF), A report of the seminar organised by the Christian Democratic Academy for Central and Eastern Europe in collaboration with the EUCD/EPP, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the CDA Scientific Institute, the Alcide de Gasperi Foundation, and the Eduardo Frei Foundation, *December 1992*

Gennip, Jos van, "A covenant with the future, Global challenges for international Christian Democracy", WI/EFF, *February 1993*

"Central and Eastern Europe: Four years after the fall of the wall", A report containing speeches and discussions of a conference organised by the CDA foundation for International Solidarity 'Eduardo Frei' which was held on 3 and 4 December 1993 in Wassenaar, *January 1994*

"Basic Programme of the Christian Democratic appeal", *2<sup>nd</sup> edition, June 1998*

"Essays on civil society, subsidiarity and federalism: A collection of essays", *December 1994, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, November 1998*

"Dignity and Truth, Civil Society and European Co-operation", report by the WI/EF, (CDA Research Institute), *The Hague: 1996*

"Christian democracy and local politics", *December 1997, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, November 1998*

"You can't live together on your own", Summary CDA election programme, 1998 – 2002, *1998*

Gennip, Jos van, "Community and values. The new ideological debate about the society", WI/EFF, *December 1998*

"This is the CDA", translation by T. Brinkel, *October 2000*

"Christian Thought and Applications on European Politics", WI/EFF translation into English, *2001*

"Europe - what to do next, A Christian Democratic point of view". Committee on Foreign Affairs, *December 2001*

Gennip, Jos van, "The soft-spoken inspiration; International co-operation and the Christian social tradition", *2002*

"CDA 2002-2006 Election Programme", *June 2002*

Fogarty, Michael, "Motorways Merge; The New Challenge to Christian Democracy", preface by Jos van Gennip, *2002*

Gennip, Jos van, "Education Freedom", *2003*

Gennip, Jos van, "In a world which has no use for God", *2004*

### **C. Summary of Publications in Dutch concerning General Information on the EFF and Ideology**

"The Democratisation Project in Central America", report on the Democratisation process in Central America conference held by the EFF on 26 September 1992 in Leiden, *September 1992*

"The Environment and Development Aid", compilation report of five meetings on topics of the environment and development co-operation, organised by the EFF together with 'De Nationale Commissie Voorlichting en Bewustwording Ontwikkelingssamenwerking' and CDA Gelderland during 1991-1992, *December 1992*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1993", *June 1994*

"Civil society and the role of Societal Organisations", EFF/NCO report of a conference held on 8 October 1994 in 's-Hertogenbosch, *February 1995*

"The Organisation of Daily Life", report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 24 June 1995 in Zwolle, *October 1995*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1994", *October 1995*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1995", *August 1996*

"Civil Society in an International Perspective", report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 7 September 1996, *December 1996*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1996", *September 1997*

"Market, Environment and Society", report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 20 September 1997, *December 1997*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1997", *November 1998*

"Development and Religion, Church, State, Politics and Society in an International Perspective", EFF/NCDO conference held on 26 September 1998, *November 1998*

"Development, Religion, Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa", report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 12 December 1998, *May 1999*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1999", *July 2000*

"Development Aid in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", report of EFF/NCDO conference held in 2000, *June 2001*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 2000", *August 2001*

"Women and Violence from a European Perspective", compilation report of EFF/CDAV/NCDO conference held in 2001, *December 2001*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 2001", *December 2002*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 2002", *July 2003*

"The EU Expansion; Who Are the New Member States?", *December 2003*

"Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 2003", *November 2004*

**VII EDUARDO FREI FOUNDATION ANNUAL ACCOUNT**

## **VIII ACCOUNTANT STATEMENT**