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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NONGOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES (ISC/CD) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY 15 SEPTEMBER 2011

Washington, 15 September 2011 – The nongovernmental International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies (ISC/CD) joins with numerous democracy activists, civil society organizations and governments in celebrating the International Day of Democracy. Occurring annually on September 15 since the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution [A/62/7](#) in 2007, the International Day of Democracy was established to raise global awareness about the importance of democracy. Acknowledging that there is no single model for democracy, Resolution [A/62/7](#) calls on the governments of Member States to strengthen national programs devoted to the promotion and consolidation of democracy.

Following similar statements from United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the World Movement for Democracy and its regional networks, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the ISC/CD commends the current efforts of democracy activists around the globe that continue to advocate for freedom through the advancement of democratic norms.

The ISC/CD continues to affirm the need for democratic consolidation through the strengthening of democratic institutions, the organization of free and fair elections, civil society participation and other activities that contribute to establishing free societies.

The ISC/CD is a global network of civil society organizations committed to democracy and human rights, related to the Community of Democracies.