ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FACESHEET & REQUEST FOR CE

Title of Activity/SO Number: Political Process Program – CEPPS/SO3

Country/Region: Ukraine/E&E

Funding Period: 01/01/2007– 01/01/2010 Resource Levels/Amount(s): $2,038,342

Life of Project: 01/01/2007– 01/01/2010 Life of Project Funding: $12,000,000

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IEE Amendment (Y/N)? N Date of Original IEE: N/A

Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted (check all that apply):
Air □ Water □ Land □ Biodiversity (specify) □ Human health □ Other □ None ☑

Environmental Action(s) Recommended (check all that apply):
☑ 1. Categorical Exclusion

1. Summary of Findings:
The Political Process Program's purpose is to support further development of strong, broadly based and well-organized democratic political parties, civil society, strengthen good governance and sound legislation practices. The proposed new program will be awarded to CEPPS, a consortium of organizations that includes National Democratic Institute's, International Republican Institute's (IRI) and International Foundation of Election Systems (IFES). The new Political Process Program is a follow-on activity of the Political Party Building in Ukraine projects implemented through CEPPS. The new program will work with political parties, civic activists, legislative and executive branches of Ukrainian authorities as well as with local governments to achieve the following results:

Political Party Building:
• Multiparty system is competitive;
• Institutional capacity of political parties to identify and represent their defined constituency in the electorate is increased (Indicators: assessment of parties recruitment methods; assessment of parties membership lists; assessment of parties' abilities to mobilize and support constituencies);
• Political parties campaign democratically and effectively;
• Youth leadership capacity to participate in political process is enhanced.

Governance:
• Communication between central ministries and oblast administrations is improved;
• Government is cohesive and articulate in policy formulation;
• Number of highly qualified young professionals in Ukrainian civil service is increased.

Parliamentary Development:
• Improved cohesion of parliamentary factions
• Effective reform legislation is developed;

Election Administration:
- Credibility of electoral process through fostering improvements with regard to the voter registry, unification of electoral legislation and facilitation of campaign finance reform is increased.

**Civil Society:**
- NGOs and citizens effectively advocate for political reforms;
- Civil society is engaged in fostering transparent and democratic elections.

**Public Opinion Polling:**
- Democracy sector and program results and citizens' attitudes are measured.

The technical assistance will be provided in the form of technical expertise, training, and small grants. USAID funds will also be used for travel, workshops, salaries of technical and administrative staff, publications, and communications. Project funds will not be used to finance capital or other improvements that may have an adverse effect on the environment.

2. **Justification for Categorical Exclusion Request**
   Pursuant to 22 CFR 216(c)(3), the originator of the proposed program has determined that all USAID support under its Political Process Program - CEPPS is entirely within the categories listed in paragraph (c)(1) of Section 216.2 of Title 22 CFR 216, and therefore are **categorically excluded** from environmental review requirements.
   - Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction) [22CFR216.2(c)(2)(i)].

   This IEE does not cover assistance for the procurement or use of pesticides or genetically modified organisms (GMOs). In order for such assistance to be covered, an amendment to the IEE will be needed.

3. **Revisions:**
   Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by the program might be "major" and the activity's effect "significant", this determination will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the E&E Bureau Environmental Officer for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared.

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**USAID APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED:**

**Clearance:**
Mission Director: ____________________________ Date: 8/14/06

**Concurrence:**
Bureau Environmental Officer: ____________________________ Date: 8/8/06

**Optional Clearances:**
Mission Environmental Officer: ____________________________ Date: 8/8/06
ODG Director: ____________________________ Date: 8/14/06