ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FACESHEET
& REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Program Objective: (2) Governing Justly and Democratically

Program Area: (2.3) Political Competition and Consensus Building

Program Element: (2.3.3) Political Parties

Title of Activity: Strengthening Political Processes in Ukraine Program

Country/Region: Ukraine/E&E

Funding Period: Nov 2009 – Nov 2013

Life of Program: Jan 2007 – Nov 2013

Resource Level: $12,000,000

Life of Program Funding: $24,000,000

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Date: June 30, 2009

IEE Amendment? Yes ☒ No ☐ DCN of Original IEE: DCN: 2006-UKR-010

Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted (check all that apply):
- Air ☐
- Water ☐
- Land ☐
- Biodiversity ☐
- Human health ☐
- Other ☐
- None ☒

Environmental Action(s) Recommended (check all that apply):
- ☒ 1. Categorical Exclusion(s)
- ☒ 2. Initial Environmental Examination:

  ☒ Conditional Negative Determination: the implementing partner will ensure that consultations, training materials and any other project outputs encourage political parties and other civil society organizations to address environmental issues in party platforms and public mobilization campaigns. The USAID Grant Officer will specify this wording in USAID grant agreements. The implementing partner will provide USAID with evidence that the recipient organizations followed all applicable environmental laws.

1. Summary of Findings:

The purpose of this Amendment is to cover an increase in the funding level by $12,000,000 to promote the development of Ukraine’s democratic political system through: (1) support to political parties in improving the representation of citizen’s interests; (2) expanding linkages between political parties and civic groups to increase demand for improved representation of the public interest by political parties and elected officials; and (3) promoting non-partisan oversight of the electoral process. The program will prioritize political party assistance, with strong emphasis on linking political parties (the “supply side” in a democratic political system) with civil society organizations (the “demand side”) advocating for greater accountability.

All requirements of the original IEE will be in effect for activities covered by this Amendment, in addition to conditions specified herein.

Technical assistance will be provided in the form of technical expertise, consultations, training sessions, workshops, and grants aimed at increasing civil society’s watchdog and advocacy role in political

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processes. USAID funds will be used to cover salaries of technical and administrative staff, travel and communication costs, rental expenses, publications production and dissemination costs. 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 and Negative Determination with Conditions:

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3 (c)(3), the originator of the action has determined that most of the USAID activities under these programs consist of types of interventions entirely within the categories listed in paragraph (c)(2) of Section 216.2 of Title 22 CFR 216, and therefore are categorically excluded from any further environmental review requirements. The originator of the proposed action has further determined that those activities are fully within the following classes of actions:

- Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc). [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i)];
- Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings. [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(iii)];
- Document and information transfers. [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(v)];
- Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc). [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(xiv)].

As per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(1), neither an initial environmental examination nor an environmental assessment is required for an action which is determined to fall within one or more of the categories listed in 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2).

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(2)(i), the originator of the proposed action recommends a conditional negative determination with the following condition – the implementing partner will ensure that consultations, training materials and any other project outputs encourage political parties and other civil society organizations to address environmental issues in party platforms and public mobilization campaigns. The USAID Grant Officer will specify this wording in USAID grant agreements. The implementing partner will provide USAID with evidence that the recipient organizations followed all applicable environmental laws.

3. Limitations of the IEE:

This IEE does not cover activities involving:

- Assistance for the procurement (including payment in kind, donations, guarantees of credit or use including handling, transport, fuel for transport, storage, mixing, loading, application, clean up of spray equipment, and disposal) of pesticides or activities involving procurement, transport, use, storage, or disposal of toxic materials. Pesticides cover all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. covered under FIFRA – the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work.
- Activities involving support to agro-processing, industrial enterprises, and regulatory permitting.
- Procurement or use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- DCA or GDA programs.

Any of these actions would require an amendment to the IEE approved by the E&E Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO).
4. Revisions:

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by the Project might be "major" and the Program’s effect "significant", this determination will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the BEO for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared.

USAID APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED:

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