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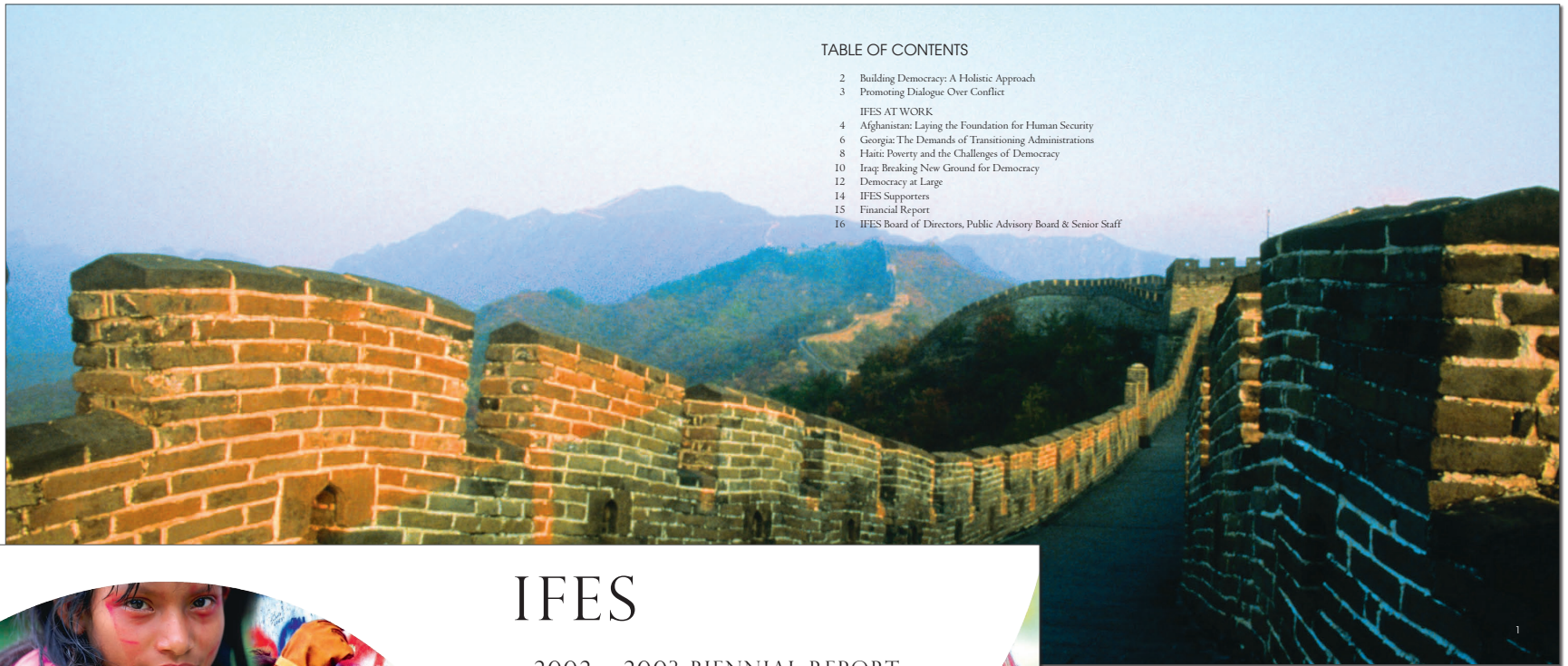
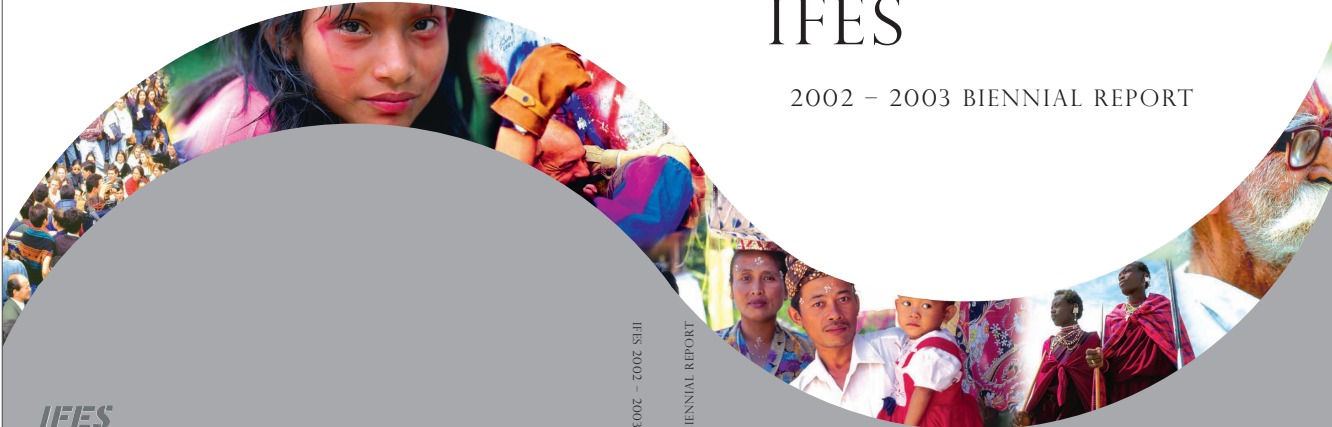


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EXTENDING THE REACH OF DEMOCRACY

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## HAITI:

*poverty and the challenges of democracy*

The origins of the Haitian state are in the firm rejection of oppressive government: Haitian slaves rose up against the French colonial government in the only successful slave rebellion in history. In 1804, they established the second independent republic in the western hemisphere, but an independent Haiti has strained over the centuries to achieve economic stability and build governmental institutions responsive to the Haitian people rather than to autocrats.

After long years of struggle against the Duvalier regime, Haitians finally celebrated their country's first free and fair elections in 1990. With 67% of the vote, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was elected president. However, Haiti's experience the following year makes clear that free and fair elections are not the end of a process of democratization; rather they are the beginning. True democracy requires institutions, which both national law and prom

Without such institutions can undo the expression in elections. In September by military coup and the international community would again depart democratic institutions.

IFES work with Haitian groups has aimed to reverse some of the democratic deficits that weakened the Aristide government by strengthening democratic institutions associated with the rule of law and an independent judiciary. The key elements of IFES' strategy have been to involve all interested stakeholders and to rely on the power of their collective action.

In order to support a judiciary independent of executive interference, IFES and its Haitian

IFES has helped to create two associations of legal professionals, a judges' association and a lawyers' association (the Federal Bar Association). Previously, the members of these groups had generally conceived their professional lives in individual terms, but they are beginning to see the benefits of association. When a colleague was arrested under false pretenses, the members of the judges' association went on

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## GEORGIA:

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The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 brought a heady optimism about the potential of the former Soviet republics to develop and practice democratic politics. Over the past decade, this optimism has waned as the transition from communism to democracy has proven complex, and at times contested. To date, political pluralism and competitive democratic elections remain a goal to which few post-Soviet states seem genuinely dedicated.

However, amidst a succession of failed elections in neighboring countries and signs of democracy in retreat throughout the Central Asian republics, recent events in Georgia are cause for optimism. The popular response to the November 2003 parliamentary elections in this mountainous, former Soviet republic was historic and momentous. Peaceful protests by citizens acting in defense of the democratic process and in opposition to the corruption that has plagued the national economy led to the resignation of then-President Eduard Shevardnadze. Such people power, in a region still awakening from the experience of communism, marks a turning point in Georgian political life and may portend further political liberalization across the region.

Since 1998, IFES has provided technical assistance in Georgia to support the system of democratic elections and to encourage broader public understanding of democracy and democratic institutions. IFES has delivered sustained technical support to the Central Election Commission (CEC) for both nationwide elections and by-elections. This support has consisted of material assistance and technical advice on legal drafting, management, training and organizational development. IFES activities have also included extensive voter education and civic education activities aimed at promoting broader public knowledge of election procedures, the roles and responsibilities of government institutions and the rights and duties of democratic citizenship.

Throughout the years, IFES has increasingly focused on the important time between elections to broaden citizen participation in public life and to provide citizens with essential information about democratic governance through partnerships with international

and local organizations in Georgia. By building a foundation for informed citizen participation, IFES seeks to empower Georgians of all ages to take responsibility for solving local problems, holding public officials accountable and demanding that they conduct themselves according to the law.

IFES has worked closely with Georgian partners, including the Parliament, the CEC and numerous NGOs, both in Tbilisi and in regional centers. This work resulted in the adoption of a Unified Election Code, which was lauded for its contribution to deterring fraud in the local government elections, as well as a more accessible election information infrastructure, including a live-update site managed by the CEC. For the 2003 elections, IFES helped the CEC create an electronic voter registry and establish a cadre of election administration trainers at the district

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The mood in Tbilisi after the "Rose Revolution"

level. IFES' civic education efforts led to the creation of student councils and Parent-Teacher Associations in 20 pilot schools, which provided students with important lessons on civic responsibility and community involvement.

IFES, like many international organizations, has taken the lessons of November 2003 to heart. Programs designed to nurture the impressive demand for democratic freedoms displayed by Georgians in recent months will feature prominently in the technical assistance that IFES provides for the 2004 elections and beyond.