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## CCD ANNOUNCES CREATION OF THE PALMER PRIZE FOR DIPLOMATS

**KRAKÓW, July 2, 2010** – In tandem with the release of the Second Edition of *The Diplomat's Handbook for Democracy Development Support*, the Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD) is pleased to announce the creation of the “Palmer Prize for Significant Contributions to the Advancement of Democracy by Diplomats,” to be awarded at the Community of Democracies (CD) Ministerial in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2011. The formal announcement of the award will take place in Kraków, Poland during the July 2-4 High Level Democracy Meeting to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community of Democracies. CD Governments are being called upon to nominate diplomats who have advanced the cause of democracy significantly in their countries of assignment.

The Handbook documents and provides a rationale for a relatively new dimension in international diplomacy, the role of diplomats in support and promotion of democracy abroad. The Palmer Prize is named in honor of former US Ambassador to Hungary, Mark Palmer for his contribution to Hungary's transition to democracy. It has been made possible through the generous support of the Sándor Demján Foundation. Sándor Demján, one of Hungary's leading businessmen is the current chairman of the Trigranit Development Corporation. He was recognized in 2005 by Ernst and Young as Entrepreneur of the Year.

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