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## ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION

### EUROPEAN UNION—NEW LEGISLATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM AGREED

The [European Commission](#) has agreed to amend the [Framework Decision](#) on combating terrorism, according to a European Union [press release](#). The proposed amendments update the Framework Decision making public provocation to commit a terrorist offense, recruitment and training for terrorism punishable behavior. Where the offense is committed through the internet, the law enforcement authorities could obtain cooperation from internet service providers to prevent crimes, identify criminals, and remove (according to national rules implementing the Directive on electronic commerce) the dissemination amounting to any such behavior.

### UNITED KINGDOM—THINK TANK TO COUNTER EXTREMISM LAUNCHED

The BBC reports that a group of UK Muslims launched a new nonprofit, the [Quilliam Foundation](#), to eradicate extremism in British Islamic communities. The group says that it “calls for renouncing extremism and promoting peaceful coexistence among various races and cultures.” The group is named after William Quilliam, a 19th century Liverpool solicitor who became a prominent early convert to Islam and is thought to have opened the first British mosque. See [BBC News](#) for more in-depth coverage of this story.

### YEMEN—GOVERNMENT APPROVES DRAFT ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION

The Cabinet has approved a draft law on anti-terrorism, after it was revised and studied by a ministerial committee, according to a news article posted by [YEMEN OBSERVER](#). This draft-law aims to enhance legal procedures and actions against terrorist crimes and determine their punishments that can reach capital punishment. To become law, the draft must pass the parliament and be approved by the president.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

### KAZAKHSTAN—DRAFT FOI LAW TO BE ADOPTED SOON

The Human Measurement Department of the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) believes that Kazakhstan will adopt the draft law “About freedom of information.” According to a news article posted by [GAZETA.KZ](#), the OSCE also believes that Kazakh government will take into consideration the recommendations made by the OSCE in this regard.

### MALTA—CABINET APPROVES DRAFT FOI ACT

According to a news article published by [THE MALTA INDEPENDENT ONLINE](#), the Maltese Cabinet has approved the draft of Freedom of Information Act. It will introduce the draft for debate when parliament reconvenes on 10 May 2008.



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## **NIGERIA—FOI BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Freedom of Information Bill suffered a major set-back in the House of Representatives as members voted against the motion to table the report on the bill for deliberation. A news article published by [NIGERIAN TRIBUNE](#) says that the bill sought to make public records and information available to the public and provided for public access to public records.

## **UNITED STATES—NEW FORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA WOULD GIVE MORE POWER TO CITIZENS**

The [West Pikeland Townships' Government Study Commission](#) (GSC) conducted a resident forum to discuss provisions of a new form of government for the township. According to GSC [press releases](#), the new type of government would transfer current municipal government under state law to a [home-rule charter](#), or local constitution, that is amended and adopted by voters. The new [home-rule charter](#) would allow citizens to take action and make changes in the township through ballot questions.

## **FISCAL MATTERS**

### **INDIA—BUDGET TO AMEND DEFINITION OF “CHARITABLE PURPOSE”**

In the amendments to the Income Tax Act proposed in the [2008-09 Budget](#) by the Government of India, the Finance Minister seeks to amend the definition of charitable purpose to “exclude entities carrying on regular trade, commerce or business or providing services in relation to any trade, commerce or business and earning incomes from claiming that their purposes also fall under ‘charitable purpose.’ Genuine charitable organisations [are] not to be affected in any way.” This means that the proposed amendment will not affect organizations involved in activities such as relief of the poor, medical relief, and education. A more technical explanation of the proposed amendment can be found in the ICCSL [Documentation Center](#).

### **UNITED STATES—IRS ISSUES DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2008 FORM 990**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has recently released for public comment the [draft instructions to the 2008 Form 990](#), which is the return most tax-exempt organizations must file annually. According to an IRS [news release](#), the draft instructions also contain a number of new tools designed to make it easier for the organization to answer the questions and to promote more uniform reporting.

### **UNITED KINGDOM—DRAFT REVISED GUIDANCE ON AUDIT OF CHARITIES PUBLISHED**

The [Auditing Practices Board](#) has published a consultation draft revision of Practice Note (PN) 11 ‘[The Audit of Charities in the United Kingdom](#),’ according to a [Financial Reporting Council](#) (FRC) [press release](#). The PN 11 addresses major regulatory and other developments affecting charities since 2002. The consultation period ends on 10 July 2008.



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## FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

### **AZERBAIJAN—AMENDMENTS TO LAW ON FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT**

A news article published by the [AZERI PRESS AGENCY](#) says that amendments to the law on the freedom of assembly have been submitted to the parliament. The amendments are being considered by the Legislation Department of the parliament and will be delivered to MPs soon.

### **EGYPT—DEMONSTRATIONS BANNED AROUND RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS**

The Egyptian parliament has approved a new law banning public demonstrations in or near religious establishments, according to a news article published by [IPS](#). Those organizing demonstrations in or near mosques or churches will face up to one year imprisonment. Those participating in such demonstrations may face up to six months in prison. The new law is expected to come into effect in June.

### **TURKEY—**

- **GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS UNIONIZATION DRAFT LAW**

Trade unions, employers and the government are negotiating a draft law on trade unions, collective bargaining, strikes and lockouts, according to a news article published by [TURKISH DAILY NEWS](#). The draft is to be expected to be presented to the parliament in June.

- **AKP FILES PRELIMINARY DEFENSE**

A 1 May 2008 report in the [Eurasia Daily Monitor](#) revealed that the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) has presented its preliminary defense to the country's Constitutional Court in the case filed for its closure by Public Prosecutor Abdurrahman Yalcinkaya on 14 March 2008 on charges of becoming a center for anti-secular activities (see [IJCSL Newsletter for April 2008](#)). An earlier report stated that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan had admitted that as of 26 April, 2008, the AKP had not yet formulated a strategy to counter the application for the party's closure. Since March, the Turkish media have been awash with rumors about the AKP's likely response. Most of the speculation has focused on possible amendments to the Turkish Constitution to make it more difficult to close down political parties and whether such changes would be imbedded in a broader package of democratizing reforms. Perhaps more worryingly for a party that has always prided itself on presenting a united front to the electorate, there are increasing signs that the strains and divisions within the party may be about to spill over into the public domain, and the 1 May report indicates that support for the party is declining.



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## **ZIMBABWE—POLITICAL RALLIES BANNED**

All political rallies have been banned across Zimbabwe as the country's continuing political crisis deepens. According to a news article published by [AP](#), the ban was announced on state radio saying that rallies had been banned because officers were too busy guarding ballot boxes or deployed to prevent post-election violence. The opponents of President Mugabe claim the ban is part of his campaign to cling to power.

## **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

### **AFGHANISTAN—DRAFT BILL TO BAN BEHAVIOR DEEMED UN-ISLAMIC**

According to a news article published by [AFP](#), an Afghan legislative committee has prepared a draft bill under which women and girls will no longer be allowed to wear make-up and must be properly dressed or wear the hijab; will not be allowed to dance in public and television; men will not be allowed to sport long hair, wear bracelets, necklaces, rings and other “girl like” gimmicks. Other restrictions will affect gatherings. At weddings men and women must be separated and music must not be loud. The bill also requires that mass media including television and cable networks must avoid broadcasting programs deemed “un-Islamic.” To become law, the bill needs approval by both chambers of the parliament and the President.

### **ARGENTINA—GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS AMENDING BROADCASTING LAW TO MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE**

President Cristina Kirchner’s government is consulting with civil society organizations to revise a law passed in 1980 that restricts radio and TV licenses to commercial enterprises and excludes non-profit organizations from broadcasting, the [ASSOCIATED PRESS](#) reports in a news article. Another [news story from IFEX](#) states that the government plans to have a governmental “media observatory” - an agency to monitor the media.

### **CHILE—SUPREME COURT ALLOWS MEDIA TO COVER COURT SESSIONS**

The Supreme Court of Chile has advised the journalists’ association, [Colegio de Periodistas de Chile](#), that reporters and photographers can cover court sessions. A [news article](#) published by Colegio de Periodistas, says that the declaration reverses a ban last year by the court’s president, Enrique Tapia, who accused journalists of interfering with the work of court employees.

### **INDONESIA—NEW LAW THREATENING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION PASSED**

The parliament has passed the Electronic Information and Transaction Law, which has been much criticized. According to a news article published by [SOUTHEAST ASIAN PRESS ALLIANCE](#) (SEAPA), the Press Council describes the law as falling short of international trends and standards. The law, intended to combat online crime, pornography, gambling, blackmail, lies, threats and racism, also prohibits citizens



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from distributing in any electronic format information that is defamatory. Those violating law may face up to six years imprisonment or a fine of Rp one billion (approx. US\$10.9581) or both.

## **PAKISTAN—BILL TO REMOVE MEDIA RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED**

The government has introduced a bill in the National Assembly to withdraw media restrictions imposed on electronic media under the state of emergency imposed in November 2007. According to a news article published by [BBC NEWS](#), The Pakistan Electronic Media Authority (Amendment) Bill, introduced by the Information and Broadcasting Minister proposes to end the ban on live broadcasts; abolish punishments for journalists who “defame” the president, the government, or the army.

## **RUSSIA—TIGHTER MEDIA LAW PASSED**

The State Duma has passed new legislation widening the definition of slander and libel to include “dissemination of deliberately false information damaging individual honor and dignity.” According to a news article published by the [INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE](#), the bill allows authorities to suspend and close down media outlets for libel and slander — the punishment that is identical to that for news media found to be promoting terrorism, extremism, and racial hatred. According to [TZNZ](#), the amendment will add the printing of “deliberately false information, defaming the honor and dignity of another person, or damaging his reputation” to the list of offences for which a media outlet can be closed down. Currently, media can be closed only for publishing state secrets, extremist statements, calls to carry out terrorist acts, or statements justifying terrorism.

## **SLOVAKIA—NEW MEDIA LAW SIGNED**

The Slovak President, Ivan Gasparovic, has signed a new media law. According to a news article published by [PR-INSIDE](#), the Slovak media has criticized the new legislation, claiming that the law severely restricts press freedom and editorial independence. They suggest that the law will give readers, state institutions, or politicians excessive rights of reply, even if critical articles about them are true. The new law comes into effect on 1 June 2008.

## **TURKEY—AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 301 PENAL CODE APPROVED**

The Turkish parliament has approved reforms of the law that limits freedom of expression. According to a news article published by [AGENZIA GIORNALISTICA ITALIA](#), Article 301 of the penal code has been amended to substitute the vague concept of “Turkish identity” by “the Turkish nation,” and has reduced the penalty from 3 to 2 years. The clause regarding an insult in a foreign country has been removed; and the “approval” of the justice ministry is needed to begin a trial against a person accused of violating Article 301. [Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code](#) made it a crime to insult Turkish nation. [Hürriyet](#) reports that the new legislation has been hailed by the European Union, but [Human Rights Watch](#) makes the point that the amendment fails to meet the international law standards on freedom of expression and suggests that Article 301 be abolished. Commentators have linked the amendment to the attempts of the AKP, Turkey’s majority political party, to gain credibility within



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the European Union in case the party is in fact dissolved as discussed above under Freedom of Association. For further analysis of the issues surrounding Article 301 and the AKP, see the [Eurasia Daily Monitor](#) for 1 May 2008.

## **UNITED STATES—NY LEGISLATURE PASSES FIRST-EVER 'LIBEL TERRORISM PROTECTION ACT' TO PROTECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

New York's legislature has passed the [Libel Terrorism Protection Act](#) intended to protect American journalists from lawsuits in foreign jurisdictions that do not provide the same free speech protections as the First Amendment, according to a "[The David Project](#)" [press release](#). The bill was proposed in response to a new threat to freedom of speech represented in a growing number of "[libel tourism](#)" cases. [Libel tourism](#) refers to the practice of intimidating writers and publishers by filing libel suits against them in countries with plaintiff-friendly libel laws. The bill awaits the signature of Governor David Paterson.

## **FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF**

### **KAZAKHSTAN—MORE RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PLANNED**

Kazakhstan is planning more restrictions on freedom of thought, conscience and belief, reports [FORUM 18 NEWS SERVICE](#) in a news article. The proposals include banning missionary activity by people who do not both represent registered religious communities and have state accreditation, and banning small religious communities from maintaining public places of worship or publishing religious literature.

### **MALAYSIA—GOVERNMENT MULLS NEW RULES FOR CONVERTING TO ISLAM**

The government will soon introduce a regulation to require nationals of Malaysia to inform their families before converting to Islam. According to a news article published by [AP](#), the new measure is being adopted in order to prevent disputes that arise in the event of death of converts. In many cases families were unaware of the conversions, and were angered when Islamic authorities seized the bodies for Muslim burial.

### **PAKISTAN—NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS CONDEMN ANTI-QURAN FILM AND PRINTING OF CARICATURES**

The National Assembly has passed resolutions against the printing and re-printing of the offensive and blasphemous caricatures of the Holy Prophet and release of Dutch anti-Quran film, reports the [DAILY TIMES](#). The resolutions call both the film and the cartoons acts of defamation.

### **UNITED STATES—ARIZONA TO CONSIDER BILL TO PROTECT FREEDOM OF RELIGION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS**

Sponsored by Rep. Doug Clark, R-Phoenix, House Bill 2713 (The Students' Religious Liberties Act), passed the House of Representatives in March has been approved by the Senate Education K-12 Committee, according to a news article published by [ASU](#)



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[WEB DEVIL](#). The bill will next be heard in the Senate Rules Committee, which determines the constitutionality of proposed legislation. The bill seeks to prohibit all public K-12 schools from discriminating against students or their parents because of their religious viewpoints or expressions, according to a Senate fact sheet for the bill.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

### **BRAZIL—NEW LAW TO REGULATE FOREIGN NGOS DRAFTED**

The justice and defense ministries plan to send a new Foreigners Bill to Congress in June to curb NGOs from serving in the Amazon, according to a news article published by [REUTERS](#). A new law, currently being drafted, will assert Brazil's sovereignty over the region, which is often treated as lawless rainforest. Environmental, religious, and other foreign groups will have to register with the regional military command and seek permission for their activities. Under the proposed law, the Justice Ministry could revoke visas, deport and fine individuals and groups, including international NGOs, working without approval.

### **CANADA—FINAL COMMENTS REQUESTED ON ONTARIO CORPORATIONS ACT REVISIONS**

The Ontario Government has undertaken a project to review and modernize the Ontario *Corporations Act* (OCA) in order to develop a new legal framework to govern the structure and activities of charities and not-for-profit corporations. The current OCA provides the statutory framework governing the creation, governance, and dissolution of not-for-profit corporations, including charitable corporations. The original version of the OCA was enacted in 1907 and has not been substantially revised since 1953. During the 55 year intervening period where there has been no substantial change to the OCA, the not-for-profit sector itself has experienced tremendous change. As such, the legislation is in much need of reform, and it is hoped that the Ontario Government's project to modernize the OCA will facilitate a legal structure that will equate with the actual needs of today's charities and not-for-profit organizations. To date, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has released three Consultation Papers to solicit public comments and suggestions regarding reform of this legislation. The deadlines for the first two Consultation Papers have already passed. However, interested persons have until 31 May 2008 to respond to the third and final [Consultation Paper](#).

### **ENGLAND AND WALES—GUIDANCE ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST PREPARED FOR ARTS CHARITIES**

The [Charity Commission](#) and the Department for Culture Media and Sport have jointly prepared guidance for arts charities on conflicts of interest, according to a [press release](#) of the Charity Commission. The guidance is particularly aimed at trustees of charitable museums, galleries, and libraries.



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## **RUSSIA—DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ACCOUNTING RECORDS EXTENDED**

[THE MOSCOW TIMES](#) reports that the Federal Registration Service has extended the 15 April 2008 deadline for nongovernmental organizations to submit their accounting records by two weeks. After numerous NGOs struggled with submitting their documents on time, the decision was taken to give them more time to do so. Organizations that fail to submit the financial forms by the extended deadline can have their activities suspended and may be liquidated.

## **TURKEY--REPORT ON FOUNDATION LAW PUBLISHED**

TÜSEV has published [a report](#) on the new Turkish Law on Foundations, which went into effect in February. The new law creates a single set of rules for the different types of foundations spanning the Ottoman and Republican Eras. The new provisions will affect “old” foundations (foundations established during the Ottoman Era), minority foundations (foundations established by non-Muslim communities during the Ottoman Era), and “new” foundations (foundations set up with privately held wealth, established according to Civil Code provisions, after the founding of the Turkish Republic in 1923). Since the law has now been adopted, the major effort of the sector and the government will now be directed to the preparation of the new regulations, which must be published within six months. These will constitute the backbone of the implementation. The new law is by and large compatible with international standards for freedom of association and represents a significant improvement in Turkey’s environment for civil society and philanthropy.

## **UNITED STATES--MONTANA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS FIDUCIARY DUTIES FOR TRUSTEES**

In a case decided on 29 April 2008, [In re Bair Family Trust](#), the Supreme Court of Montana held that Board of Advisors and Trustee who voted to close a museum that was the “cherished aim and foremost desire” of the Trust’s grantor violated their fiduciary duties to the Trust. Holding that the language in the trust instrument was directive rather than precatory, the Court, in a much-anticipated decision, relied on the ways in which the grantor sought to control the operation of the Trust for the benefit of the museum. Accordingly the Court held that it was proper to dismiss the members of the old Board and the Trustee and replace them with new members.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

### **AMERICAS—HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT RELEASED**

The Organization of American States (OAS) has released its 2007 report on human rights. In its report, the OAS voiced concern about the human rights situation in Colombia, Cuba, Haiti, and Venezuela. According to a news article published by [EL UNIVERSAL](#), the report also notes that governments in these countries lack efficient programs to tackle the problem.



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## **AUSTRALIA—FIRST FEMALE BISHOP APPOINTED**

Australia's Anglican Church has appointed its first female bishop, according to a news article posted by [OTTAWA CITIZEN](#). Archdeacon Kay Goldsworthy, 51, who is married with two sons, was ordained in 1992 as part of a group of Australia's first female priests. Women already serve as bishops in the United States, Canada, and New Zealand.

## **GLOBAL—**

- **UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES GOES INTO EFFECT**

The UN disability rights treaty will take effect on 3 May 2008, according to a news article posted by [PR-INSIDE](#). The [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) holds that all disabled people should be treated as full-fledged citizens and completely integrated into society.

- **CIVICUS LEGITIMACY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM AT WORLD ASSEMBLY**

The CIVICUS Legitimacy and Transparency program will have a consultative meeting at the World Assembly on 19 June 2008 with interested stakeholders including academics, civil society organizations (CSOs) and practitioners on the new phase of the LTA program at CIVICUS, according to a [news release](#) of the organization. LTA is a three year project aimed at creating a community of best practices by enhancing CSO LTA structures through the instruments of advocacy, knowledge dissemination and capacity building. The project is aimed at providing regional groups with the necessary tools for assisting their constituencies on LTA.

## **SOUTH AFRICA—BAN ON “ WHITES” DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has declared blacks-only membership of the Forum of Black Journalist (FBJ) unconstitutional. According to a news article posted by [SABC NEWS](#), the declaration comes after the news editor for Talk Radio 702 and 94.7 Highveld Stereo, Katy Katopodis, lodged a complaint with the Commission when the Forum barred white journalists from attending an off-the-record address by newly-elected ANC president Jacob Zuma in February. The HRC said the FBJ had acted unconstitutionally by barring white journalists on the basis of their race.

## **SLOVAKIA—SEMINAR ON “ NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY: PROMOTERS OF DEMOCRACY AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP” HELD**

In partnership and cooperation with the [Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture](#) (CVEK) and other stakeholders, the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe organized a Seminar on “NGOs and Civil Society: Promoters of Democracy and Active Citizenship,” according to a Council of Europe [press release](#). The seminar



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was held in Bratislava (Slovakia) on 25 and 26 April 2008 in the framework of the Slovak Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council with the main concern in “promoting a citizens’ Europe” and “in strengthening the participation of civil society in the decision-making process at national and multinational levels.” The key objective of the seminar was to facilitate contacts between Slovak NGOs and their counterparts at the European level, in particular the INGOs.

## **UNITED KINGDOM—CHARITY SECTOR NEEDS OWN UNIVERSITY**

The [Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations](#) (Acevo) has announced its intention to establish a university of the third sector to harness the talents of graduates considering the sector as a serious career option, according to a [CHARITY FINANCE press release](#). The spokeswoman for the chief executive body said there were currently no concrete plans for how the university would operate, with the details “open for development.”

## **UNITED STATES--ARTICLE ON ISLAMIC CHARITIES AND A GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN**

An [article](#) published in [THE NEW YORKER](#) examines how the federal government investigated the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, located in Ashland, Oregon. The reporter looks at how the government has relied on classified intelligence information to build a case against the charity and its practice of “Al Capone-ing’ suspects — meaning charging them on whatever will secure a conviction.” The group had its assets frozen in 2004 for alleged ties to Al Qaeda, which the charitable organization denies.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GLOBAL—**

- **FREEDOM HOUSE RELEASES GLOBAL SURVEY OF MEDIA INDEPENDENCE**

On 29 April 2008, Freedom House [released Freedom of the Press 2008: A Global Survey of Media Independence](#). The survey, released annually since 1980, assess the degree of print, broadcast, and internet freedom in every country in the world. The 2008 ratings are based on an assessment of the legal, political and economic environments in which journalists worked in 2007. According to this year’s survey, press freedom declines outnumbered advances two to one in 2007, with declines seen in authoritarian countries and established democracies.

- **NEW REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE LAUNCHED**

On 16 April 2008, [AccountAbility launched](#) a new report entitled “[Governing Collaboration: Making Partnerships Accountable for](#)



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[Delivering Development.](#)” The report finds that development partnerships will fail unless governance improves.

## **UNITED STATES--NONPROFIT CONGRESS 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JUNE**

The [Nonprofit Congress](#) will hold its [2008 Annual Conference](#) from 1-4 June 2008 in Washington, D.C. The Nonprofit Congress 2008 seeks to build on and celebrate the accomplishments of nonprofits across the country committed to positive change for the sector and communities. Registration for the annual conference is open via the Congress' website.

## **RESOURCES**

### **GLOBAL—NEW HANDBOOK RESOURCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS**

A new resource for development professionals entitled “[The Reporting Skills and Professional Writing Handbook](#)” (2nd Edition) is now available, according to an [announcement](#) posted on [SUSTAINABILITYTANK](#). The handbook is a self-study program based on the best of 10 years' experience working with INGOs, NGOs, GOs and IOs over hundreds of training courses. It is available on CDROM for convenient desktop study, and the Trainer Edition is supported by a complete Training Pack. Read further details [here](#).

### **ITALY—FIRST EUROPEAN DATABASE ON PHILANTHROPY AND NON PROFIT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LAUNCHED**

The [Master in International Studies in Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship](#) in the [University of Bologna](#) has [launched](#) the first [European database](#) called [BNPHE](#) on academic and educational programs focusing on philanthropy and non profit organizations has been launched. The current database contains 233 academic programs focusing on non profit organizations (working in local communities or at international level), philanthropy (including volunteering and civil society engagement). The database can be searched by [country](#), [subject](#), [degree](#) type, as well as working [language](#) type.

### **NEW PUBLICATION—MICHAEL EDWARDS’ “ PHILANTHROCAPITALISM”**

On 3 April 2008, [Michael Edwards](#) launched his new book “[Just Another Emperor? The Myths and Realities of Philanthrocapitalism](#).” “*Just Another Emperor?*” looks at the rise of major new philanthropic funds and actors, and asks if they represent a genuinely new kind of philanthropy. It examines the evidence for applying business models in the social sector, and makes a series of recommendations on how they could best contribute to lasting social change.

### **QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS--NPQ AND THE COHEN REPORT**

[The NonProfit Quarterly](#) (NPQ) and the [Cohen Report](#) are interesting resources. The Cohen Report covers changes in law and trends in regulation and enforcement. It will



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also include NPQs special investigation and analysis on the intersections between politics and nonprofits.

**UNITED KINGDOM—NEW E-RESOURCES ON GIFT AID TRANSITIONAL RELIEF**  
[HM Revenue and Customs](#) has produced a [FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\) web page on Gift Aid transitional relief](#). A new [section on Gift Aid information](#) has been launched on [DirectGov](#) web site. The site brings together useful links for charities as well as material for taxpayers.

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