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Patrick Merloe has over 30 years of experience in promoting citizen empowerment, governmental accountability and public policy advocacy. He serves as Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs at NDI. Since 1993, he has participated in over 170 international missions for NDI to more than 65 countries, including 23 African states, concerning political rights, electoral integrity and democratic development. He has produced a dozen publications on comparative law, human rights and elections, and served as the principal drafter and negotiator of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation, which is endorsed by 48 international organizations and recognized with appreciation in U.N. General Assembly resolutions. He also facilitated the process that produced the Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations, promulgated by the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors (GNDEM) and endorsed by 247 organizations from 87 countries. Pat is a frequent public speaker, has appeared on numerous news outlets and has occasionally provided Congressional testimony. He also serves as Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia Law School, where he teaches international law, and has taught courses at the University of Pennsylvania and University of San Francisco law schools. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania, conducted graduate work at the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC, and completed his undergraduate education at Temple University.