The Democracy Ranking 2008 of the Quality of Democracy: Method and Ranking Outcome

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1. Method of the Democracy Ranking 2008 of the Quality of Democracy

The Democracy Ranking 2008 is based on a unique quantitative model. This model is governed by the following methodic principles:

- Conceptual and methodic source: The Democracy Ranking 2008 is 1. based on the originally developed "Feasibility Study" (Campbell and Sükösd, 2002) and early experiences gained from the "Pilot Ranking 2000" (Campbell and Sükösd, 2003). The feasibility study developed general framework and conceptual architecture of the "dimensions" of the Democracy Ranking 2008 and suggested furthermore a specific assignment of quantitative indicators to the different dimensions. In the "Pilot Ranking 2000" this general framework was tested empirically for the first time. Emphasizing the need for a permanent learning process and in reflection of discussions and discourse, the Democracy Ranking 2008 moderately modified and adapted the set of assigned indicators and their weighting. Future Democracy Rankings might continue these procedures of indicator and weight adjustment. However, the past ranking years then always will be recalculated, thus enabling a steady and continuous comparison across time, reaching back to the first ranking years as initial benchmark. The "Basic Concept for the Democracy Ranking" (Campbell 2008) provides further conceptual and theoretical evidence for the Democracy Ranking 2008 and the successively planed democracy rankings.
- 2. *Objectives:* The Democracy Ranking 2008 creates a comparative ranking of the quality of democracy for two two-year periods of all democracies (country-based democracies) world-wide. The scope and

¹) This also underscores the premise that a "perfect" model for democracy ranking does not exist. Or to phrase it differently: there never will be unanimous consensus about what such a perfect model would have to be. Modifications of indicator usage thus leverage the opportunity of creating alternative insights in democracy.

format of the ranking is global. As democracies all countries are classified that are "free" or at least "partly free". "Not free" countries are not considered as being democratic and thus are not included in the democracy ranking. The Democracy Ranking 2008 is interested in displaying the (average) ranking scores for each two-year period specifically as well as in demonstrating ranking score increases and decreases by contrasting these two two-year periods. This encourages that in addition to the actual ranking placement also changes over time are reflected and acknowledged. The results and scores of the Democracy Ranking 2008 may be interpreted as a general orientation how the democracies compare and rank to each other in a global format with regard to the quality of democracy. The Democracy Ranking 2008 wants to encourage discussions and discourse. More focused country case studies can reveal how plausible or implausible these ranking scores are for specific democracies.

3. Country sample (covered democracies): All countries are covered by the current ranking that fulfill the following criteria; (a) are classified by Freedom House as "free" or at least "partly free" during the whole years 2004-2006⁴; (b) have a population of at least one million; (c) and where a maximum number of indicators with missing values⁵ per dimension was not exceeded. Furthermore, not covered countries (because they are not systematically represented by the used sources) are: Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, West Bank and Gaza. In total,

²) This decision makes explicit that only free or partly free countries should be included in a democracy ranking. A democracy ranking is not the proper location for non-free countries.

³) For assessments of how free or not free countries (democracies) are, we refer to Freedom House as key source.

⁴) Freedom House released the "Map of Freedom 2008", referring to the year 2007, in January 2008. At that time most of the data groundwork for the Democracy Ranking 2008 already was completed. Of course the effect could occur that some of the countries that Freedom House listed as free or partly free during 2004-2006 may be re-categorized as "not free" in 2007 or 2008.

⁵) Because of this "missing" rule it was decided not to cover Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro by the Democracy Ranking 2008. For example, Freedom House did not release freedom scores explicitly for Serbia and Montenegro for 2001-2002 and 2004-2005.

this results in a sample of 98 countries for the Democracy Ranking 2008.

- 4. Covered years (2001-2002 and 2004-2005): The ranking consists of two rankings, focusing on average values of the two two-year periods 2001-2002 and 2004-2005. This adds in a dynamic component, allowing for a comparison and tracking of changes and shifts of ranking positions over time.
- 5. The individual dimensions as a basis for the final comprehensive (aggregated) ranking: In conceptual terms, the Democracy Ranking 2008 is based on the following six individual dimensions (one political dimension, five non-political dimensions); (a) politics (political system); (b) gender (socioeconomic gender equality); (c) economy (economic system); (d) knowledge (knowledge-based information society, education and research); (e) health (health status and health system); and (f) environment (environmental sustainability).
- 6. Assignment of indicators per dimension and the ranking aggregation procedure: The following procedures are applied; (a) per dimension, a specific set of quantitative indicators has been assigned; (b) for 2001-2002 as well as 2004-2005 average indicator values are being calculated; (c) for the whole two two-year period 2001-2005 (2001-2002 and 2004-2005) all assigned indicators are "numerically proportionally" transformed into a value range of "1-100". "1" represents the weakest (poorest) value⁶, and "100" the strongest (best) value, with regard to the quality of democracy; (d) per dimension, specific ranking scores are calculated for all the covered democracies for 2001-2002 and 2004-2005; (e) finally, on the basis of the ranking scores (indicator values) of the individual dimensions and in accordance with a specific weighting of those dimensions, the six

⁶) The decision to use "1", and not "0", as the lowest value should deliver the symbolic message that in context of a democracy ranking every democracy ranks above zero and thus falls in a "positive" value range.

dimensions are being aggregated to the comprehensive Democracy Ranking 2008.

- 7. Documentation of the indicators assigned per dimension: In the Appendix, the indicators are being exactly documented that have been used and assigned per dimension. In total, the Democracy Ranking 2008 is based on 45 indicators.
- 8. Weighting of the individual dimensions: The following weight measures are assigned to the dimensions for the procedure of the comprehensive ranking aggregation for the periods 2001-2002 and 2004-2005; (a) politics 50%; (b) gender 10%; (c) economy 10%; (d) knowledge 10%; (e) health 10%; and (f) environment 10%.
- 9. Weighting of indicators in context of the dimensions: Possible weight measures of the indicators for the ranking of democracies in the context of individual dimensions are revealed in the Appendix. Weights should indicate the potential influence of different indicators on the concept of the quality of democracy.
- 10. Treatment of missing values for the indicators: In case of missing values for indicators of the five non-political dimensions, the year 2000 was leveraged as an estimator for 2001-2002 and the year 2003 as an estimator for 2004-2005. For the political dimension the years 2000 and 2003 were not used as estimators, because normally there were no values for 2000 and 2003, when also no values were available for 2001-2002 and 2004-2005. Further specifications for the political dimension and five non-political dimensions are, with regard to the treatment of missing values for the individual country-based democracies; (a) in case of missing values for the whole period 2001-2002 (and 2000), the transformed (1-100) average value of 2004-2005 was taken; (b) in case of missing values for the whole period 2004-2005 (and 2003), the transformed (1-100) average value of 2001-2002 was taken; (c) in case of missing values for the total period 2000-2005, the transformed (1-100) average score of that country

(democracy) for that specific dimension (2001-2002 and 2004-2005) was taken.

- Comprehensive gender dimension: Gender indicators with a political 11. orientation are assigned to the political dimension, thus the political dimension already contains gender information. The gender dimension of the Democracy Ranking 2008 falls more in line with socioeconomic gender equality, where the socioeconomic status of women is being compared across different democracies. To know what a possible ranking pattern of a broader gender dimension might be, the Democracy Ranking 2008 calculates a "comprehensive gender dimension" (a so-called seventh dimension). The ranking scores of that comprehensive gender dimension are also documented; however, they do not impact the aggregated ranking of the Democracy Ranking 2008 (only the socioeconomic gender dimension does). The comprehensive gender dimension results from the dimension of socioeconomic gender equality and the political indicators P1-P4 (see the Appendix for an exact definition), where the following weight measures are being assigned: "socioeconomic gender equality" 50%, P1 15%, P2 15%, P3 15%, and P4 5%.
- 12. Empirical source of the indicators for the Democracy Ranking 2008: All indicators for the five non-political dimensions (gender [socioeconomic gender equality], economy, knowledge, health, and environment) are taken from the World Bank CD-ROM publication "World Development Indicators '07" (World Bank, 2007). In that context it should be mentioned that these World Development Indicators frequently are pooled by the World Bank from other renowned sources. For each indicator, the World Bank always cites precisely the original data source. Concerning the political dimension, reference is being made to Freedom House (most prominently the "Freedom in the World" country ranking database) as key source for the political indicators. Additional sources for the political dimension are the United Nations Development Program (e.g., "Human

⁷) See: http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/fiw/FIWAllScores.xls

Development Report 2007/2008"⁸), Transparency International (such as the "TI 2005 Corruption Perceptions Index"⁹) and subsequent editions of the "Political Handbook of the World" (for example, Banks et al., 2006). In the Appendix, the source for every indicator is always acknowledged.

13. The ranking scores of the Democracy Ranking 2008 of the Quality of Democracy: In Chapter 3, the ranking scores for the comprehensive Democracy Ranking and for the individual dimensions are documented in a series of scoreboards.

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⁸) See:

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⁹⁾ See: http://www.transparency.org/publications/annual_report

3. Ranking Outcome of the Democracy Ranking 2008: Scoreboards

	Total Score	Rank	Total Score	Rank	Democracy Loss/Gain	Democracy Loss/Gain
	2001-2002	2001-2002	2004-2005	2004-2005	Rating	Score
Sweden	89.08	1	90.25	1	72	1.2
Norway	87.54	2	89.47	2	59	1.9
Denmark	87.42	3	88.65	3	71	1.2
Switzerland	86.55	4	87.53	4	76	1.0
Finland	85.24	5	86.61	5	70	1.4
Netherlands	84.46	6	86.06	6	63	1.6
New Zealand	83.29	8	85.09	7	60	1.8
Austria	83.34	7	84.72	8	69	1.4
Australia	82.41	9	84.37	9	58	2.0
United Kingdom	80.29	14	83.95	10	34	3.7
Germany	80.96	12	83.83	11	47	2.9
United States	81.89	10	83.42	12	64	1.5
Belgium	80.51	13	83.19	13	50	2.7
Ireland	80.13	15	82.81	14	51	2.7
Canada	81.36	11	82.27	15	79	0.9
France	78.57	16	81.36	16	49	2.8
Spain	77.60	17	81.05	17	36	3.4
Portugal	77.30	18	78.41	18	74	1.1
Italy	74.47	20	77.54	19	44	3.1
Japan	75.61	19	77.04	20	66	1.4
Slovenia	73.36	21	76.73	21	39	3.4
Israel	73.29	22	75.72	22	53	2.4
Costa Rica	70.32	24	74.79	23	25	4.5
Hungary	68.59	25	73.20	24	23	4.6
Estonia	67.53	27	73.17	25	12	5.6
Latvia	67.52	28	72.19	26	22	4.7
Czech Republic	67.14	31	71.89	27	19	4.8
Lithuania	67.33	29	71.60	28	28	4.3
Uruguay	70.44	23	71.57	29	73	1.1
Greece	67.26	30	71.51	30	29	4.2
Chile	65.62	33	70.90	31	15	5.3
Mauritius	67.84	26	70.74	32	46	2.9
Poland	66.90	32	70.71	33	33	3.8
Slovak Republic	65.34	34	70.34	34	18	5.0
Korea. Rep.	64.67	35	70.29	35	13	5.6
Argentina	59.63	41	65.63	36	10	6.0
Bulgaria	62.29	38	65.46	37	42	3.2
Panama	63.38	36	65.34	38	56	2.0
Croatia	62.51	37	64.89	39	54	2.4
Mexico	60.07	40	63.31	40	40	3.2
Peru	60.60	39	60.86	41	84	0.3

Brazil	57.55	45	60.49	42	45	2.9
South Africa	59.54	42	59.89	43	83	0.4
Ghana	52.27	58	59.46	44	6	7.2
Dominican						
Republic	59.50	43	59.34	45	86	-0.2
Singapore	53.61	53	58.75	46	16	5.1
El Salvador	56.47	49	58.42	47	57	2.0
Romania	57.84	44	58.31	48	82	0.5
Jamaica	57.19	47	57.71	49	81	0.5
Philippines	57.47	46	56.99	50	89	-0.5
Mongolia	53.75	51	55.93	51	55	2.2
Trinidad and						
Tobago	52.75	54	55.61	52	48	2.9
Mali	51.03	61	54.94	53	31	3.9
Ecuador	52.30	57	54.90	54	52	2.6
Albania	51.47	60	54.68	55	41	3.2
Namibia	52.58	56	53.97	56	68	1.4
India	52.71	55	53.80	57	75	1.1
Papua New						
Guinea	55.99	50	53.44	58	97	-2.6
Nicaragua	52.15	59	53.12	59	77	1.0
Colombia	49.39	63	53.00	60	35	3.6
Bolivia	56.71	48	53.00	61	98	-3.7
Botswana	53.64	52	52.89	62	91	-0.7
Sri Lanka	47.29	66	52.38	63	17	5.1
Senegal	47.21	69	51.68	64	24	4.5
Honduras	49.76	62	51.43	65	62	1.7
Ukraine	44.76	74	51.29	66	7	6.5
Macedonia. FYR	47.28	67	51.26	67	30	4.0
Paraguay	48.05	65	51.20	68	43	3.1
Benin	46.62	71	50.49	69	32	3.9
Georgia	45.44	73	49.77	70	27	4.3
Turkey	41.75	77	49.61	71	3	7.9
Indonesia	44.67	75	49.36	72	20	4.7
Moldova	49.06	64	49.00	73	85	-0.1
Madagascar	47.25	68	48.69	74	65	1.4
Malaysia	40.67	80	48.13	75	4	7.5
Venezuela. RB	45.90	72	45.06		93	
				76		-0.8
Guatemala	46.79	70	44.78	77	94	-2.0
Bangladesh	41.74	78	42.53	78	80	0.8
Tanzania	41.06	79	42.46	79	67	1.4
Jordan	35.87	87	42.28	80	8	6.4
Niger	34.38	89	41.70	81	5	7.3
Armenia	43.60	76	41.29	82	95	-2.3
Kenya	25.49	96	41.25	83	1	15.8
Morocco	37.55	83	41.00	84	37	3.4
Kuwait	38.13	82	39.86	85	61	1.7
Guinea-Bissau	32.66	90	38.77	86	9	6.1

Gambia. The	35.07	88	38.51	87	38	3.4
Mozambique	37.49	84	38.43	88	78	0.9
Uganda	32.46	91	38.31	89	11	5.8
Burkina Faso	38.24	81	37.52	90	90	-0.7
Malawi	37.33	85	37.11	91	87	-0.2
Sierra Leone	31.32	92	36.87	92	14	5.6
Gabon	37.10	86	34.55	93	96	-2.5
Burundi	22.07	97	32.32	94	2	10.2
Nigeria	26.55	95	31.23	95	21	4.7
Zambia	28.89	94	28.64	96	88	-0.3
Ethiopia	29.02	93	28.26	97	92	-0.8
Yemen. Rep.	21.67	98	26.05	98	26	4.4
	Green: Within the highest third of all countries	Green: Country is among the 10 best	Green: Within the highest third of all countries	Green: Country is among the 10 best	Green: Country is among the 10 best	Green: Gain of democracy score
	Blue: Within the medium third of all countries		Blue: Within the medium third of all countries			
	Red: Within the lowest third of all countries	Red: Country is among the 10 worst	Red: Within the lowest third of all countries	Red: Country is among the 10 worst	Red: Country is among the 10 worst	Red: Loss of democracy score

			Politic	cal Svs	tem Sc	ores		
	1	2004-	_ 3	2001-	2004-	-	2001-	
	2002	2005		2002	2005		2002	2005
Sweden	96.77	98.47	Mexico	62.35	67.59	Guatemala	41.89	36.33
Norway	96.45	97.79	Benin	60.57	66.92	Nigeria	26.49	34.93
Finland	95.60	97.44	Botswana	68.14	66.00	Bangladesh	31.85	32.91
Denmark	96.45	97.22	Dominican Republic	66.07	65.38	Uganda	22.01	32.29
Netherlands	93.67	95.22	Namibia	61.83	64.97	Gambia. The	26.66	31.62
New Zealand	93.91	94.46	Trinidad and Tobago	61.30	64.69	Jordan	19.59	30.90
Belgium	87.28	94.15	Jamaica	63.78	62.69	Zambia	31.81	30.36
Australia	92.59	93.68	Peru	62.58	62.23	Kuwait	27.30	28.83
Germany	88.73	93.04	Mongolia	60.16	61.37	Morocco	23.83	28.51
Canada	91.98	92.32	Brazil	56.77	61.18	Burundi	8.12	28.28
Austria	90.32	92.06	Senegal	53.61	60.55	Armenia	34.57	27.64
Switzerland	91.51	91.79	India	59.27	59.96	Ethiopia	27.21	25.21
United Kingdom	85.45	90.28	Romania	61.90	59.55	Gabon	31.13	24.74
Spain	85.40	89.89	Philippines	60.28	57.68	Yemen. Rep.	9.54	16.66
United States	89.12	89.66	El Salvador	55.09	57.11			
Ireland	86.72	87.99	Nicaragua		55.06			
France	83.05	86.92	Papua New Guinea	60.47	54.24	Green: Within the		
Portugal	85.14	86.64	Ecuador	52.14	54.11	highest third of all		
Costa Rica	78.20	85.39	Macedonia. FYR	46.54	53.91	countries		
Estonia	76.63	84.33	Bolivia	62.03	53.40			
Slovenia	78.74	82.79	Madagascar	49.62	52.62	Blue: Within the		
Slovak Republic	74.09	81.24	Honduras	48.61	51.51	medium third of		
Chile	72.05	81.01	Albania	47.17	50.97	all countries		
Poland	75.47	80.91	Niger		50.08			
Italy	77.00	80.88	Indonesia	42.05	49.51	Red: Within the		
South Africa	81.23	80.75	Kenya	17.87	48.81	lowest third of all		
Hungary	72.84	79.96	Tanzania	45.68	48.57	countries		
Czech Republic	72.42	79.81	Ukraine	36.16	47.54			
Latvia	74.13	79.45	Mozambique	46.64	47.49			
Uruguay	78.16	79.31	Sri Lanka	37.79	47.29			
Lithuania	73.09	77.78	Paraguay	41.24	46.43			
Mauritius	74.03	77.76	Turkey	34.09	45.97			
Japan	76.02	76.91	Colombia	40.50	45.41			
Israel	72.03		Moldova	45.94	45.07			
Greece	68.46	74.30	Singapore	38.01	44.85			
Bulgaria	71.58	74.25	Guinea-Bissau	31.81	43.58			
Ghana	60.76	73.15	Georgia	34.99	43.13			
Korea. Rep.	62.57	71.66	Sierra Leone	29.95	42.78			
Panama	69.35	70.28	Venezuela. RB	42.76	40.71			
Argentina	58.97	68.33	Malawi	40.54	38.63			
Mali	62.03	68.20	Malaysia	25.56	38.60			
Croatia	65.75	67.81	Burkina Faso	40.24	37.50			

		Gender Equality (Socioeconomic) Scores										
		2004-			2004-		2001-					
		2005			2005			2005				
Norway		88.67				South Africa	37.31					
Sweden	90.41	87.80	Bolivia	68.63		Namibia	1	35.24				
New Zealand	84.87		Slovak Republic	68.91		Malawi		35.18				
Australia	85.80					Botswana	†	34.01				
Finland	86.32	86.13	Costa Rica	66.94	68.98	Yemen. Rep.		33.39				
Denmark	84.30		Mexico		68.80		30.45	33.13				
United Kingdom	82.91					Mozambique	31.69	32.76				
Slovenia	83.18	84.04	Paraguay	65.13	66.99	Burkina Faso	30.02	32.67				
United States	82.82	84.00	El Salvador	63.80	66.64	Ethiopia	25.34	28.42				
Canada	82.18	82.93	Jamaica	64.35	66.62	Zambia	25.84	27.22				
Japan	81.79	82.85	Panama	63.68	66.49	Nigeria	24.81	25.56				
Ireland	79.44	82.48	Albania	60.64	66.41	Sierra Leone	22.77	25.26				
France	81.34	82.39	Mongolia			Guinea-Bissau	24.00	24.16				
Netherlands	81.79	82.18	Philippines	64.69	65.74	Niger	22.08	23.55				
Singapore	81.45	82.07	Colombia	63.22	65.61							
Belgium	83.15	81.53	Sri Lanka	65.82	65.37							
Estonia	78.48	81.37	Mauritius	63.61	65.32							
Switzerland	80.32	81.21	Venezuela. RB	63.99		Green: Within the						
			Trinidad and			highest third of all						
Lithuania			Tobago	63.11		countries						
Germany			Honduras		62.52							
Portugal	81.02		Kuwait	59.89	61.74	Blue: Within the						
Latvia	77.64		Madagascar	60.52	60.74	medium third of						
Austria	80.33		Papua New Guinea			all countries						
Israel	79.54		Indonesia		58.46							
Korea. Rep.	78.11		Nicaragua	55.51	57.84	Red: Within the						
Spain	76.33		Jordan	54.48	57.76	lowest third of all						
Italy	75.67	78.85	Turkey	56.74	56.58	countries						
Hungary	77.15		Macedonia. FYR	58.56	56.36							
Ukraine	76.72		Bangladesh	57.20	56.33							
Greece	73.42	76.03	Guatemala	54.91	56.08							
Czech Republic		75.22		52.09	53.41							
Poland	74.03		Tanzania		53.00							
Armenia	72.94		Dominican Republic		52.72							
Romania	73.27				50.40							
Argentina	72.42	74.65	Gabon	51.30	50.19							
Bulgaria	71.15	74.23	Morocco	46.75	49.40							
Croatia	70.85	73.34	Uganda	46.44	49.06							
Moldova	73.02	73.26	Gambia. The	43.10	47.40							
Uruguay	69.98	71.15	Senegal	43.20	46.08							
Ecuador	67.54	70.97	Mali	41.09	43.28							
Malaysia	68.13	70.36	Kenya	37.02	39.59							
Georgia	71.92	70.19	Burundi	36.35	38.39							

			Ec	conomy	Score	s		
	2001-	2004-		2001-			2001-	2004-
	2002	2005		2002	2005		2002	2005
Norway	91.93	94.97	Argentina	41.25	48.07	Macedonia. FYR	24.77	23.12
United States	90.33	94.36	India	47.51	47.88	Burkina Faso	19.23	19.64
Ireland	86.14	91.78	Bangladesh	47.56	47.13	Benin	19.32	19.47
Switzerland	88.56	89.16	Croatia	41.90	46.90	Guinea-Bissau	18.86	19.24
Denmark	83.42	86.06	Morocco	45.41	46.61	Gambia. The	19.41	18.86
Austria	83.59	85.02	Uruguay	44.06	46.44	Niger	18.66	18.43
Netherlands	83.71	84.55	Colombia	44.63	46.38	Mozambique	15.52	17.06
United Kingdom	81.10	84.54	Philippines	45.32	45.40	Kenya	19.18	16.69
Canada		83.55		44.09	44.86	Burundi	18.32	15.81
Australia	78.87	83.29	Guatemala	44.99	44.75	Yemen. Rep.		15.72
Sweden	79.18		Romania			Sierra Leone		15.06
Japan	+		Turkey			Malawi		14.70
Finland	76.12		Bulgaria			Nigeria		14.41
Belgium	+	80.09				Zambia		13.59
Singapore	74.53	79.66	Sri Lanka		42.34			
Germany	77.87		Panama		42.32			
France	1		Moldova			Green: Within the		
New Zealand		75.42		43.44	41.77	highest third of all		
Italy			Botswana			countries		
Spain			Paraguay		41.65			
Kuwait			Georgia			Blue: Within the		
Israel	66.92		Honduras	42.06	41.29	medium third of		
Korea. Rep.			Ecuador			all countries		
Portugal			Indonesia		40.47			
Slovenia			South Africa			Red: Within the		
Czech Republic	64.01		Nicaragua	36.99	39.81	lowest third of all		
Greece	60.80		Mongolia			countries		
Hungary	1		Jamaica		38.79			
Estonia Estonia			Ghana		35.85			
Mexico			Albania		35.34			
Lithuania			Dominican Republic		34.03			
Latvia			Venezuela. RB		33.77			
Mauritius			Bolivia		32.99			
Slovak Republic			Senegal		32.12			
Malaysia		54.08			31.80			
Costa Rica	52.19		Uganda		31.12			
Trinidad and	22.00	55.10	Sanda	32.77	51.12			
Tobago	47.18	51.93	Tanzania	30.16	29.96			
Chile	48.77		Namibia		29.87			
Poland	47.42	50.68			29.58			
El Salvador	49.68		Ethiopia	31.22				
Papua New			•					
Guinea	47.04	49.16	Armenia	23.64	26.00			
Ukraine	46.07	48.32	Madagascar	24.36	23.16			

			Kn	owledg	ge Scor	es		
		2004- 2005		2001-	2004- 2005		2001- 2002	2004- 2005
Sweden	87.16	87.95	Panama	34.62	36.60	Zambia	12.26	12.29
Israel	74.87	80.33	Brazil	32.06	35.94	Benin	9.40	11.80
Finland	76.55		Trinidad and Tobago	30.25	34.93	Guinea-Bissau	10.19	10.75
Denmark	72.31	76.74	Kuwait	29.95	34.52	Uganda	8.56	9.29
Switzerland	70.24	74.39	Moldova	30.73	33.93	Mali	5.63	8.74
United States	69.29	73.36	Romania	28.50	33.79	Burkina Faso	8.08	8.72
Australia	64.34	69.64	Bolivia			Malawi	8.91	8.30
Norway	63.57	68.51	Chile	30.10	33.11	Niger	8.01	8.26
United Kingdom	64.66	68.49	Mongolia	26.68	32.62	Burundi	7.83	8.14
New Zealand	63.41	67.94	El Salvador	27.28	32.42	Madagascar	7.05	6.34
Netherlands	62.55	67.60	Uruguay	29.13	32.33	Sierra Leone	14.36	6.28
Japan	61.34	65.54	Macedonia. FYR	28.08	32.12	Mozambique	4.66	5.72
Singapore	58.92	64.72	South Africa	28.44	31.84	Ethiopia	4.79	5.65
Canada	60.46	63.77	Costa Rica	25.59	30.39	Tanzania	6.33	5.26
Korea. Rep.	58.25	62.46	Georgia		29.56			
Belgium	61.82	62.35	Peru	25.97	28.53	Green: Within the		
Germany	57.78	62.34	Armenia	26.70	28.43	highest third of all		
France	1		Venezuela. RB	25.97	28.37	countries		
Austria	57.37		Colombia		27.84			
Slovenia			Turkey			Blue: Within the		
Italy			Mexico			medium third of		
Ireland	51.22		Ecuador			all countries		
Estonia	45.71		Botswana		25.67			
Spain			Guatemala			Red: Within the		
Greece			Philippines	21.81	25.33	lowest third of all		
Hungary	44.06		Namibia			countries		
Lithuania		47.73			24.98			
Portugal	1		Sri Lanka	+	24.36			
Czech Republic			Morocco		22.39			
Croatia	39.56		Yemen. Rep.		22.26			
Jamaica	_		Paraguay		22.16			
Poland			Gambia. The		21.32			
Latvia	33.25		Nicaragua		20.69			
Dominican Republic	34.66		Indonesia		20.56			
Slovak Republic	33.33		Honduras		19.69			
Ukraine		39.76			17.21			
Jordan	36.71		Papua New Guinea		16.58			
Bulgaria	34.52		Senegal		16.12			
Malaysia	33.24		Ghana		15.83			
Argentina	34.85		Kenya		15.68			
Mauritius			Nigeria Nigeria		15.32			
Albania			Bangladesh		13.21			
Aidama	33.03	37.09	Dangiadesh	12.89	13.21]	

			ī	Health	Scores			
	2001-	2004-			2004-		2001-	2004-
	2002	2005		2002	2005		2002	2005
Switzerland	87.43	90.37	Estonia	67.43	69.92	Kenya	26.50	28.95
Japan	87.35	88.31	Latvia	67.71	69.89	Burkina Faso	24.89	27.47
France	84.15	87.00	Mauritius	66.91	68.88	Mali	25.05	26.77
Norway	83.04	86.11	Ecuador	67.56	68.84	Tanzania	23.73	24.92
Austria	83.99	86.10	Jordan	67.18	68.46	Malawi	17.01	21.72
United States	83.80	85.78	El Salvador	67.09	68.35	Guinea-Bissau	19.60	20.94
Australia	83.68	85.70	Venezuela. RB	67.43	68.12	Ethiopia	18.87	20.12
Germany	83.95	85.56	Sri Lanka	66.43	68.05	Nigeria	19.13	20.02
Italy	83.68	85.51	Colombia	66.25	67.38	Burundi	17.82	19.64
Sweden	83.06	85.15	Georgia	66.09	67.10	Niger	16.57	18.25
Israel	83.58	83.48	Brazil	64.87	66.83	Mozambique	16.37	17.22
Canada	81.64	83.41	Romania	66.58	66.77	Zambia	11.51	13.16
Netherlands	81.07	83.37	Malaysia	65.34	66.35	Sierra Leone		11.58
Spain	80.06	83.11	Paraguay	64.66	65.32	Botswana	11.97	10.44
Greece			Turkey	63.82	65.32			
Ireland	77.77	81.94	Ukraine	64.76	64.96			
New Zealand	79.76	81.89	Moldova	62.74	64.60			
Finland	79.71	81.65	Peru	62.47	63.89	Green: Within the		
			Trinidad and			highest third of all		
Denmark			Tobago	63.57	63.81	countries		
Portugal			Jamaica		62.99			
United Kingdom	77.74	80.70	Nicaragua	60.88	62.60	Blue: Within the		
Slovenia	76.55	78.61	Philippines	60.17	61.79	medium third of		
Czech Republic	76.24		Mongolia	59.89	61.26	all countries		
Singapore	75.33	76.41	Morocco	58.82				
Korea. Rep.	74.22	76.25	Dominican Republic	59.13	60.69	Red: Within the		
Costa Rica	74.82	75.52	Guatemala	58.14	59.97	lowest third of all		
Argentina	73.73	74.97	Honduras	57.88	59.67	countries		
Chile	74.13	74.74	Indonesia	56.02	58.36			
Croatia	73.77	74.71	Bolivia	51.70	53.98			
Uruguay	75.46	74.61	Bangladesh	48.91	51.60			
Belgium		74.58		49.18	50.12			
Slovak Republic	72.91	73.63	Yemen. Rep.	43.88	46.21			
Poland	71.85	72.84	Ghana	42.04	43.30			
Hungary	71.72	72.79	Senegal	39.01	41.33			
Kuwait	72.34	72.28	Gambia. The	38.70	41.02			
Bulgaria	70.50	71.82	Papua New Guinea		40.67			
Panama	70.76	71.45	Gabon	39.07	37.57			
Lithuania	71.47	71.38	Benin	34.81	37.06			
Albania	70.07	71.34	Madagascar	35.49	36.52			
Macedonia. FYR	70.39	71.25	Uganda	27.14	32.20			
Mexico	68.74	70.23	South Africa	30.78	30.45			
Armenia	69.36	70.15	Namibia	31.71	29.99			

			Environme	ntal Sus	stainab	ility Scores		
	2001-	2004-		2001-	2004-	•	2001-	2004-
	2002	2005		2002	2005		2002	2005
Mali	99.98	99.98	Mozambique	73.45	74.12	South Africa	55.54	54.75
Uganda	99.95	99.95	Ethiopia	74.00	73.88	Czech Republic	53.64	54.03
Burundi	99.75	99.77	Georgia	72.39	73.83	Mongolia	49.11	53.42
Burkina Faso	98.99	99.23	Honduras	75.13	73.56	Finland	55.68	53.16
Gambia. The	98.24	98.36	Turkey	72.04	73.24	Venezuela. RB	52.59	51.94
Malawi	98.09	98.09	Bolivia	72.39	72.96	Jamaica	51.40	51.33
Niger	98.05	98.06	India	70.91	72.60	Moldova	51.04	50.94
Madagascar	96.96	97.08	Spain	72.75	71.86	Australia	48.52	50.24
Sierra Leone	95.93	96.62	Ecuador	70.58	71.28	United States	47.06	48.43
Papua New								
Guinea	96.01	96.38	Denmark	72.82	71.26	Canada	49.51	47.44
Colombia	91.94	95.72	France	70.66	70.72	Ukraine	42.79	44.88
Peru	94.40	95.69	Greece	69.16	70.49	Estonia	45.65	44.64
a:						Trinidad and		
Guinea-Bissau			United Kingdom			Tobago		19.08
Namibia			Croatia			Kuwait	17.23	13.56
Uruguay			Mexico	70.23	69.37			
Costa Rica	92.06	92.88	Hungary		69.30			
Bangladesh	91.62	92.50	Benin	69.36	68.81	Green: Within the		
Mauritius	91.82	91.54	Tanzania	68.82	68.60	highest third of all		
Morocco	86.46	88.35	Zambia	68.23	68.34	countries		
Sri Lanka	87.73	87.23	Indonesia	67.33	68.27			
Botswana	84.69	87.05	Lithuania	65.98	68.00	Blue: Within the		
Panama	78.66	85.13	Israel	67.90	67.83	medium third of		
Paraguay	83.64	83.73	Kenya	68.18	67.53	all countries		
Philippines	81.35	83.21	Norway	67.67				
Brazil	82.44	82.19	Japan	67.26	67.14	Red: Within the		
El Salvador			Sweden	67.12	66.88	lowest third of all		
Switzerland			Netherlands	- 1		countries		
Albania			Slovenia		66.07			
Ghana	78.13		Germany		66.02			
Guatemala			New Zealand		65.71			
Dominican				55.20	221			
Republic	76.78	78.87	Romania	62.81	65.42			
Argentina	79.23	78.84	Belgium	63.09	62.61			
Senegal	77.25		Nigeria	61.26	62.37			
Gabon			Singapore	55.78	60.44			
Ireland			Poland	58.61				
Italy	76.77		Slovak Republic	58.67				
Latvia			Macedonia. FYR	58.34				
Armenia			Jordan		59.75			
Portugal	75.44		Yemen. Rep.		59.57			
Nicaragua			Malaysia		59.24			
Chile			Korea. Rep.		58.10			
			Bulgaria		55.40			
Austria	70.49	74.19	purgaria	55.40	55.40			l

			Gender C	ompre	hensiv	e Scores		
	2001-	2004-	3 3	2001-			2001-	2004-
	2002	2005		2002	2005		2002	2005
Norway	91.58	93.46	Peru			Mozambique	40.03	40.96
Sweden	93.45	93.41		60.68	64.63	Gambia. The	34.28	40.37
Finland	90 14	91 26	Trinidad and Tobago	61 16	63 77	Morocco	32 29	37.55
Denmark			Ukraine		63.27			36.61
New Zealand			Mongolia		63.11	•		36.24
Australia	88.15		Ecuador			Malawi		35.44
Netherlands			El Salvador			Sierra Leone		35.30
Belgium		88.34				Burundi		33.59
Germany			Philippines			Burkina Faso		32.36
Canada			Bolivia	64.81		Guinea-Bissau		31.73
Austria	85.47		Albania			Zambia	28.34	
United Kingdom	+		Moldova			Nigeria	24.31	
United States	1		Dominican Republic			Ethiopia		26.75
Spain	80.58		Singapore			Yemen. Rep.	13.29	
Switzerland			South Africa		57.77			
Ireland			Paraguay		57.41			
France	81.37		Honduras			Green: Within the		
Portugal			Georgia	52.97	57.34	highest third of all		
Slovenia			Nicaragua			countries		
Estonia			Madagascar		56.91			
Italy			Macedonia. FYR			Blue: Within the		
Latvia	76.07	†	Indonesia	50.89	56.03	medium third of		
Costa Rica	+		Papua New Guinea	59.29	55.78	all countries		
Lithuania	74.52		Colombia		55.53			
Poland		79.08				Red: Within the		
Czech Republic			Malaysia	47.97	55.21	lowest third of all		
Hungary		78.85	•			countries		
Japan	76.36	77.44	Senegal		54.98			
Israel			Sri Lanka		54.53			
Slovak Republic			Venezuela. RB	51.69	54.05			
Argentina	66.45	75.76	Tanzania	50.64	52.27			
Bulgaria	71.72	75.76	Armenia	54.75	52.15			
Greece			Namibia		51.75			
Korea. Rep.		74.66			50.05			
Uruguay			Botswana	52.41				
Chile			Turkey		49.27			
Croatia			Guatemala		47.27			
Mauritius		71.64			45.37			
Panama			Jordan		44.72			
Mexico	65.30		Bangladesh		44.46		İ	
Romania	67.88		Kuwait		43.91			
Jamaica	64.01	†	Uganda		41.71			

4. Appendix: Overview and Definition of the Indicators Assigned per Dimension for the Democracy Ranking ${\bf 2008}^{10}$

4.1 Dimension of Politics (Political System): Definition of Assigned Indicators¹¹

P1: Political rights: Freedom House (minimum = 100, maximum = 1), source: Freedom House (http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/fiw/FIWAllScores.xls).

P2: Civil liberties: Freedom House (minimum = 100, maximum = 1), source: Freedom House (http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/fiw/FIWAllScores.xls).

P3: Gender Empowerment Measure/GEM (UNDP HDI) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100), source: United Nations Development Program (Human Development Report Office) (http://hdr.undp.org/xmlsearch/reportSearch?y=*&c=*&t=*&k=&orderby=year). Comment: For the year 2001 was taken the "Human Development Report 2003", for 2002 the "Human Development Report 2004", for 2004 the "Human Development Report 2006", and for 2005 the "Human Development Report 2007/2008". The reason for this is that there exists at

¹⁰) We want to acknowledge all organizations that provided the sources, from which indicators were taken to input the quantitative model of the Democracy Ranking 2008. Without these fine sources, the computation of this democracy ranking would not have been possible. That these organizations make their data sources public and transparent, and thus globally available to all communities, demonstrates mature responsibility and leadership.

¹¹⁾ In case of missing values, for the political dimension, the year 2000 did not serve as an estimator for 2001-2002 and 2003 was not used as an estimator for 2004-2005. Missing values thus were treated differently for the political and the five non-political dimensions. Reasoning for this was pragmatic; because of the data structure of the used sources, missing values for politics for 2001-2002 and 2004-2005 mostly implied that data for 2000 and 2003 also were not available. There is a tendency for political indicators to cover more countries with every new year.

least a two-year time lag of the most recently available data for 3 of the 4 key indicators of GEM when compared with the release date of the report.

P4: Seats in parliament held by women (UNDP HDI) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100), source: United Nations Development Program (Human Development Report Office) (http://hdr.undp.org/xmlsearch/reportSearch?y=*&c=*&t=*&k=&orderby=year). Comment: For the year 2001 was taken the "Human Development Report 2001", for 2002 the "Human Development Report 2002", for 2004 the "Human Development Report 2005".

P5: Press Freedom: Freedom House (minimum = 100, maximum = 1), source: Freedom House (http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/fop/historical/SSGlobal.xls).

P6: Corruption Perceptions Index: Transparency International (minimum = 1, maximum = 100), source: Transparency International (http://www.transparency.org/publications/annual_report). Comment: For the year 2001 was taken the "TI 2001 Corruption Perceptions Index", for 2002 the "TI 2002 Corruption Perceptions Index", for 2004 the "TI 2004 Corruption Perceptions Index", and for 2005 the "TI 2005 Corruption Perceptions Index".

P7: Change of the head of government (last 13 years) (minimum = no = 1, maximum = yes = 100), source: successive volumes of "Political Handbook of the World" (for example: Banks, Arthur S. / Thomas C. Muller / William R. Overstreet [eds.] [2006]. Political Handbook of the World 2005-2006. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press). Comment: As benchmarks served the years 2002 and 2005, thus reference was made to the two periods 1990-2002 and 1993-2005. In case of no change ("no"), the value "1" was assigned; in case of change ("yes") the value "100". Because of interpretation ambiguities, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro were omitted.

P8: Party change of the head of government (last 13 years) (last 13 years) (minimum = no = 1, maximum = yes = 100), source: successive volumes of "Political Handbook of the World" (for example: Banks, Arthur S. / Thomas C. Muller / William R. Overstreet [eds.] [2006]. Political Handbook of the World 2005-2006. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press). Comment: As benchmarks served the years 2002 and 2005, thus reference was made to the two periods 1990-2002 and 1993-2005. In case of no change ("no"), the value "1" was assigned; in case of change ("yes") the value "100". Changes to or from "non-party heads or independents" to or from "party-based heads of government" were interpreted with the value "50". Because of interpretation ambiguities, Armenia and Georgia were omitted. 12

Weighting of the indicators in context of the dimension of politics (political system): The following weight measures are assigned; P1 = 25%, P2 = 25%, P3 = 20%, P4 = 5%, P5 = 10%, P6 = 10%, P7 = 2.5%, and P8 = 2.5%.

4.2 Dimension of Gender (Socioeconomic Gender Equality): Definition of Assigned Indicators

SEGE1: Labor force, female (% of total labor force) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

SEGE2: Unemployment, female (% of female labor force) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

SEGE3: Primary education, pupils (% female) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

SEGE4: School enrollment, secondary, female (% gross) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

¹²) In the data files thus the "missing values" rule was applied to Armenia and Georgia (see paragraph 10 in Chapter 1).

SEGE5: School enrollment, secondary, female (% net) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

SEGE6: School enrollment, tertiary, female (% gross) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

SEGE7: Life expectancy at birth, female (years) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

Source for all indicators of the dimension of gender (socioeconomic gender equality): World Bank (2007). World Development Indicators '07 (CD-ROM). Washington DC: World Bank.

Weighting of the indicators in context of the dimension of gender (socioeconomic gender equality): The following weight measures are assigned to three clusters of indicators; "labor force" (SEGE1-SEGE2) = 33.33%, "education" (SEGE3-SEGE6) = 33.33%, and "life expectancy" (SEGE7) = 33.33%. Within these three clusters, no indicator-specific weighting is being applied to the indicators.

4.3 Dimension of the Economy (Economic System): Definition of Assigned Indicators

E1: GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2000 international \$) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

E2: GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

E3: Central government debt, total (% of GDP) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

E4: Inflation, consumer prices (annual %) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

E5: Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

E6: Unemployment, youth total (% of total labor force ages 15-24) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

Source for all indicators of the dimension of the economy (economic system): World Bank (2007). World Development Indicators '07 (CD-ROM). Washington DC: World Bank.

Weighting of the indicators in context of the dimension of the economy (economic system): The following weight measures are assigned; E1 = 25%, E2 = 25%, and all the other indicators (E3-E6) are weighted equally with 12.5%.

4.4 Dimension of Knowledge (Knowledge-Based Information Society, Education and Research): Definition of Assigned Indicators

K1: School enrollment, secondary (% gross) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K2: School enrollment, secondary (% net) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K3: School enrollment, tertiary (% gross) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K4: Pupil-teacher ratio, primary (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

K5: Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K6: Personal computers (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K7: Internet users (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K8: Mobile phone subscribers (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K9: Information and communication technology expenditure (% of GDP) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K10: Research and development expenditure (% of GDP) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

K11: Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

Source for all indicators of the dimension of knowledge (knowledge-based information society, education and research): World Bank (2007). World Development Indicators '07 (CD-ROM). Washington DC: World Bank.

Weighting of the indicators in context of the dimension of knowledge (knowledge-based information society, education and research): The following weight measures are assigned to three clusters of indicators; "education" (K1-K4) = 33.33%, "technology" (K5-K9) = 33.33%, and "research" (K10-K11) = 33.33%. Within these three clusters, no indicator-specific weighting is being applied to the indicators.

4.5 Dimension of Health (Health Status and Health System): Definition of Assigned Indicators

H1: Life expectancy at birth, total (years) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H2: Health expenditure per capita (current US\$) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H3: Health expenditure, public (% of GDP) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H4: Health expenditure, private (% of GDP) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H5: Hospital beds (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H6: Physicians (per 1,000 people) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

H7: Mortality rate, infant (per 1,000 live births) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

H8: Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

Source for all indicators of the dimension of health (health status and health system): World Bank (2007). World Development Indicators '07 (CD-ROM). Washington DC: World Bank.

Weighting of the indicators in context of the dimension of health (health status and health system): The following weight measures are assigned; H1 = 65%, and all the other indicators (H2-H8) are weighted equally with 5%.

4.6 Dimension of the Environment (Environmental Sustainability): Definition of Assigned Indicators

EN1: CO2 emissions (kg per 2000 PPP \$ of GDP) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

EN2: CO2 emissions (metric tons per capita) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

EN3: GDP per unit of energy use (constant 2000 PPP \$ per kg of oil equivalent) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

EN4: Electric power consumption (kWh per capita) (minimum = 100, maximum = 1).

EN5: Electricity production from hydroelectric sources (% of total) (minimum = 1, maximum = 100).

Source for all indicators of the dimension of the environment (environmental sustainability): World Bank (2007). World Development Indicators '07 (CD-ROM). Washington DC: World Bank.

Weighting of the indicators in context of the environment (environmental sustainability): The following weight measures are assigned; EN1 = 30%, EN2 = 30%, EN3 = 30%, EN4 = 5%, and EN5 = 5%.

4.7 Dimension of Gender "Comprehensive": Definition of Assigned Indicators

For the conceptual and methodic design of a comprehensive gender dimension, see again paragraph 11 in Chapter 1.