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INTERNET PROJECTS ADDRESS TERRORISM ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

As the one-year anniversary of the tragic events of September 11 approached, many workshops and events were held both in commemoration and to discuss terrorism in the 21st century.

On November 2, IATP Armenia webmaster Margarita Ghazaryan conducted a workshop dedicated to an IATP grants project against terrorism hosted by the Yerevan Academy of Fine Arts. The participants included the employees of the Department of Computer Graphics, students of the academy, and IATP staff members. The resulting website, <http://iatp.r.am/grants/anti-terror>, features a collection of anti-terrorism artwork.

On September 11, IREX hosted an online chat for alumni throughout Moldova to commemorate the tragedy of September 11. One Community Connections alumnus and four FSA FLEX alumni who were in the United States at the time of the attacks moderated the chat. The chat's 20 other participants engaged in a discussion of how terror can be stopped and how they can contribute to making the

world a better and safer place. The chat ended with a moment of silence to honor the victims of the attacks.

Also on September 11, more than 50 Ukrainian alumni of US government-funded exchange programs engaged in an online discussion with US Ambassador to Ukraine Carlos Pascual and Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Scott Urbom. The alumni gathered at IATP access sites in Ukraine for the chat, entitled "The World after the Terrorist Attacks." The alumni asked many questions regarding changes in America after the attacks, measures taken by the US Congress to freeze or eliminate terrorists' funds, and collaborative efforts to fight terrorism.

Across Central Asia and Eastern Europe, IREX, through IATP, enabled people to develop and host websites devoted to September 11, anti-terrorism, and international understanding. Through the Internet, people across the globe have been able to sympathize over, discuss, and debate complex events and policies, both past and current, that shape the world.