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## **TRANSLATIONS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IN TEN LANGUAGES AVAILABLE ON NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WEBSITE**

Philadelphia, PA (April 12, 2005) – In an effort to make the U.S. Constitution even more accessible to “We the People,” the National Constitution Center now offers America’s founding document, translated in ten different languages, on its website. Translations are available in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Simple Chinese and Spanish. Visitors can download the Constitution in PDF format at this link:

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/explore/TheU.S.Constitution/OtherLanguages.shtml>

Other organizations are encouraged to add this link to their own websites. For more information please contact Tom Hillhouse, National Constitution Center Systems Analyst, at [thillhouse@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:thillhouse@constitutioncenter.org). Since posting, the Law Library of Congress, and International Association of Women Judges have expressed interest in linking to the Constitution Center’s site.

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The museum is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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