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## Timberwolves Forward Kevin Love Named to 2010 USA Basketball World Championship Team

**Minneapolis/St. Paul** – USA Basketball today announced that Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love has been named to the 2010 Men's National Team. Love will join the team in representing the United States at the 2010 FIBA World Championships in hopes of winning the country's first gold medal at the event since 1994.

"It's a tremendous honor to be named to the USA Basketball roster and have the opportunity to represent my country on an international stage," Love said. "Expectations will be very high for this team and I look forward to doing everything I can to help the team bring back the gold from Turkey."

A third year player out of UCLA, Love averaged 14.0 points and 11.0 rebounds in 28.6 minutes per game during his second season in Minnesota. Love was one of just 15 NBA players to average a double-double, posting a team high 36 double-doubles during the season. Love averaged 15.3 points, 13.3 rebounds and 2.8 assists in his 22 starts, while also leading the team in rebounding in 35 games.

Joining Love on the National Team are Chauncey Billups (Denver Nuggets), Tyson Chandler (Dallas Mavericks), Stephen Curry (Golden State Warriors), Kevin Durant (Oklahoma City Thunder), Rudy Gay (Memphis Grizzlies), Eric Gordon (Los Angeles Clippers), Danny Granger (Indiana Pacers), Andre Iguodala (Philadelphia 76ers), Lamar Odom (Los Angeles Lakers), Derrick Rose (Chicago Bulls), and Russell Westbrook (Oklahoma City Thunder).

Love is one of six players (Durant, Rose, Gordon, Westbrook, Curry) who are 22 years old or younger on a team that averages just five years of NBA experience. Billups, 33, is the team's oldest player.

The USA World Championship Team will finish its exhibition schedule with a game against Greece on Wednesday, Aug. 25 (11 p.m. CST) before heading to Istanbul on Aug. 26 to continue training. The FIBA World Championships are held Aug. 28-Sep. 12 in Istanbul, Turkey, with the winner automatically earning a bid to the 2012 Summer Olympics (July 26-Aug. 12 in London, England). If necessary, the USA World Championship team will also compete in the 2011 FIBA Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament (dates and site TBD).

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