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To the Transition Team of President-elect Obama:

The Jubilee USA Network respectfully submits for consideration the enclosed **recommendations for presidential appointments to US Treasury, the State Department, the African Development Foundation and a proposed Interagency Office on International Debt.** Jubilee USA is an alliance of 75 religious denominations, human rights, labor, environment and development organizations working to build the political will for poor country debt cancellation and more responsible and just international finance policies.

After extensive consultation with the member organizations of the Jubilee Network, Jubilee USA has identified a slate of candidates who we believe would uphold poverty-focused development as a central concern of their respective positions and departments. The candidates we recommend have strong lines of communication to civil society, both in the US and in the global South and have a well-developed bottom-up understanding of the impacts of IFI lending and policies on living conditions around the world.

We sincerely hope that the presidential transition team will find these recommendations helpful. To view the CVs of proposed candidates, please visit www.jubileeusa.org/transitioncvs.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to being in conversation with the presidential transition team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Watkins".

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