

### **Petition in support of World Bank presidential nominee Jose Antonio Ocampo**

In relation to the forthcoming election of the President of the World Bank, in which you will play an important role, we wanted to express our strongest support for Jose Antonio Ocampo and provide some personal background about him which we hope will be of interest to you.

Jose Antonio Ocampo is outstandingly well suited for the job for three reasons. Firstly, he has had a distinguished career in his own country, where he was a highly successful and professional Minister of three portfolios: Finance, Agriculture and Planning. Therefore he has a deep understanding of policy challenges in developing and emerging countries.

Secondly, he has had an impressive international career as an international civil servant at the highest level. He was Executive Secretary of ECLAC for five years, the UN Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; later he became Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs at the UN for four years. In both institutions, his intellectual leadership and commitment to development led to significant improvements in these institutions contribution to development thinking and to development policy design.

Thirdly, he is respected as one of the foremost development economists in academia. He is a Professor at Columbia University, where he works on research about a wide range of development and macroeconomic topics. He is held in high regard in Yale University where he obtained his doctorate. He has had close associations with different top universities around the world including Oxford and Cambridge as well as various ones in developing and emerging countries.

This wide ranging experience at the highest levels of leadership within the international system, as well as within an important developing country, makes him exceptionally well suited for the position of President at the World Bank. We hope you will consider his exceptional qualities in your important decision, as it is so important to have the best person for this crucial position.

We thank you for your leadership in development and wish you continued success.

### **ECONOMISTS STATEMENT ENDORSING JOSE ANTONIO OCAMPO FOR WORLD BANK PRESIDENT**

We the undersigned economists, endorse the candidacy of Jose Antonio Ocampo for President of the World Bank. Throughout his career Dr. Ocampo has managed and reformed national ministries of finance, agriculture and planning, and regional and global UN Agencies pertaining to economic development and social affairs. Furthermore, he is one of the most noted development economists of our time. It is our view that based his relative merits, Dr. Ocampo is the most suitable candidate for World Bank president.

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