

***CLOSING REMARKS FROM SPONSORS:***

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I AM JOSEPH SALIM, CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VIRTUE FOUNDATION. TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER SPONSORS, NATHAN ASSOCIATES INC, FIRELAKE CAPITAL, CORPORACION ANDINA DE FOMENTO (CAF), THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE (USIP) AND THISDAY, I WANT TO THANK ALL SPEAKERS, MODERATORS, THE ORGANIZERS AT THE EARTH INSTITUTE AND THE CENTER ON CAPITALISM AND SOCIETY, AND PARTICULARLY KAREN LEE WHICH ASSUMED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS CONFERENCE, WITH SUPPORT FROM JENNIFER GENRICH AT THE EARTH INSTITUTE, FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH TIMELY CONFERENCE ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND I AM GLAD FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AT COLUMBIA THAT HAVE ATTENDED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONFERENCE SUMMARY POINTING OUT THE KEY CONCERNS, THE AREAS OF CONSENSUS AND THOSE OF DISAGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD.

WE ALSO HOPE THERE WILL BE A FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE IN THE SPRING AND WE COUNT WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO JOIN US AT THE RECEPTION DOWNSTAIRS.