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## Open Letter to President Donald Trump

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President Donald Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC  
Dear President Trump,

We want to congratulate you upon your inauguration as President of the most powerful nation on earth. May God grant you wisdom and shower you with courage as you tackle the problems associated with the currently existing global leadership deficit.

We listen to you here in the Congo with great interest. We are particularly concerned as to how you plan to move your agenda of economic nationalism forward. We are heartened by your decision to demand corporate social responsibility in a time when so many international actors are ready to sacrifice dignity and equity for cheap labor abroad.

I lived in America for two decades as a student and later a pastor in Pittsburgh. After returning to the DRC, I have fought systemic corruption for the last 15 years. I have witnessed the dysfunction and resultant powerlessness of the international community. Its inability to act in a time of continuing crisis in the Congo has played a causal role in the tragic deaths of over 6.5 million innocent Congolese. Appallingly, the motivation behind this international paralysis has been to enable the continuing plunder of our mineral wealth.

What Africa needs is a clear and simple policy objective from the Trump administration. It must abandon the traditional dependency model, and instead establish a new model founded on economic linkages between the states of Africa and the United States. Moreover, this new model must make respect for both human rights and the rule of law the twin pillars upon which it will rest.

Things can no longer be the same. We want to work with you in restoring power to the proprietors of both of our great nations, that is, the People.

Very truly yours,

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