Harvard Economist Jeffrey Sachs Will Become Head of Columbia Earth Institute in July

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type of 21st century professor," said Jonathan R. Cole, Provost of Faculties and John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University. "While deeply knowledgeable in his own field of development economics, Jeffrey also knows the languages of the sciences, and the many other disci- plines in public health and medi- cine. His work has been marked by collaborations that transcended narrow disciplinary lines and that produce insights that can help solve some of the most vexing problems that we face in today's world. His passion and our passion are felt and are heard among leaders of nations. Jeff has many friends in his bow that will help him create an Earth Institute that will serve the world in our collective effort to eradicate poverty and dis- ease and to gain a better understand- ing of how we can produce an envi- ronment that is both livable and sustainable.

Sachs said that the Earth Institute, with its component parts including the Columbia University Earth Insti- tute, Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia University, and the National Center for Climate Prediction, in combination with his recent appointment as special fellow to the U.S. Senator Al Gore, will be an excellent way in which he could advance his work in the most mean- ingful way.

He added that public health had become an obsession with him and that he had learned that we can no longer meet the challenges of adequately dealing with it unless the isolation of the ecology and climate of areas where their impact is great- est is overcome.

At Harvard, Sachs is director of the Center for International Develop- ment and Julian L. Stone Professor of International Trade. He was appointed a special advisor to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in January of this year. He is also a consultant on the UN's Millennium Development Goals, which is aimed at cutting worldwide poverty in half by 2015.

Sachs is former director of the Harvard Institute for International Development (HID) and a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. By 2001, he was chairman of the Com- mission on Macroeconomics and Health of the World Health Orga- nization, and, from September 1999 through March 2000, he served as a member of the Interagency Finan- cial Institutions Advisory Commis- sion, which was established by the U.S. Congress.

He also serves as co-chairman of the Advisory Board of The Global Competitiveness Report, and has been a consultant to the IMF, the World Bank, the OECD and the United Nations Development Pro- gram.

During 1986-1990, Sachs was an economic advisor to the government of Brazil and in that capacity helped to design and implement a stabilization pro- gram that reduced the inflation rate from 40 percent per year to the current rate of 10 percent per year.

From 1988 to 1990, Sachs also advised the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Tanzania, and Venezuela on various aspects of financial reform.

In 1989, Sachs advised Poland's Solidarity movement on economic reforms, and at the request of the Solidarity leadership prepared a draft economic program for the country. Sachs was also invited to the U.S. Senate to brief lawmakers on various aspects of the relation between economics and human rights.

Sachs' research interests include the links of health and development, the reduction of global poverty, global transition to market economies in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, international financial markets, international macroeco- nomic policy coordination, emerg- ing markets, economic develop- ment and growth, global competitive- ness and macroeconomic policies in developing countries.

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