

## HELP COMMISSION MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

### COHERENT APPROACH GOING BEYOND ASSISTANCE

The U.S. government needs an integrated, coherent approach that uses a *basket of tools* including: **foreign assistance, trade, technology and capital for entrepreneurs (similar to the Polish-American Enterprise Fund.)**

### EXPANDED RESOURCES FOR CIVILIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

We need to consider our defense and civilian foreign affairs budgets together (unified national security budget) and allocate a higher proportion to civilian foreign affairs. The State Department and development agencies, when better funded, will strengthen America's prevention activities.

### ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We must give priority to programs that lead to economic growth and job creation and improve the productive capacities of people. *Only when people have the tools and the means to better support themselves and their families will they become less dependent on outside sources of support.*

### PRO-ACTIVE PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

The U.S. Government must pro-actively engage with the private sector to leverage the strengths and resources of business and philanthropies with those of the government. By some accounts, private actors now contribute as much to the developing world as the U.S. Government.

### TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY ALIGNMENT

We must align our trade and development policies. For MCC countries, the United States gets back approximately as much in trade duties as we give in MCC grants. We recommend **Duty Free, Quota Free status for MCC-eligible countries.**

### STRUCTURAL REFORM AND HUMAN RESOURCES

We recommend elevating the development function within the Office of the President/NSC; a next generation State Department that elevates development to an equal footing with diplomacy; and expanded human and financial resources for development activities.

### EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE SHARED VISION

Our executive and legislative branches must develop a shared vision and strategy that recognizes that **development is a long-term process.** A new **Foreign Assistance Act** must be enacted.