

Ms. Carole Brookins
US Board of Directors
The World Bank
1818 H Street, NW
Washington,, DC 20431

Date:

Dear Ms. Brookins,

Subject: Water is a right, not a commodity

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You're in my thoughts and prayers as you make this difficult decision.

Sincerely,

Personal Note: _____



Ms. Nancy P. Jacklin
US Representative of Exec Board
International Monetary Fund
700 19th Street NW
Washington, DC 20431

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