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### **Sister Simone Campbell Responds to Preliminary NAFTA Agreement**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to the preliminary NAFTA agreement between the United States and Mexico, **Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice** issued the following statement:

“The new NAFTA agreement looks promising, but we don’t have the details. We don’t know if it will be good for working families. We don’t know what they have done on agriculture provisions for small farmers. **The headlines are promising, we are cautiously optimistic, but we’ve got to read the details.**

As we have said, a faithful trade agreement would include strong labor protections with certain enforcement to raise wages for all workers, new opportunity for small farmers who are struggling to survive in Mexico, continued access to lifesaving medicines, increased environmental standards, and an end to the corporate courts that have been used to attack environmental and health safeguards.

**We are looking forward to evaluating the details in light of our principles.** We hope we will be as optimistic then as we are now.”

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