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Sommario/riassunto	Beset with persistent problems of self-interest, corruption, ideological incoherence, and narrow electoral majorities, political parties are the weakest link in many democratic transitions around the world. A large and ever-growing number of U.S., European, and multilateral assistance programs seek to help parties become effective pro-democratic actors. But given the depth of the problems, is success possible Confronting the Weakest Link is a path breaking study of international aid for political parties. Beginning with a penetrating analysis of party shortcomings in developing

