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Peter Hansen, Under-Secretary-General for the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs, discusses international efforts in providing humanitarian aid to needy people in many parts of the world. Disasters in Africa are increasingly man-made, rather than natural. The increasing demand for resources to meet the basic needs of the rising numbers of disaster victims around the world is causing donor fatigue. In a number of countries, the removal of mines left over from armed conflicts should be an essential element of international humanitarian assistance programmes. Mr. Hansen believes that the forthcoming Social Summit offers a unique opportunity to utilize international efforts to reduce suffering and poverty on a broader scale.

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