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## WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Amb. Juan Somavia, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, elaborates on a wide range of issues in reference to the forthcoming Social Summit. There is a consensus among governments on the importance of combatting the social ills affecting all societies. This is the first time that Heads of State and Government will meet to discuss the needs of ordinary people. There are shared values concerning the need to combat poverty, unemployment and other problems of social integration. Poverty creates exclusion from society; employment and the eradication of poverty reduce social tension and improve the quality of life. Amb. Somavia believes that the Social Summit will achieve its goal.

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