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## POVERTY ERADICATION

Nitin DESAI, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, discusses poverty and its various expressions around the world. The degree of poverty varies from one country to another, and the most affected areas are Africa and South Asia. But despite poverty's persistence, international assistance has improved the quality of life in many parts of the world. Sustainable economic development is essential for the eradication of poverty. In industrialized countries, Mr. Desai believes that high technology and automation have replaced people in the workplace and therefore contribute to poverty. The breakdown of peace and security contributes to poverty, just as poverty contributes to the breakdown of peace and security.

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