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"DEVELOPMENT GOALS: STILL AT THE TOP OF THE UN'S AGENDA?"

When 150 world leaders met at the United Nations for the Millennium Summit in the year 2000, they signed a common pledge – the Millennium Declaration. They agreed on concrete goals: from halving the number of people who live on less than one dollar a day, to halting the spread of AIDS and malaria. And they agreed on a timetable for achieving them. But that was before the war on terrorism – and weapons of mass destruction – came to dominate much of the world's attention. Is the world still interested in fighting a complex war on poverty, disease and ignorance? How can donor governments be encouraged to meet their commitments to improve the lot of the world's poorest people? In this edition of **World Chronicle**, these issues are explored with the help of Eveline Herfkens, the UN's Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals.

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