

Conclusion

In conclusion, the new economy has created the human deficit of unemployment and poverty. We are here to address that deficit. If we can ensure the long-term stability of our economies through sound financial planning, and couple that with a government agenda that puts human concerns at the forefront of public policies, we will have moved a long way toward meeting the needs of the new economy and providing a new sense of security for our citizens.

Ultimately, many of these problems will only be solved through multilateral co-operation. I have heard those who say it is impossible for such co-operation to occur. The sceptics doubt the level of political will.

Let me tell them of a young woman I met recently who went back to school and was taking a basic literacy course. After weeks of discouragement, she found herself one day — for the first time — able to help her seven-year-old daughter with her homework. She said it made her believe that you should never be frightened to reach for the moon. Even if you miss you will be among the stars.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.