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"I wish it would not be as a result of catastrophic economic crises that solutions are found. Billions of people in the Third World would be the most affected. A basic understanding of the technological realities and the destructive power of modern weapons makes us think about the duty to prevent that the conflicts of interests that will inevitably break out lead to bloody wars."

References to the original: [Speech given on the 40th Anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution. held at Cespedes Park in Santiago de Cuba on January 1st,1999](#)

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