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#### SPEAKERS IN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CITE

#### INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING MILLENNIUM GOALS

The representative of the Dominican Republic reported on the experience of his country, which was one of eight pilot countries of the Millennium Project. His President had established a presidential commission specifically for the Millennium Development Goals. He noted that being a pilot country was not always good because it was that country that was responsible for making errors while other countries could learn from them. After evaluating the country's needs, it was determined that the country needed a strategy to promote rural development that was more integrated and oriented towards the marginalized population. His country had 9 million people, two thirds of which lived in rural areas. What was needed was an agenda for the poor.