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There must be a clear commitment to run the World Bank on a multinational and multilateral basis. Closer cooperation with the International Monetary Fund should be sought as a matter of priority, as a means of optimizing the implementation and the effects of policy. We need to be clear that economic growth provides the best perspective for progressive social programs, and a prerequisite for growth is a good social infrastructure, including transportation, communications, and energy and water supply systems as well as a future-oriented educational system. The World Bank should also attach a high priority to the fight against AIDS and other debilitating diseases, some old, some new. Corruption must also be combatted in every way possible.

To meet these goals, it is imperative to exercise restraint and to avoid extremes. There should be no total restructuring or reorganization of the institution itself. Instead, priorities need to be defined, and a sharper focus brought to bear on their implementation.