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“Differences related to the rich and poor countries, both between them and within them, have grown and deepened; in other words, there is an ever wider gap in the distribution of wealth, the greatest scourge of our era, resulting in poverty, hunger, ignorance, disease and unbearable pain and suffering for countless human beings”.

References to the original: [International Conference for World Balance, held in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of our National Hero, José Martí, January 29, 2003](#)

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