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made the development of a socially cohesive, knowledge-based economy its central task for the present decade.
