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the exercise of this right should be considered as a trigger to secure a minimum threshold of welfare provisions for everyone, everywhere."--  
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