

**Address by World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn
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Development**

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Mr. President, Mr. Secretary General, distinguished colleagues

This for the World Bank is an historic occasion: the first time the president of the World Bank has addressed the General Assembly. And it is, of course, significant that we should come together on financing for development -- a subject which unites us, a subject on which our partnership is being tested and proven each day.

I am delighted to

agenda unless we work as partners; you and us together with our friends in civil society and the private sector.

I think there is progress, but I must say, Mr. President, I think there is very much to be done in today's environment.

Thank you so much.