



**The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** has been observed every year on October the 17th since 1993, when the General Assembly, by resolution 47/196, designated this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries, particularly in developing countries - a need that has become a development priority. The initiative aims at concentrating efforts toward the goal of creating a poverty-free world.

At the Millennium Summit, world leaders committed themselves to **cutting by half by the year 2015 the number of people living in extreme poverty**  
- people whose income is less than one dollar a day.

The theme for this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - "Working together out of poverty" - highlights the need for a truly global anti-poverty alliance, one in which both developed and developing countries participate actively.