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In the opening speech for the national conference of the Bolivian Human Rights Assembly Dec. 6, Assembly president Javier Tumiri, declared that poverty and unemployment constitute human rights violations. Tumiri said these two forms of violence generate backwardness and are obstacles toward achieving longlasting peace in Bolivia. Peace, he added, is grounded in social justice, i.e., the elimination of poverty in both international and national contexts. In the international arena, Tumiri claimed that disproportionately low prices for Third World nations' raw materials, and the foreign debt burden are principal factors which limit if not prevent the development of poor nations. As a result, he said, these "factors" also prohibit the attainment and maintenance of peace. (Basic data from UPI, 12/06/86)

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