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Reflecting with...CIVIL SOCIETY ON THE VICTIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

E Economy and Politics, Standard

Jason Nardi, spokesman for 'Social watch Italia': "Studying the social impact of the crisis at the international level it follows that the poor counties and the most vulnerable have been those who have paid the highest consequences; many of these are the new poor (...) The results are alarming: in 2009, almost half of the countries that were analyzed have low values, most of the world's population lives in countries where the main social indicators are real estate holdings or where progress is too slow to reach an acceptable lifestyle in the next decade".

Antonio Tricarico, director of the Campaign for the reform of the World Bank: "The structural lack of adequate national resources, the strong dependency on international financing and the obstacles placed by the Monetary Fund on public spending exasperate the social impact of the crisis: the consequence is that for those who have not generated this crisis and is suffering most from it there is no right to have even a lifeboat".

[Nardi and Tricarico were commenting the "People First" report presented in Rome by "Social Watch", a network of NGO's from over 60 countries]

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