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- advance the welfare of our children and help build a society in which they can grow up in a secure and stimulating environment that guarantees their health and well-being.
- achieve social justice in a society where economic assets are fairly shared, public services provide necessary support and individuals have access to safe and meaningful employment with a living wage.
- build a world in which conflict is resolved by peaceful means, where disarmament releases resources to do away with poverty, creating trust and goodwill between nations.
- contribute towards creating a sustainable future, a world that is nuclear-free, limiting the exploitation of the natural environment in order to ensure the welfare of future generations.
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