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GENEVA: The United Nations will use a meeting starting today to renew its long-standing fight against poverty and hunger worldwide, with another report saying it is struggling on both fronts. The report, the latest in a string of progress reviews on the so-called Millennium Development Goals, says

the world will fail to achieve most of the targets to boost wealth, health and the quality of life in poor countries by 2015. The goals were adopted by world leaders in 2000, and include cutting extreme poverty by half, giving all children an education and reversing the HIV/AIDS pandemic. — AP