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G8: FIGHTERS NEEDED TO BATTLE POVERTY

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Today's closing of the G8 summit needs to be more than a photo opportunity. It must mark a new fighting spirit in humanity's greatest battle: the struggle against extreme poverty.

At a special meeting of the United Nations this September, world leaders will again be measured against their commitments to halve world poverty by 2015. Some have worked to meet their promises -- but many have walked away, hoping the world would forget. Now, the drive to meet the Millennium Development Goals is in jeopardy.

G8 leaders: go home. Get to work. For millions of the world's poorest, this is not a game.