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The application of information and communication technologies (ICT) to all fields of public and private activity has evidenced the deep inequalities between geographic areas (countries, regions, towns, quarters) and there between the different social groups and their components. The lack of access to information as well as of operative skills in its handling is an insurmountable hurdle for most of the world's population. The economic and social policies implemented so far have not been able to correct the imbalances created in developed and developing societies as a whole. In the current context of globalisation the system of wealth distribution appears as being unable to rebalance structural inequalities and to contribute to sustained and sustainable improvement for all inhabitants of the world. Socialisation of available technology could contribute to disseminate the knowledge accumulated as well as a global dialogue able to foster exchange and peaceful coexistence of the different cultures and groups with the aim of avoiding social break-up.

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