

Capacity Development in Latin America & the Caribbean



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Building Political Commitment
Strengthening National Capacities
Leveraging Policies & Resources

Challenges, Opportunities & Advances

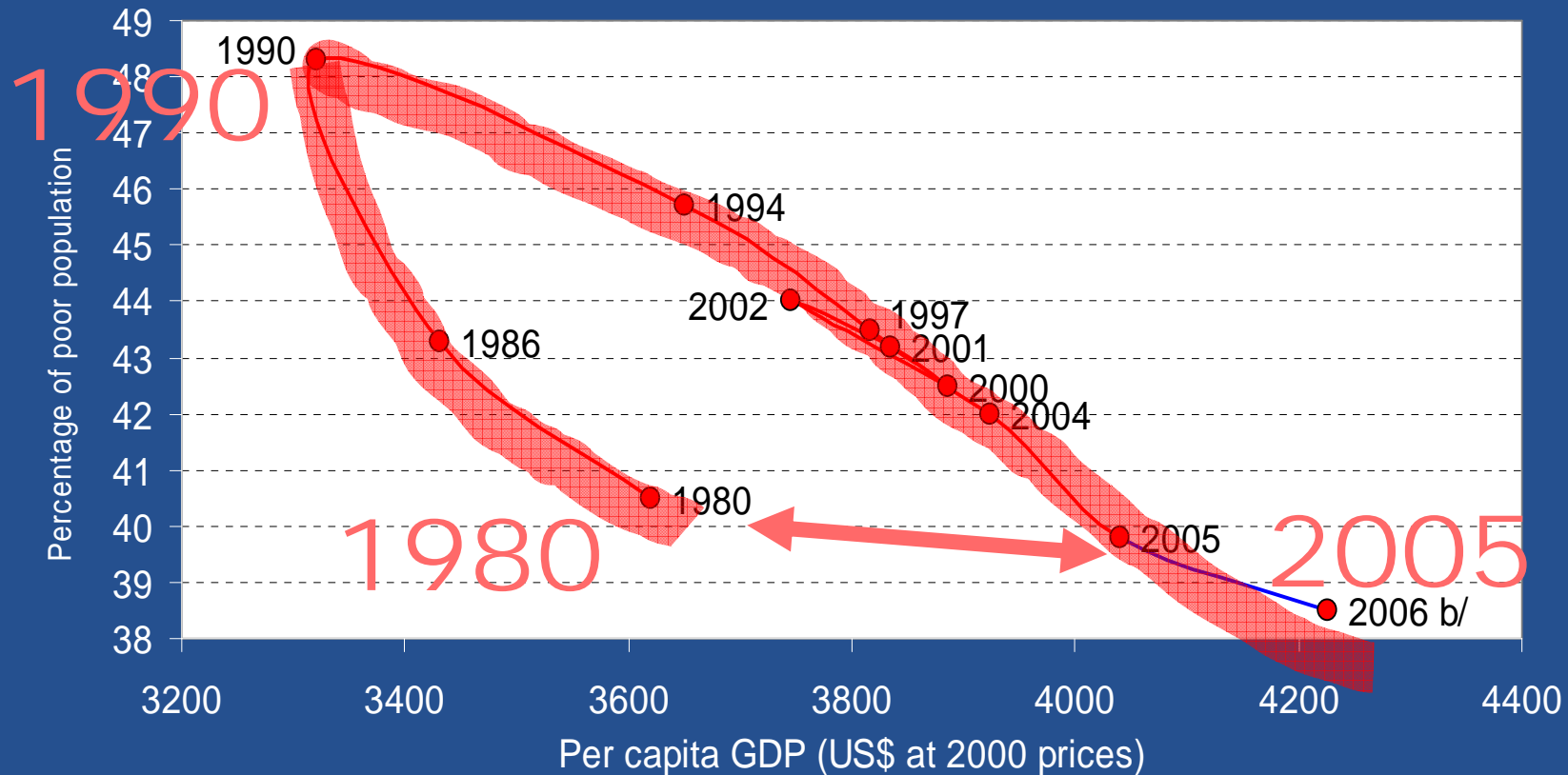
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Challenge I. Uneven Progress Towards the First Millennium Development Goal

(Latin America: poverty rates and per capita GDP, 1980 – 2006)



Since 1980 average GDP per capita increase of 17% - poverty rates still at 1980's level

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of special tabulations of household surveys in the relevant countries.

a/ Estimates for 19 countries of the region, including Haiti.

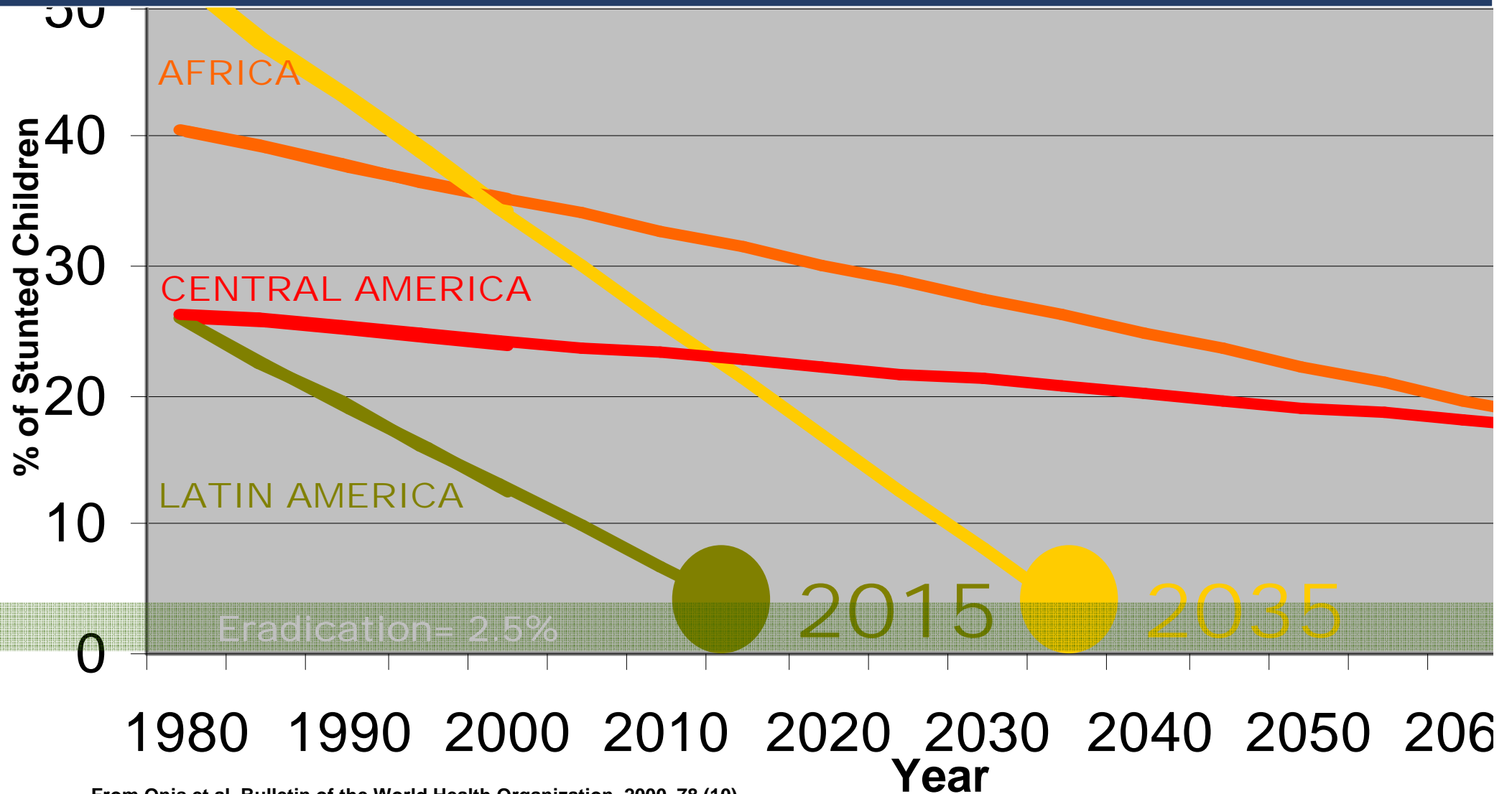
b/ Projection.



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Challenge I. Uneven Progress Towards the First Millennium Development Goal

(Under Nutrition in **Central America** Compared with Global Trends)



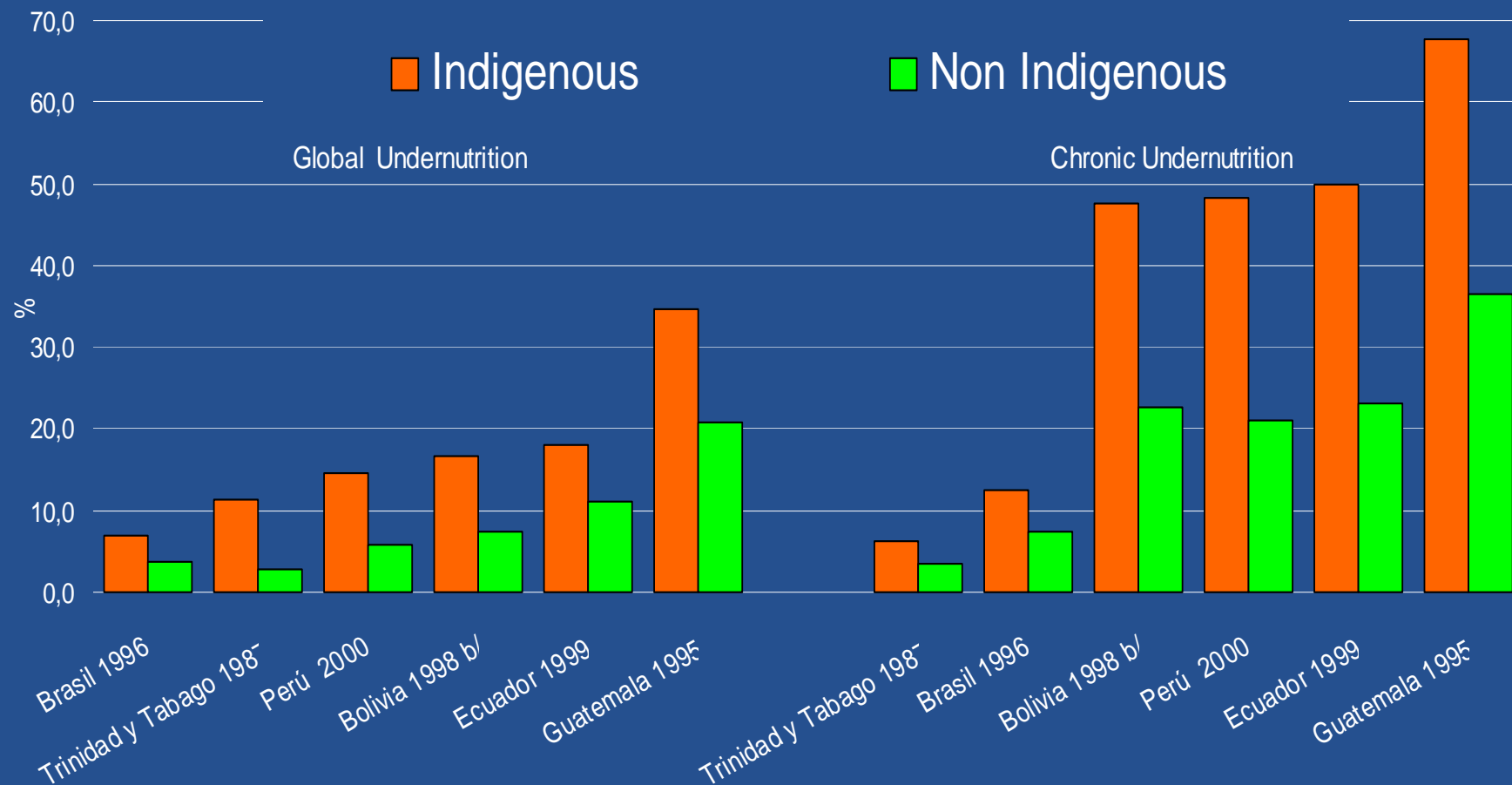
From Onis et al, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 2000, 78 (10)



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Challenge II. Inequality, Hunger & Exclusion of Indigenous Peoples & Afro-descendants

Latin America (11 countries): Undernutrition among
children under 5 years of age, by ethnicity (*Percentages*)

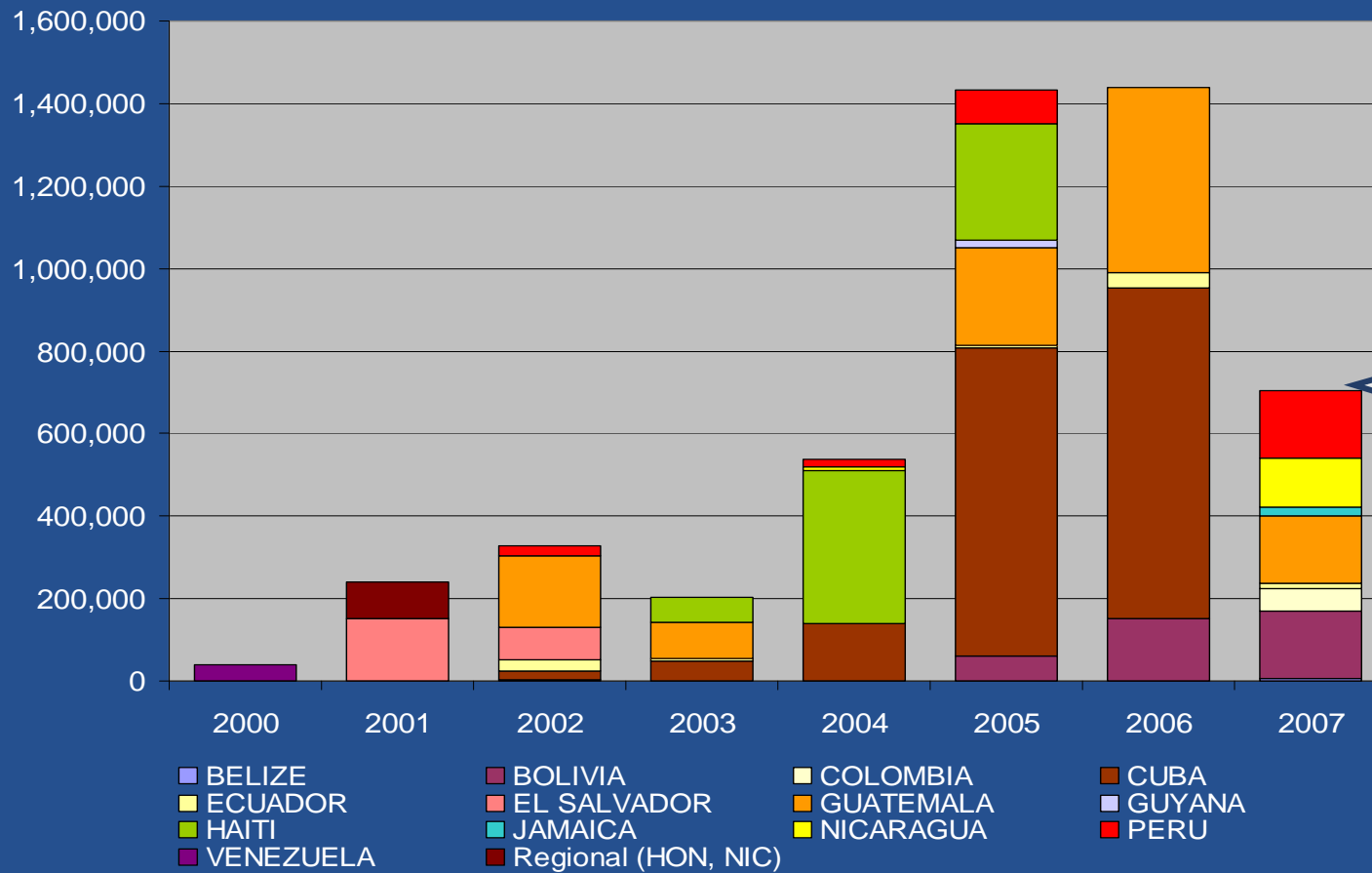




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Challenge III. Recurrent & Silent Emergencies Affect the Most Vulnerable

WFP Emergency Interventions In Latin America 2000-2007
(Beneficiaries)



OCTOBER
2007 -
TWO THIRDS
INTO THE
HURRICANE
SEASON



Opportunity I: Child Undernutrition Could be Eradicated in LAC by 2015

Advances: Building and achieving political commitment

**IV SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)
JULY 2005**

**XXVIII ORDINARY MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM (SICA)
JULY 2006**

**48th ANNUAL MEETING OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)
MARCH 2007**

**THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY PERIOD OF SESSIONS OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY (OAS)
JUNE 2007**





Opportunity II. WFP Contributing to Strengthened Food and Nutrition-based National Plans and Programmes

Advances: Formulation of National Plans and UN Joint Programmes towards the eradication of child undernutrition

Capacity development through the provision of technical assistance and the promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation.

Advocacy to strengthen regional commitment to fight hunger and eradicate child undernutrition; development of methodologies and tools; information, knowledge and best practices shared among countries.

Supporting Governments in the Design of Strategies, Plans and Programmes for Combating Child Undernutrition

Maintaining the eradication of child undernutrition at highest level on national agendas

Developing Capacities in the Design, Targeting and Monitoring and Evaluation of Interventions

Supporting governments to reduce vitamin and mineral deficiencies

Facilitating Support from International Cooperation and Working with the UN System to Deliver As One

Capacity building tools: “Cost of Hunger”, “Hunger Atlas”, Knowledge Management Platform

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009



Opportunity III. WFP Strengthening Capacities in Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)

Advances: Augmented capacities and improved response



Opportunity III. WFP Strengthening Capacities in Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)

Advances: Functioning hubs and triangular cooperation



HURRICANE FELIX
SEPTEMBER 2007

HURRICANE DEAN
AUGUST 2007

PERUVIAN EARTHQUAKE
AUGUST 2007

Support to Latest Emergencies: **Hubs Activated, Governments Engaged, Roster Staff Deployed**



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If national governments and the international community act now in support of targeted interventions, Latin America and the Caribbean could be the first region to eradicate child undernutrition.

Thank You!



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