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2024 ECOSOC Coordination Segment

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by

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President of the Economic and Social Council

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Participants,

I am pleased to join you at the opening of the **2024 Coordination Segment** of the Economic and Social Council. May I extend a warm welcome to the Chairs of functional commissions and expert bodies of the Council, Executive Secretaries of regional commissions, and Heads of UN system entities joining us today.

This year, the **Coordination Segment** will focus thematically on “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions”, the main theme of the 2024 session of the Council.

The Partnership Forum, which took place yesterday, also focused on this theme, holding discussions to advance sustainable development through inclusive, multi-stakeholder dialogues. The multi-stakeholder participatory forum demonstrates our



commitment to deepen multistakeholder collaboration and promote inclusiveness of experiences and ideas for the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

I am therefore delighted to share here with you the key messages from the Partnership Forum.

Excellencies,

The 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum emphasized the pivotal role that **effective partnerships** play in the pursuit of sustainable development. These partnerships serve as a **crucial mechanism for pooling resources and expertise**, ensuring our efforts translate into tangible impacts on the ground.

Throughout the discussions, it was widely recognized that the success of partnerships hinges on **respecting country ownership and local context** while upholding **stringent accountability measures**. The comprehensive nature of multi-stakeholder partnerships was underscored, transcending sectors, institutions, and geographical borders to tackle the interconnected challenges we face.

Member states shared a **heightened sense of urgency** demanding our immediate attention and concerted efforts, leaving no one behind, especially those grappling with the depths of poverty and with weakest capacities. Participants collectively advocated for more open, inclusive engagements, emphasizing the need to focus on vulnerable groups and mobilize resources to overcome various capacity barriers.

The forum has **yielded tangible proposals, including initiatives and alliances** that will significantly influence the forthcoming discussions at the **High-level political forum on sustainable development** in July, and subsequently the **Summit of the Future** in September.

Excellencies,



The Coordination Segment has demonstrated the ability of the Economic and Social Council to step up and fulfill its key role as a central mechanism for coordinating and guide the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system entities in the economic, social, environmental and related matters, including specialized agencies, to ensure coherence in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Over the next two days, I encourage you to carry forward the momentum generated by the ECOSOC Partnership Forum and provide concrete guidance to the ECOSOC system on **transformative policies and actions** that will reinforce and accelerate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leaving no one behind.

Thank you.

