



The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council

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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your willingness to co-Chair the 10th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals together with the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Her Excellency Elina Kalkku. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your leadership and support in ensuring the success of the STI Forum in 2025.

Next year marks the Forum's tenth anniversary and its first iteration since the Summit of the Future 2024. The Summit as well as the Pact for the Future underlined the importance of seizing the opportunities presented by science, technology and innovation to advance sustainable development. As we have seen with recent advances in artificial intelligence, there are many exciting developments in this field and the Forum presents us with a unique opportunity to explore these changes and discuss policies to ensure that the benefits of science and technology are accessible to all.

I look forward to supporting you as you guide the preparations towards a successful Forum. I have no doubt that the outcomes of this meeting will serve as an important input to the high-level political forum (HLPF) and the 80<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly (UNGA).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Bob Rae  
President of ECOSOC

His Excellency  
Mr. Omar Hilale  
Permanent Representative of Morocco  
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