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## Excellency,

Further to the <u>letter</u> from the President of ECOSOC, H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, we have the pleasure to invite you to a Briefing for Member States and Stakeholders on the preparations of the 10th Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum). The briefing will take place on Monday, 3 March 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EST), in Conference Room 2 (CR-2) at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The 2025 STI Forum will be held on 7 and 8 May 2025 under the auspices of ECOSOC under the theme: "Advancing sustainable, inclusive, and evidence-based science and technology solutions and innovations for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind". This year, the Forum marks its tenth anniversary and the first following the Summit of the Future 2024, reaffirming the essential role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in accelerating progress toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. During this session, a Science and Technology Week is designed with a lively layout to exhibit the recent innovations and offer a variety of events and activities that highlight the latest developments.

We strongly encourage the participation of all Member States and relevant stakeholders, including representatives from science and technology ministries and research institutions, the private sector, academia, technical and scientific communities, and civil society, to exchange ideas and explore opportunities for collaboration in the lead-up to and participation in the Forum.

We look forward to your presence at the briefing and your active engagement in the preparations for the 2025 STI Forum.

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

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