



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

25 March 2025

Mr. Secretary-General,

I welcome the launch of the UN80 Initiative as an opportunity to strengthen multilateralism and enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations in addressing complex global challenges.

Change and reform are the order of the day. The whole system must seize the moment to realign the organization, address inefficiencies, and emerge more relevant and responsive. The world is evolving at an unprecedented pace, and the UN must evolve with it.

Guy Ryder and Jens Wandel have both sought my perspective. Along with members of the Bureau of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, I stand ready to assist in any way. This is an effort that will require unprecedented dialogue and decision making on the part of the UN and Member States.

Upcoming ECOSOC forums and segments can provide timely opportunities to engage Member States in discussions on the UN80 Initiative. I look forward to your personal participation in the ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment (OAS) on 20 May 2025. The OAS will offer Member States a critical opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the UN development system and explore ways to enhance efficiency in service delivery.

Also, the General Assembly review of ECOSOC and the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) during its 80th session, and the Council's upcoming assessment of the 2022 review on strengthening its Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies will provide opportunities to solidify UN80 priorities in collaboration with the UN membership.

The Council stands ready to work closely with you and the President of General Assembly to contribute to the UN80 Initiative and to further strengthen our collective efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Rae', is placed below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Bob Rae
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