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Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up New York, 28 and 29 April 2025

Draft report

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The 2025 forum on financing for development follow-up was held at Headquarters on 28 and 29 April 2025, pursuant to paragraphs 130 to 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Economic and Social Council resolution 2025/1 and Economic and Social Council decision 2025/302.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 28 April, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Bob Rae (Canada), opened the forum and made a statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General made a statement.

4. Also at the same meeting, the President of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, Philemon Yang (Cameroon), made a statement.

5. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations, Zéphyrin Maniratanga, and the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, Rui Vinhas.

6. At the same meeting, a representative of the host country of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Secretary of State for International Cooperation of Spain, Eva María Granados Galiano, also made a statement.

B. Agenda

7. At its 1st meeting, the forum adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/FFDF/2025/1.





C. Rules of procedure

8. At its 1st meeting, upon the proposal of the President of the Economic and Social Council, the forum agreed that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/192 and 71/217, as well as any relevant decisions by the Council, would be applied to the meetings of the forum and that, in the event of any contradiction between the rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of Assembly resolutions and Council decisions, the latter would take precedence.

D. Attendance

9. The forum was attended by the representatives of ______ States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies and the European Union. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations, other entities of the United Nations system, civil society organizations and business sector entities also attended. The list of participants will be issued as document E/FFDF/2025/INF/1.

E. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the forum is available on the website of the forum on financing for development follow-up.¹

¹ https://financing.desa.un.org/what-we-do/ECOSOC/financing-development-forum/FFD-forum-home.