

Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council

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Summary

On 24 April 2025, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council held their fourth monthly meeting. Both Presidents reflected on the upcoming collaboration of the two organs, the liquidity situation of the United Nations, as well as the Secretary-General's UN80 Initiative.

Upcoming collaboration of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

Both Presidents reflected on their participation in the opening segment of the ECOSOC Youth Forum on 15 April 2025, shared the observance that it was very inspiring to witness active youth participation under the current geopolitical climate, which demonstrates that the United Nations is relevant also among young generations.

The President of the Economic and Social Council highlighted the 2025 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up scheduled for 28-29 April 2025 and the Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals scheduled for 7-8 May 2025. The President of the General Assembly acknowledged the importance of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up as a critical opportunity to prepare for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

Both Presidents agreed that the newly established practice of trilateral meetings with the President of the Security Council was a helpful initiative to coordinate the schedules of the three organs, identify synergies and information sharing to achieve greater coherence and effectiveness among the three principal organs of the United Nations. Both Presidents confirmed their agreement to continue this practice with monthly Presidents of the Security Council.

Liquidity Situation

Both Presidents exchanged views on the liquidity situation of the United Nations. In this regard, both Presidents emphasized the importance of having greater clarity regarding the main challenges facing the UN system, both in terms of assessed and voluntary contributions. In this regard, both Presidents reaffirmed the need to find creative solutions to minimize the impact of the liquidity situation to ensure the United Nations continues to deliver on its three pillars.

Secretary-General's UN80 Initiative

Both Presidents reflected on the Secretary-General's UN80 Initiative and underlined the importance of a transparent and inclusive process towards the opening of the 80th

session of the General Assembly in September 2025. In this regard, the President of the General Assembly confirmed that he would be convening an informal meeting on 12 May 2025 to hear a briefing from the Secretary-General on the UN80 Initiative. The President of the Economic and Social Council also expressed his disposition to take advantage of the High-level segment of ECOSOC (21-24 July 2025) and the Management Segment (29-30 July 2025) to continue the discussion of the UN80 Initiative and its outcomes.

The meeting ended with the two Presidents agreeing to schedule their next monthly coordination meeting as soon as practicable.
