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Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

I. Matter calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

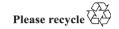
1. The Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up recommends that the Economic and Social Council transmit to the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council the following intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations:

Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

[Text of E/FFDF/2024/L.1 to be inserted]

II. Background

- 2. The General Assembly, pursuant to paragraph 132 of its resolution 69/313 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, established an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up with universal, intergovernmental participation. The modalities of participation of the forum are those utilized at the international conferences on financing for development. The modalities applied to the first forum held in 2016 and, *mutatis mutandis*, to subsequent forums are set out in an information note (E/FFDF/2016/INF/1).
- 3. In the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 forum (see E/FFDF/2023/3), it was decided that the ninth forum would be held from 22 to 25 April 2024 and would include the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.



- 4. The present report sets out the entire proceedings of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up in 2024.
- 5. The summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the 2024 forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, will be issued in document A/79/..-E/2024/...

III. Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- 6. The forum considered item 2 (Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) of its agenda at its 1st to 8th meetings, from 22 to 25 April 2024.
- 7. At its first meeting, on 22 April, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua, introduced the note by the Secretary-General on financing for sustainable development (E/FFDF/2024/2).

A. Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

8. The forum considered sub-item (a) (Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) of agenda item 2 at its 2nd meeting, on 22 April 2024.

Interactive dialogue with intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders

- 9. At its 2nd meeting, on 22 April, the forum held an interactive dialogue with representatives of intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders and heard statements by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Paula Narváez; Deputy Chair of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, International Monetary Fund, Ryadh Alkhareif (m) (via video link); the Executive Secretary of the Development Committee, Mercy Tembon (f); the President of the Trade and Development Board; Febrian Ruddyard (m); the Chair of the General Council of the World Trade Organization, Petter Olberg (m) (pre-recorded video); the Executive Director of the World Bank Group, Dominique Favre (m); and the Chair of the Liaison Committee, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Bahador Bijani (m).
- 10. At the same meeting, the forum held interactive dialogues with participants on the topics of "external debt; reform of the international financial architecture. The dialogues were chaired by the President of the Council (f) and moderated by the Executive Director of the Center for International Cooperation at New York University, Sarah Cliffe (f).

Topic 1 External debt

11. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Jun Mizuguchi (m); the Executive Director of the World

Bank Group, Ayanda Dlodlo (f); the Vice-President of ECOSOC, Akan Rakhmetullin (Kazakhstan) (m).

Topic 2

Reform of the international financial architecture

- 12. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Executive Director of the World Bank Group, Michael Krake (m); the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Robert Nicholl (m), and the Vice-President of ECOSOC, Bob Rae (Canada) (m).
- 13. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of India [f], Slovenia [m], Portugal [f], Burundi [m], China [f], Cuba [f], Brazil [m], South Africa [f], Ireland [m], Spain [f], Zambia [m], Colombia [f], as well as by the observer for the African Union [m].
- 14. Statements were also made by the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Philip Jennings (m); the Executive Director, World Bank Group, Ernesto Acevedo (m); the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Krishnamurthy Subramamian (m); the Executive Director, World Bank, Tauqir Shah (m); the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Regis N'Sonde (m); the Alternate Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Luc Dresse (m); the Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Xuefei Bai (m); the Alternate Executive Director, World Bank Group, Louis Albisson (m); the Alternate Executive Director, World Bank Group, Zarau Kibwe.
- 15. Statements were also made by the representatives of non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: European Network on Debt and Development and Society for International Development.
- 16. Responses were given by the Chair of the Liaison Committee, International Monetary Fund, Bahador Bijani (m); and the Executive Director, World Bank Group, Michael Krake (m).

B. General debate

- 17. The forum held its general debate under sub-item (b) (General debate) of agenda item 2, under the overall theme "What can be achieved in FfD4", at its 1st, 4th, 6th and 8th meetings, from 22 to 25 April 2024.
- 18. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the forum heard statements by the Minister for National Development Planning of Indonesia, Suharso Monoarfa (m); the Minister of Finance of Croatia, Marko Primorac (m); the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare of Zimbabwe, July Moyo (m); the Governor of the Central Bank of Armenia, Martin Galstyan; the Deputy Minister of Finance of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of: Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Phouthanouphet Saysombath (m); the Minister of State for Finance of Ghana, Abena Osei-Asare (f); the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Aleksandr Pankin (m); the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Honduras, Cindy Larissa Rodriguez (f); the Vice-Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic, Luis Madera Sued (m); the State Secretary of Norway, Bjørg Sandkjær (f); the Deputy Minister of Finance of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Phouthanouphet Saysombath (m); the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo (f); the Vice Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Burkinabè Abroad, in charge of Regional Cooperation, Burkina Faso, B. Stella Eldine Kabre (f); the Vice-Minister of Planning of Guatemala, Mervin Enrique Maldonado Urdaneta (m); as well as by the representative of the European Union (m).

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- 19. At its 4th meeting, on 23 April, the forum heard statements by Minister of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, Serdar Jorayev [m]; the Secretary of State for International Cooperation of Spain, Eva Granados [f]; the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal, Nuno Sampaio [m]; , as well as by the representatives of Malawi [m], Kenya [m], Zambia [f], the United Republic of Tanzania [f], Switzerland [m], Colombia [f], Georgia [f], the Philippines [m], France [m], Uganda [m] (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada [m] (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Morocco [m] (on behalf of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries), Nepal [m] (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Children and SDGs), Angola [m] (on behalf of the Group of African States), Mexico [m] (on behalf of the MIKTA Group), Samoa [f] (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States), Haiti [m] (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Botswana [m] (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries) and Poland [m].
- 20. At its 6th meeting, on 24 April, the forum heard statements by the representatives of Lesotho [m], Luxembourg [m], Costa Rica [f], Argentina [m], the Syrian Arab Republic [m], Pakistan [m], South Africa [m], China [m], Jamaica [m], Lebanon [f], Egypt [m], Paraguay [m], Nicaragua [f], Italy [m], the Islamic Republic of Iran [m], India [f], Uruguay [m], the United States of America [m], the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) [f], Qatar [f], Saudi Arabia [m], Cambodia [m], Slovenia [f], Brazil [m], Sri Lanka [m], Republic of Korea [m], Tajikistan [m], Viet Nam [m], Suriname [m], Holy See [m], the Plurinational State of Bolivia [m], Algeria [m] and Mexico [m].
- 21. At its 8th meeting, on 20 April, the forum heard statements by the representatives of the Maldives [m], Nepal [m], Sweden [f], the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela [m], Peru [m], Sierra Leone [f], Japan [m], Nigeria [m], the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [f], Belize [m], Singapore [m], Myanmar [m], Ethiopia [m], Belgium [m], Haiti [m], Cabo Verde [f], Tunisia [m] and Timor-Leste [m].
- 22. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration [f], the International Labour Organization [f], the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [f], the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations [f], the International Fund for Agricultural Development [m] and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean [m]

C. Thematic panel discussions

23. At its 1st and 3rd to 7th meetings, on 22 to 25 April 2024, the forum held eight thematic panel discussions and one round-table discussion under sub-item (c) of agenda item 2 (Thematic panel discussions).

Thematic panel discussion 1 The road to FfD 4

- 24. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on the theme "The road to FfD 4", which was chaired by the President of the Council (Chile) (f) and moderated by the Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, José Antonio Ocampo.
- 25. A special address was delivered by the Minister of Finance of Chile, Mario Marcel (m).

- 26. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Minister of Finance of Qatar, Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari (m); the Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy of Denmark, Dan Jørgensen (m); the Minister of International Cooperation of Egypt, Rania Al-Mashat (via video link) (f); the Secretary of State for International Cooperation of Spain, Eva Granados (f); and the Group of 20 Sherpa of Brazil, Mauricio Carvalho Lyrio (pre-recorded video message).
- 27. A statement was made by the discussant, the representative of Tax Justice Network Africa, Chenai Mukumba (m).
- 28. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of Zambia [m], Sri Lanka[f] and the United Republic of Tanzania [m].
- 29. A statement was also made by the observer for the African Union.

Thematic panel discussion 2 Domestic public resources

- 30. At its 3rd meeting, on 23 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on domestic public resources, chaired by the President of the Council (f) and moderated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs.
- 31. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare of Zimbabwe, July Moyo (m); the Minister for Development Planning of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Sergio Armando Cusicanqui Loayza (via videolink) (m); the Minister of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, Serdar Jorayev (m); the Secretary of State of Norway, Bjørg Sandkjær (f); and the State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance of Croatia, Davor Zoričić (m).
- 32. Statements were made by the following discussants: the Director of the Social Protection Department at the International Labour Organization (ILO), Shahrashoub Razavi (f) (via video link), and the representative of the European Network on Debt and Development, Tove Maria Ryding (f).
- 33. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of India [f], Spain [f], Honduras [f], Zambia [f], Finland [f], Burundi [m], Malawi [m], the United Republic of Tanzania [f], African Union [m], Germany [m] and Indonesia [f].
- 34. A statement was also made by the observer for the African Union.
- 35. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: Society for International Development [f], IBON International Foundation [m], Sikh Human Rights Group [m].

Thematic panel discussion 3 Domestic and international private business and finance

- 36. Also at its 3rd meeting, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on domestic and international private business and finance, chaired by the President of the Council (f) and moderated by the Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Jorge Moreira da Silva.
- 37. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Secretary of Public-Private Investments of Ecuador, Pablo Cevallos (m) (via video link); Deputy Minister of Planning and Public Investment of the Dominican Republic, Luis Madera Sued (m); the Head of Department for Multilateral Development Banks, Sustainability and Climate, at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Sigrún Rawet (f); the Vice-President Finance and

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- Chief Financial Officer, Islamic Development Bank Group, Zamir Iqbal (m), and the Head of EMEA Sustainable Debt Capital Markets at Citi, Sanaa Mehra (f).
- 38. A statement was made by the discussant, the representative of African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa), Anne-Cécile Coly.
- 39. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of the European Union [m], Zambia [f], Malawi [m], the United States of America [m] and Indonesia [f].
- 40. A statement was also made by the observer for the African Union.
- 41. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: IBON International Foundation, Inc. [m], Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero [f], Society for International Development [f].

Thematic panel discussion 4 International development cooperation

- 42. At its 4th meeting on 23 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on international development cooperation, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Croatia) (m) and moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Navid Hanif.
- 43. At the same meeting, the forum heard a keynote statement by the President of the European Investment Bank, Nadia Calviño (f).
- 44. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Secretary for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Brazil, Tatiana Rosito (f); the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo (f); the Chair of the Development Assistance Committee, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Carsten Staur (m), and the Secretary-General, Finance in Common, Adama Mariko (m).
- 45. A statement was made by the discussant, the Representative of IBON International Foundation, Jennifer del Rosario-Malonzo (f).
- 46. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso [f], Portugal [m], India [f], Burundi [m], Brazil [m], Indonesia [f] and Zambia [f].
- 47. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: Reality of Aid Africa Network and World Vision International [f].

Thematic panel discussion 5 International trade as an engine for development

- 48. At its 5th meeting, on 24 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on international trade as an engine for development, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Kazakhstan) (m) and moderated by the Chief of Branch, Financing for Development at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mariangela Parra-Lancourt (f).
- 49. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of Honduras, Cindy Rodríguez Mendoza (f); the Secretary General for International Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Maira Myrogianni (f); the Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade

- and Development, Pedro Manuel Moreno (m); and the Managing Director of Common Fund for Commodities, Sheikh Mohammed Belal (m) (via video link).
- 50. A statement was made by the discussant, the representative of the Third World Network, Tetteh Hormeku (m).
- 51. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of Burundi [m], Brazil [m], Guatemala [m] and Indonesia [f].
- 52. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: Society for International Development [f] and Man Up Campaign US, Inc. [m].

Thematic panel discussion 6 Debt and debt sustainability

- 53. Also at its 5th meeting, on 24 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on debt and debt sustainability, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Kazakhstan) (m) and moderated by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Pedro Manuel Moreno [m].
- 54. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Secretary for Ministry of Economic Affairs of Pakistan, Kazim Niaz [m]; the Assistant Secretary for Multilateral, Development and Trade Affairs, Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France, William Roos [m]; the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal, Nuno Sampaio [m]; and the Director General of Economics and Planning, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Development of Burkina Faso, Larba Issa Kobyagda [m].
- 55. A statement was also made by the discussant, the representative of the Latin American Network for Economic and Social Justice (LATINDADD), Rodolfo Bejarano [m].
- 56. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of India [f], Cuba [f], Rwanda [m], the European Union [m], Indonesia [f], Zambia [f], Spain [f], Argentina [m], the United Republic of Tanzania [f], Malawi [m] and Zimbabwe [m].
- 57. A statement was also made by the observer for the African Union [m].
- 58. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: African Forum and Network on Debt and Development [m], Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development [f] and VIVAT International [f].

Thematic panel discussion 7 Addressing systemic issues

- 59. At its 6th meeting, on 24 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on Addressing systemic issues, chaired by the President of the Council (Croatia) (m) and moderated by the Professor of Professional Practice in Global Leadership at Columbia University, Mauricio Cárdenas [m].
- 60. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Governor of the Bank of the Mongolia, Lkhagvasuren Byadran [m]; the Minister of State for Finance of the Maldives, Ahmed Mazin [m], and the Special Representative to the United Nations of the International Monetary Fund, Robert Powell [m].
- 61. A statement was also made by the discussant, the representative of the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development, Jason Rosario Braganza [m].

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- 62. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of Zambia [f], Indonesia [f] and Zimbabwe [m].
- 63. Statements were also made by following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: Third World Network [f], German League for Nature and Environment [m] and The Inclusivity Project, Inc. [f].

Thematic panel discussion 8 Science, technology, innovation and capacity-building

- 64. At its 7th meeting, on 25 April, the forum held a thematic panel discussion on Science, technology, innovation and capacity-building, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Tunisia) [m] and moderated by the Director and Representative of the Liaison Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Ralf Bredel [m].
- 65. At the same meeting, the forum heard a keynote statement by the Vice-President, Applied Complexity, Sante Fe Institute, Will Tracy [m].
- 66. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Assistant Minister for Innovation of Serbia, Vladimir Radovanovic [m] (via video link); the Assistant Undersecretary for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of Sustainable Development of Bahrain, Dana Hamzah [f]; the Founder and CEO of Fusemachines Inc., Sameer Maskey [m] (via video link).
- 67. A statement was also made by the discussant from Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, April Porteria [f].
- 68. In the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of India [f], Cuba [f], Guinea [m], Guatemala [m], Indonesia [m], the United States of America [m] and Rwanda [m].
- 69. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: International Trade Union Confederation [f], Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund [f] and All Pakistan Women's Association [f].

Roundtable discussion

Integrated national financing frameworks: Taking stock of national-level progress

- 70. At its 7th meeting, on 25 April, the forum held a round-table discussion on the theme "Integrated national financing frameworks: Taking stock of national-level progress", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Tunisia) [m] and moderated by the Director of the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Shari Spiegel [f].
- 71. At the same meeting, opening remarks were made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Achim Steiner [m].
- 72. Presentations were made by the following speakers: Deputy Minister for Maritime and Natural Resources at the Ministry for National Development Planning of Indonesia, Vivi Yulaswati [f], Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan, Sanzhar Bolotov [m], and the Director for Sustainable Finance, Investment and Jobs at the Department for International Partnerships of the European Commission, Antti Karhunen [m].
- 73. A statement was also made by the discussant, the representative of YAKKUM, Rita Triharyani [f].

- 74. In the ensuing interactive discussion, a statement was made by the representative of Uganda [m].
- 75. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or accredited to international Conferences on financing for development: Action Aid [m] and Reality of Aid Africa [m].

IV. Adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations

- 76. The forum considered agenda item 3 (Adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations) at its 8th meeting, on 25 April 2024.
- 77. At the 8th meeting, statements were made by the Permanent Representatives of South Africa and Spain to the United Nations in their capacity as co-facilitators of the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, which were before the forum in document E/FFDF/2024/L.1.
- 78. At the same meeting, the representative of Hungary, on behalf of the European Union, introduced an amendment (E/FFDF/2024/L.3).
- 79. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Uganda, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.
- 80. The amendment (E/FFDF/2024/L.3) was rejected by 118 votes to 41, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

Against:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Abstaining:

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Norway, Türkiye

- 81. The representative of Norway made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.
- 82. At the same meeting, the forum adopted the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations (E/FFDF/2024/L.1) by a recorded vote of 160 to 0, with 2 abstentions and requested the Council to transmit them to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (see sect. I). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Israel, United States

- 83. After the adoption, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, Chile, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia, Egypt, Uganda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Hungary, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Switzerland, United States of America, India, Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Cuba, Japan, New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada), Nicaragua, Republic of Korea and Iran (Islamic Republic of).
- V. Statements by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development

84. At the eighth meeting, on 25 April, statements were made by the Permanent Representatives of Burundi and Portugal, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

VI. Adoption of the report

- 85. The forum considered agenda item 4 (Adoption of the report) at its 8th meeting, on 25 April 2024.
- 86. The forum approved its draft report (E/FFDF/2024/L.2) and authorized the President of the Council (Chile), to complete the report with the support of the Secretariat, for submission to the Council.

VII. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the 2024 forum on financing for development follow-up

- 87. The 2024 forum on financing for development follow-up was held at Headquarters from 22 to 25 April 2024, pursuant to paragraphs 130 to 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.
- 88. At the 1st meeting, held on 22 April, the President of the Council Paula Narváez (Chile), declared the session open and made an opening statement.
- 89. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General made a statement.
- 90. Also at the same meeting, the President of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, Dennis Francis (Trinidad and Tobago), made a statement.
- 91. Also at the 1st meeting, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva, made a statement (via pre-recorded video).

B. Agenda

- 92. At its 1st meeting, the forum adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/FFDF/2024/1. The agenda read as follows:
 - 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
 - 2. Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
 - (a) Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
 - (b) General debate;
 - (c) Thematic panel discussions.
 - 3. Adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.
 - 4. Adoption of the report.

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C. Rules of procedure

93. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, upon the proposal of the President of the Council (Chile), 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

94. 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 and other entities, of the United Nations system, as well as of civil society organizations and business sector entities, also attended. The list of participants will be issued as document E/FFDF/2024/INF/1.

E. Documentation

95. The list of documents before the forum is contained in the annex to the present report.

F. Conclusion of the forum on financing for development follow-up

- 96. At the 8th meeting, on 25 April, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua, made a closing statement.
- 97. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made concluding remarks and declared the 2024 forum on financing for development follow-up closed.

Annex

Documentation

Document symbol	Agenda item	Title
E/FFDF/2024/1	1	Provisional agenda
E/FFDF/2024/2	2	Note by the Secretary-General on financing for sustainable development
E/FFDF/2024/L.1	2	Draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations submitted by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Paula Narváez (Chile), on the basis of informal consultations: follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
E/FFDF/2024/L.2	4	Draft report
E/FFDF/2024/L.3	2	Amendment to the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum on financing for development follow-up (E/FFDF/2024/L.1)
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