



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

7 April 2025

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 26 February 2025, I have the honour to circulate herewith the concept note and programme for the Special Meeting of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on “*Forced Displacement and Refugee Protection*”.

The meeting will take place in person on Thursday, 24 April 2025 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The meeting will consist of an opening segment, two panel discussions and a closing session. Each panel discussion will be followed by an interactive segment, during which delegations and other participants will have the opportunity to engage actively in an interactive dialogue with the panellists and other members of the Council. Please note that there will be no predetermined list of speakers. Interventions, including questions to panellists, will be limited to 3 minutes.

Should you have further questions, your Office may wish to contact the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) (email: desa-iisb@un.org).

I look forward to your personal and active engagement in this important meeting of the Council.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Rae".

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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