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- 1. How has the Commission for Social Development advanced integrated, inclusive, and forward-looking policy recommendations that support SDG acceleration, particularly through social protection and resilience?*

Your Excellency Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Commission for Social Development has long been a vital platform for advancing integrated, inclusive and forward-looking policy recommendations that accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly through the lens of social protection and resilience.

In recent years, the Commission has brought sustained attention to the multiple, intersecting crises affecting social development: from public health emergencies and armed conflict to the climate crisis, technological change and deepening inequality. Across these discussions, one message has remained clear - social protection systems must be strengthened as a foundation for resilience, equity and inclusive recovery.

Member States have shared a wide array of experiences and innovative practices: from investing in the economy of well-being, to expanding quality public services, to empowering the most vulnerable groups. These examples demonstrate how comprehensive, rights-based policies, anchored in human dignity and social justice, can drive systemic resilience and sustainable progress.

The Commission has also consistently addressed underlying drivers of exclusion, including poverty, lack of access to education and decent work and unequal access to technology. It has underscored the need to bridge digital divides and foster policies that are responsive to demographic, environmental and economic shifts.

Notably, the Commission has highlighted the role of the social and solidarity economy, especially cooperatives, as an important means to create decent work, reduce inequality and support local development. These models exemplify inclusive approaches to economic and social resilience.

Looking ahead to the Second World Summit for Social Development, the Commission's deliberations will continue to support a more coherent, coordinated global effort to leave no one behind. Its role remains critical in shaping policy guidance that is people-centred, inclusive and grounded in multilateral cooperation.

Thank you.

2. *In what ways can the Commission's work help strengthen multilateralism and policy coherence and shape actionable outcomes across ECOSOC and other intergovernmental processes, including the upcoming World Social Summit?*

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The Commission for Social Development stands at the forefront of advancing social development as a fundamental pillar of sustainable development, and it plays a crucial role in strengthening multilateralism and policy coherence across the United Nations system.

First, the Commission's work provides a vital platform for inclusive dialogue and consensus-building among Member States, civil society and UN entities. This inclusive engagement fosters shared understanding and trust, which is an essential foundation for effective multilateral cooperation in today's increasingly complex global landscape. As highlighted in recent sessions, rebuilding trust and solidarity is imperative to bridging divides and accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Second, the Commission's focus on cross-cutting themes such as social inclusion, social cohesion and social resilience inherently requires integrated, coordinated policy responses. These interconnected challenges cannot be addressed in silos. The Commission's thematic priorities such as strengthening social protection systems, promoting decent work, advancing digital inclusion and supporting families, youth, persons with disabilities and older persons, align closely with ECOSOC's broader mandate and other intergovernmental processes. This alignment ensures policy coherence and helps avoid fragmentation.

Third, the Commission contributes to shaping actionable outcomes by delivering concrete policy recommendations grounded in evidence and good practices shared during its panel discussions, ministerial forums and interactive dialogues. These outcomes directly support Member States and ECOSOC in implementing the ambitious commitments from the 2023 SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future. The Commission's work also lays important groundwork for the Second World Summit for Social Development in November, providing critical inputs that will help galvanize international solidarity and renewed commitments.

Moreover, the Commission's active engagement with emerging issues such as social resilience amid crises, digital transformation and the role of the social and solidarity economy ensures that its policy guidance remains forward-looking and responsive to rapidly evolving global realities.

Finally, the Commission serves as a catalyst for multilateral partnerships by encouraging cooperation between governments, UN agencies, civil society and other stakeholders. This collaborative spirit is key to mobilizing resources, closing financing gaps and leveraging innovative solutions to accelerate social development.

In conclusion, through its convening power, integrated thematic focus and commitment to actionable, inclusive policy outcomes, the Commission for Social Development significantly

strengthens multilateralism and policy coherence across ECOSOC and other intergovernmental processes, ensuring that the upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development is a milestone towards a more just, inclusive and sustainable future for all.

Thank you.