

**Statement by CSocD63 Chair, H.E. Krzysztof Maria Szczerski (Poland)**

**ECOSOC Management Segment**

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

As Chair of the sixty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, it is my honour to present the report of the session, which took place from 10 to 14 February 2025.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to His Excellency Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council, for his invaluable contributions during the opening segment of the session.

The Commission engaged in substantive deliberations on the session's priority theme, *"Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"*.

Five insightful panel discussions were convened:

A high-level panel discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development in view of the Second World Summit for Social Development.

A Ministerial Forum on strengthening solidarity and social cohesion.

Two panels under Emerging issues, on policies to bolster social resilience and universal rights-based social protection.

An interactive dialogue with senior UN officials on preparations for the upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development.

A Multi-stakeholder Forum on promoting solidarity and social cohesion through cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy as a path for achieving the SDGs.

The Commission put forth five draft resolutions for adoption by the Council.

A resolution on the Future Organization and Methods of Work of the Commission, in which the Commission decided that the priority theme for its sixty-fourth session, which shall allow it to contribute to the work of the Council, will be “Advancing social development and social justice through coordinated, equitable and inclusive policies”.

A resolution on Social Dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD), which noted that the Second World Summit for Social Development presents opportunities to renew and set up efforts to fulfil commitments towards the eradication of poverty, reducing inequality and leaving no one behind in Africa.

A resolution on the priority theme of the session, which invited the United Nations system to continue to support Member States, upon their request, in their pursuit of social inclusion and social cohesion to better deliver on social development goals.

A resolution on Modalities for the Fifth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002), which decided that the global review and appraisal will be held by the Commission on the third day of its sixty-sixth session in 2028.

A resolution on Policies and Programmes Involving Youth, which urged Member States to ensure that youth issues are adequately addressed in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Representatives of 39 States members of the Commission attended the session.

Over 500 civil society representatives gathered at the Civil Society Forum and more than 50 side-events were convened.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Commission for Social Development remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the social development agenda and to supporting the broader work of the Economic and Social Council.

I thank you.