



**Closing Statement by H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe
President of ECOSOC**

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Excellencies,
Under-Secretary-General Mr. Sha
Distinguished guests,

We've reached the end of this Global Preparatory Meeting — I thank all our speakers and attendees for their excellent contributions.

As noted earlier, a comprehensive summary of today's deliberations will be prepared for discussion at the Annual Ministerial Review.

Encouragingly, success on the education development goals, as we've heard today, is within reach.

How then, you might ask, is success to be achieved?

It will, I expect, be achieved at that special intersection where preparation meets opportunity — it usually is.

Fortunately, at ECOSOC, preparation is a strong point. Consider the Council's efforts in just the past few months:

- Regional and Global Preparatory meetings
- Innovative internet "e-discussions"
- Numerous country workshops
- And marquee, multi-sector events, like this year's Philanthropy meeting on education

Ladies and Gentlemen, July will arrive in no time. It seems our preparations are right on-track.

When opportunity appears in Geneva, success will be there for the taking. Let's take it.

Thank you.