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**Closing address by H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of
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**ECOSOC Partnerships Forum
PARTNERING FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Distinguished guests,

This brings us to the conclusion of an interesting and enlightening discussion. Our strength is in our partnership. By forming these partnerships and by discussing together ways in which collaboration can take place to help countries improve the lives of their people through more jobs, better health and nutrition, and making the world a better place for us all. Our unified efforts can set the pace for cooperation and policy-making in the future. This forum, the Economic and Social Council, is a truly effective platform for bringing us all together, and serves as a springboard for the creation of partnerships. Today, our panellists, moderators, and speakers introduced many new ideas and innovative strategies to us and for which we are all greatly appreciative. I was inspired. I hope you were too. These ideas will be reported to the Council's Annual high-level Ministerial Review this July.

Also during the high-level segment will be the Council's inaugural "Implementation Forum" where initiatives and commitments by governments, the corporate and philanthropic community, the UN system organizations, and civil society actors in support of science, technology and innovation will be announced. I urge all of you here to also consider using the Council as a platform for such announcements this July.

Ladies and gentlemen, before we adjourn I would like to thank all of our speakers today. Special thanks also to the co-organizers, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Telecommunications Union, UNICEF, UNESCO, the UN Global Compact, the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Global Partnerships Forum. I also want to express my gratitude to our co-convenors for their support. I wish to quickly mention them by name.

They are:

- The Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy
- The United Nations Foundation
- The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
- The Global Network for Neglected tropical Diseases
- The Council on Foundations
- The World Bank
- UNFPA
- The UN Millennium Campaign
- UNDP
- UN Women

Lastly, thanks also to you, the audience present here with us, as well as those following us on the web and on Twitter, for your passion and continued commitment toward a better tomorrow for us all. We urge you to continue to follow the work of the Council and join us on social media as we continue to explore new and innovative solutions to the larger questions of poverty reduction and sustainable development. We count on you.

This meeting is adjourned.