

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY UGANDA AT THE
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON THE
MULTIDIMENSIONAL VULNERABILITY INDEX FOR SIDS ON
10 MAY 2023**

**Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

I would like to thank H.E Mr. Gaston Browne, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and H.E Ms. Erna Solberg, former Prime Minister of Norway, the Co-Chairs of the High-Level Panel of Experts on a Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) for Small Island Developing States, for convening today's briefing to our Groups of Countries, on this ongoing process.

Uganda fully endorses the statements delivered by H.E. Permanent Representative of Nepal on behalf of the LDCs and H.E. Permanent Representative of Mongolia on behalf of the LLDCs. We note that the interim report of the High-Level Panel of Experts contains vulnerabilities of LDCs and LLDCs which was not mandated by the relevant General Resolutions. The LDCs and LLDCs face specific challenges, which must be fully considered in the development of any vulnerability framework. In addition, the LDCs and LLDCs must be fully consulted in the development of such framework. We request the High-Level Panel of Experts to ensure that its work is undertaken in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions and its terms of reference.

I thank you.