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Excellencies,

We have the honour to share with you the **advance unedited version** of the Final Report of the High-Level Panel of Experts on the multidimensional vulnerability index (MVI) for SIDS, and request that it be circulated to member States. This report completes the Panel's deliverables on the MVI.

The Report will also be placed on the websites of both the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) <https://sdgs.un.org/topics/small-island-developing-states/mvi> and the Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (OHRLLS) <https://www.un.org/ohrlls/mvi>. The edited version of the Final Report will be made available on these websites shortly.

The Panel hopes that its report will finally close the gap on the vulnerability discourse, including how it should be characterized and measured by the international community, thereby allowing for targeted international development assistance to better flow to vulnerable countries to build resilience.



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