

EU and EUMS' input following the briefing on the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index

Questions posed during the briefing:

1. *What are the principles and key elements that should underpin a MVI?*
2. *What should a MVI be used for? How do we build global consensus for that use.*

At this stage, the European Union and its Member States would like to state the following:

- We recognise the particular vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States due to their exposure to external shocks, in particular the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events as a result of climate change, and the challenges that this presents to them.
- We note the ongoing work of DESA and the OHRLLS on the MVI which has been mandated in OP8 (a) of GA res. 75/215 which calls on the Secretary-General: *(a) To provide recommendations, as part of his report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, on the potential development and coordination of work within the United Nations system on a multidimensional vulnerability index for small island developing States, including on its potential finalization and use.*

The above mandate should be fully respected (including, at this stage, the potential nature of deliberations/developments as well as its forward-looking nature aiming at its potential finalization).

The discussion around the MVI will continue, including on the basis of the SG's recommendations to release of which we look forward to. The EU and its MS will actively engage in these deliberations.

The coordination aspect needs to be highlighted and adequately reflected in the ongoing work, given the existence of multiple indices already in use in the UN system and beyond. Efficient use of limited resources should be factored in in the context of considerations. The last point links to the overall need to avoid overlaps and duplication of any potential solutions to questions at hand with existing mechanisms, in particular within the UN system. The added value of such solutions vis-à-vis existing mechanisms needs to be considered, including in the overall context of strengthening coordination efforts. We see the ongoing work of the Secretariat as heading in this direction.

We would expect to receive an analysis of the relevance of not only potential MVI's components, but also options/recommendations as regards its potential finalization and its potential use, within the scope specified in the chapeau to OP8 of res. 75/215.

- We are very much looking forward to further updates on the ongoing work, and to the resulting recommendations by the SG later this year.