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Co-Secretariats for the UN High-Level Panel  
New York  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Excellencies,

**Re: Initial Submission by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) on the Preliminary Results of the United Nations High-Level Panel of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index**

We have the honour of writing to thank you for your outstanding leadership on the development of a universal Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), and to convey the attached Initial Submission by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) on the Preliminary Results of the United Nations High-Level Panel of the MVI.

The 79 Member States of the OACPS are among the most vulnerable countries to the ongoing global climate change, biodiversity and financial system crises, as well as to other external shocks such as the current food, fertiliser, and energy crises. Of our 79 Members, 39 are Small Island Developing States (SIDS), 36 are Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and 15 are Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs).

The High-Level Panel's work on the MVI is a key priority for the OACPS to address the limitations of the criterion of Gross National Income per capita to determine eligibility for access to concessional finance. Almost 70% (or 55 countries) of the 79 Member States of the OACPS are either already or at imminent risk of being excluded from concessional financial resources, based on their status as middle and high-income countries.

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We trust the OACPS submission will be taken into account as the High-Level Panel prepares its final report to the 77th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in June 2023.

Please accept, **Your Excellencies**, the assurances of our highest consideration. The OACPS stands ready to collaborate with the United Nations in the implementation, maintenance and review of the MVI.

Yours faithfully,



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