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Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least
Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the work of
the Human Rights Council**

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Mr. President,

I deliver this Statement on behalf of the fifteen beneficiary States of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council (The Bahamas, Comoros, Dominica, Djibouti, Fiji, The Gambia, Kiribati, Madagascar, Nauru, Nepal, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Somalia and Vanuatu). We express our gratitude to the President of the Council for his warm welcome at the beginning of this Session and the panelists for the discussions.

Mr. President,

While climate change mitigation and adaptation are on-going efforts around the world, LDCs and SIDS are at the forefront of combating this multi-dimensional threat as it continues to negatively impact the fabric of our social, cultural and economic way of life.

In this regard, we acknowledge the gendered impacts of climate change, noting that women and girls disproportionately represent a greater number of those at risk of human rights violations.

LDCs and SIDS especially, experience unique threats which include; displacement, loss of environmental and cultural heritage, and food insecurity. Each and every one of these threats and other threats, has a gendered dimension that requires meaningful consideration and response.

Mr. President,

To ensure full and equal participation of women and girls in the fight against climate change; we call for cooperation and assistance at all levels to support the resilient and adaptive capacities of women and girls and their access to food, water, health care, education, housing, decent work and clean energy.

With reference to the OHCHR's study on gender-responsive climate action; we wish to ask the panel to elaborate Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States can enhance cross-regional exchange of best practices to promote women's rights in the context of climate change?

I thank you, Mr. President.