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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**

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**STATEMENT**

Distinguished co-chairs,  
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to express our appreciation to the Office of the Preparatory Committee for the hard work which built upon the progress achieved during the First Preparatory Committee Meeting.

My delegation aligns the statements made respectively by Uganda and Nepal on behalf of G77 and LDC and would like to make the following remarks.

We firmly believe that this Second session of the Preparatory Committee is a foundational platform to deep and highlight the common challenges and difficulties confronting all SIDS which encompass their heightened vulnerability to economic, social, and environmental shocks in order to get it out the holistic measures.

As an Island, Madagascar shares also the same concern and continue to face a series of impediments that exacerbate its ability and opportunity:

- to participate fully in the implementation of the SDGs
- to support national development and economic prosperity

These include the adverse impact of climate change, vulnerability to external shocks and geographic dryness. No state is immune from disasters of the other. We are either going to save the whole world or no one will be saved.

In that sense, the outcome of the Conference should address these multiple vulnerabilities through the formulation of concrete, quantifiable approaches that will guide the trajectory of SIDS over the next 10 years through the actions oriented at least in three measures :

- Follow up of the commitment related to the climate finance in line with existing obligations and commitments under the UNFCCC and the Paris

Agreement and existing multilateral climate funds, including the Green Climate Fund, Loss and Damage Fund, Global Environment Facility and its Special Climate Change Fund, and the Adaptation Fund ;

- Build of the economic resilience by inviting all development partners to consider how best multidimensional vulnerability could be further incorporated into existing practices and policies for development support, including in access to concessional finance and debt treatment mechanisms ;
- Call to the United Nations system entities operating in SIDS to ensure and fulfill their resources for the implementation of the SIDS4 outcome into their strategic and work plans, in accordance with their mandates.

Excellencies,

To conclude, although progress has been made at the international level, more needs to be done. And so, we gather here today, and this week, to move forward on existing commitments and to make new ones needed to ensure that our common challenges are addressed and captured in the international cooperation partnerships for the next decade.

Madagascar is honored by your side, so that together with all the rest of the States Islands, we can achieve a successful conference.

I thank you for your attention.