

**Meeting of the revitalized Group of Friends of LLDCs
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**Welcome remarks by Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj
Permanent Representative of India to the UN**

Thank you Ambassador Claver Gatete for giving me the

4 Across various forums, we have been discussing ways for countries globally to 'build back better'. We must bear in mind that the recovery for the LLDCs from the socio economic impacts of COVID 19 pandemic have been particularly challenging with adverse global economic conditions. Global supply chain disruptions, increased prices for food, fuel, and fertilizers, inter alia, have compounded the trade and logistics costs for the LLDCs. These challenges are further compounded by longer term issues such as trade and transit bottlenecks, unsustainable debt, and natural resource dependency.

5 As a transit country, India is aware of these challenges and of the importance of effective cooperation between LLDCs

