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The voluntary national reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

The Committee reviewed its analysis on the reflection of key principles and cross-cutting issues in the 2018 voluntary national reviews. Among the key findings, the Committee highlighted the fact that, while most countries acknowledge the principle of leaving no one behind, voluntary national reviews often remain vague on how to implement it in practice. Regarding the

reporting on Sustainable Development Goal 17, the Committee raised concern about the fact that certain targets such as policy space and leadership or investment promotion regimes for least developed countries were hardly mentioned. The finding that Goal 10 on reduced inequalities receives the least attention in voluntary national reviews was also met with concern.

Since 2018, the Committee has undertaken an annual

Moreover, the focus of Agenda 2030 on those furthest behind is not often evident in the references to strategies associated in the voluntary national reviews with leaving no one behind. Among developed countries, the idea of furthest behind mostly refers to other countries (typically to least developed countries) rather than to groups within their own country. Among groups recognized to be at risk of being left behind, minorities