

2024



B. Criteria in the 2024 triennial review

C. Eligibility for inclusion and graduation

1. Countries considered for inclusion

No country met all three criteria for inclusion in the list of least developed countries.

2. Countries considered for graduation

The Committee notes that 15 least developed countries are meeting the graduation eligibility criteria, one less than in 2021. Of these, five countries were already graduating, two had been previously recommended for graduation, five met the graduation criteria for the second consecutive time and were considered for a possible recommendation, and three were meeting the criteria for the first time. Three countries that had met the criteria in 2021 no longer met them, while one country graduated in 2023. The lack of progress at the aggregate level underscores the difficult global environment that least developed countries are facing in their pursuit of graduation.

Cambodia

The Committee recommends Cambodia for graduation, noting that it meets all three criteria for graduation for the second consecutive time and with significant margins. The Committee welcomes the Government's strong commitment to graduation. It considered the Government's request for an extended preparatory period of five years to ensure a smooth transition. The Committee found the request justifiable and credible. Cambodia has utilized international support measures effectively, in particular preferential market access and intellectual property arrangements, which has contributed to high female

countries to climate change requires specific, sustained and easily accessible financial and technical support that is outside the scope of specific support measures for least developed countries. The Committee believes that keeping countries in the least developed country category for a prolonged period, when they no longer share the essential characteristics of the group, creates inconsistency and poses negative risks for the credibility of the category.