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NATIONAL CONTACT POINT 2019 REPORT TO THE OECD: ITALY

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NATIONAL CONTACT POINT REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE (2019)

This questionnaire is designed to help National Contact Points fulfil their reporting obligations as described in the Procedural Guidance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The answers to the questions should reflect the nature and results of the activities of the NCP¹.

STRUCTURE

This questionnaire comprises 61 questions and 2 annexes under the following headings:

- A. Contact information
 - B. Institutional arrangements
 - C. Information and promotion
 - D. Specific instances
 - E. Peer learning and peer reviews
 - F. Policy coherence
 - G. Challenges
- Annex 1: NCP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
Annex 2: SPECIFIC INSTANCES

TYPES OF QUESTIONS

1. Questions with predefined answers

For most questions, a pre-defined set of answers are provided in a drop-down menu (e.g. Yes-No-N/A). For each of these questions, please select the appropriate answer in the dropdown menu.

Example:

| (b) Promotional activities | |
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| 19. Did the NCP organise or co-organise events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 1 in Annex 1.</i> | Yes/No |

2. Open-ended questions

- a) Some questions are open-ended, and in these cases an answer box is provided. Many of these questions are meant to complement a question with predefined answers. Please keep responses precise and short.

Example:

| (b) Advisory body |
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¹ Page 74 of the Procedural Guidance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: “Reports should contain information on the nature and results of the activities of the NCP, including implementation activities in specific instances”.

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| 5. Does the NCP have one or several advisory bodies? | Yes/No |
| If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify. | Click here to enter text. |

b) “Additional comments” boxes are situated at the end of each section. Please feel free to enter any additional information you would like to share in these boxes.

Example:

*Additional comments on **Advisory body***
[Click here to enter text](#)

TERMS USED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

A number of terms are used throughout the questionnaire. Definitions are provided below. Please note that these definitions are exclusively intended to assist in clarifying the terms used in this questionnaire. These terms will be underlined the first time they are used in this questionnaire.

- **Structure of the NCP:** The organisational set up of the NCP. Four NCP structures have been pre-identified, but other arrangements are possible:
 - Single-agency: The NCP is composed of one individual in a single ministry, or by a group of individuals belonging to the same service in the same ministry.
 - Inter-agency: The NCP is composed of a group of representatives from several ministries or government agencies.
 - Expert-based: The NCP is composed of experts who are external to government.
 - Multipartite: The NCP is composed of a group of government officials and stakeholder representatives.
- **Secretariat:** Government officials or group of government officials acting as the permanent office of an NCP.
- **Advisory body:** Some NCPs have an advisory body which can be consulted by the NCP on a range of activities and issues on which it provides advice. Advisory bodies can include representatives from trade unions, NGOs, business and/or academia, along with representatives of other government ministries or agencies. They do not normally form part of the NCP and do not have decision-making power on accepting or concluding specific instances. Some advisory bodies also provide oversight to the NCP (see below).
- **Oversight:** Monitoring of the NCP’s activities performed by an Advisory body, for example on whether the NCP has followed its own rules of procedures.
- **Dedicated budget:** A budget that is allocated to the NCP on a regular basis (e.g. every year) to carry out its functions and activities.
- **Reporting:** In addition to the present report to the OECD, some NCPs provide a regular account of their activities to their national government or parliament. This reporting can take several forms: ongoing through regular reporting channels, or through the presentation of a periodic report, which may be made public.

- **Stakeholder meeting:** A stakeholder meeting is a meeting organised by the NCP to exchange with stakeholders, including trade unions, NGOs and the business community that are not part of the main body or of the advisory body of the NCP.

REPORTING PERIOD

The reporting period for this questionnaire is from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

SUBMISSION

The questionnaire should be completed by using this word document and sent by email to: RBC@oecd.org copying nicolas.hachez@oecd.org and kathryn.dovey@oecd.org by **24 January 2020**.

Should you have any questions on how to fill this questionnaire, please contact nicolas.hachez@oecd.org.

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE (2019)

| A. CONTACT INFORMATION | |
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| <i>Please provide the contact information of the person filling in the questionnaire.</i> | |
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| Job title: | Click here to enter text. |
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| Telephone number: | +39 6 4705 3052 |

| B. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS | |
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| (a) Structure, location and composition of the NCP | |
| 1. What is the <u>structure</u> of the NCP? | Other |
| 2. Who are the members of the NCP? <i>Please describe the functions of the members of the NCP and the ministry/organisation they represent. No names are required.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Director General-President of the NCP, is the Director General of the General Directorate for Industrial Policies, Innovation and SMEs. He represents the NCP and adopts its final acts. • The Secretariat of the NCP is composed by the Head of the NCP Secretariat, and several officials from the Division VI - DG PIIPMI. The Secretariat is in charge of the NCP general administration, manages the specific instance process and the NCP website; elaborates notes for the President, organizes and moderates the bi-annual meetings of the NCP Committee; elaborates, in accordance with the NCP Committee, the NCP Annual Activity Programme; elaborate the Annual Summary Report for the NCP Committee and the OECD NCP Annual report. • The NCP Committee is composed by institutional representatives and other stakeholders. It has advisory function within the specific instance process. It contributes to the strategic NCP prioritization and to the implementation of the Annual Activity Programme. |
| 3. If the NCP is not a <u>single-agency NCP</u> , does it have a <u>secretariat</u> ? | Yes |
| If yes, in which ministry or government body? | Ministry of the Economic Development |
| If yes, in which department of the ministry or government body? | General Directorate for Industrial Policies, Innovation and SMEs – Div. VI |
| 4. Has the NCP been established through a legislative, regulatory or administrative instrument (e.g. a statute, a decree, a ministerial resolution)? | Yes |
| If yes, please provide the name and dated of this instrument, and a link if available | <p>Law 273 12 December 2002, Art. 39, envisaging the Italian NCP; Ministerial Decree establishing the NCP, published in the Official Journal of the Italian Republic, general series, N. 191 of 16 August 2004; Ministerial Decree of 18 March 2011 enlarging the membership of the NCPs' Committee; Ministerial Decree of 4 June 2015 modifying the composition of the NCP's Committee, published in the Official Journal n. 143 of 23 June 2015;</p> <p>All the regulations above are publicly available at https://pcnitalia.mise.gov.it/index.php/en/ncp-</p> |

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| | burger/documentation/ncps-regulations , including the unofficial consolidated English version of Ministerial Decree of 30 July 2004 as modified by the Ministerial Decree of 18 March 2011 and by the Ministerial Decree of 4 June 2015 March 2011. |
| <i>Additional comments on Structure, location and composition of the NCP</i> Click to enter text. | |
| (b) Advisory body | |
| 5. Does the NCP have one or several <u>advisory bodies</u> ? | Yes |
| If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify. | One |
| If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions (e.g. advising on promotion, on specific instance handling in general, on individual cases, providing <u>oversight</u> , etc.) | <p>The NCP Committee, composed of representatives of the relevant institutions and stakeholders, is invested with advisory functions and contributes to the identification of the strategic priorities of the NCP and to the implementation of its Annual Activity Programme.</p> <p>In fact, the Committee offers a fundamental support in defining the NCP's strategic lines of actions and the NCP Committee members promote the OECD Guidelines in the organizations of origin.</p> <p>In the management of the specific insrtances submitted to the NCP, then, the Committee plays an advisory and support role. At each stage of the procedure, collectively and in the person of each of its members, it contributes to the understanding and solution of the issues raised in the instances and to their solution.</p> <p>According to the establishing Ministerial Decree, the Committee is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Defining its own activity programme; b) Proposing studies and surveys on problems related to the activities of the Italian companies investing in Italy and abroad; c) Analysing and discussing the specific instances duly investigated by the Secretariat and brought to its attention, giving its opinion; d) Giving its opinion on the NCP Activity Programme. |
| If yes, please list the names of organisations that are represented on the advisory body(ies) and the type of organisation. (e.g. government, NGO, trade union, business, business organisation, academic, consumer organisation, etc.) | <p>The NCP Committee is composed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Director General of the General Directorate for Industrial Policy, Innovation and SMEs (DGPIIPMI) of the Ministry of Economic Development. 2. The Head of the Division VI of the General Directorate for Industrial Policy, Innovation and SMEs (DGPIICPMI) of the Ministry of Economic Development. |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. 4. A representative of the Ministry of Environment. 5. A representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. 6. A representative of the Ministry of Justice. 7. A representative of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. 8. A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture. 9. A representative of the Ministry of Health. 10. Two representatives Ministry of Economic Development, one from the General Directorate for Internationalisation Policies and Promotion of Exchanges and one from the General Directorate International Trade Policy (these representatve may change due to the ongoing institutional reform of the MED). 11. A representative from Confindustria (General Confederation of Italian Industry) the largest Italian Business association. 12. A representative from each SMEs major National Associations: one from Confederazione Nazionale dell'Artigianato e della Piccola e Media Impresa (CNA) and one from Confcommercio. 13. A representative from each major National Worker Organizations: one from the Italian General Confederation of Labor (CGIL) one from the Italian Confederation of Trade Unions (CISL) and one from the Italian Labor Union (UIL). 14. A representative from the Italian Banks' Association (ABI). 15. A representative from the Conference of Italian Regions and Autonomus Regions. 16. A representative from the Italian Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture (Unioncamere). 17. A representative from the National Council of Consumers and Users – CNCU. 18. A representative from the Association of the Italian Organizations of International Solidarity and Cooperation (AOI). <p>Other subjects may be called, from time to time, to participate in the works of the Committee.</p> |
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| If yes, please indicate how often the advisory body(ies) meets | Twice a year | | |
| 6. If an advisory body provides <u>oversight</u> , please describe the oversight procedure | No | | |
| <i>Additional comments on Advisory body:</i> | | | |
| (c) Human and financial resources | | | |
| 7. Does the NCP have dedicated full-time staff? <i>If yes, please indicate the number.</i> | Yes | 3 | |
| 8. Does the NCP have dedicated part-time staff? <i>If yes, please indicate in the second box the number of part-time staff members and in the third box the percentage of time spent on NCP matters for each part-time staff member.</i> | Yes | 3 | 10%, 30% and 50% |
| 9. Have any full-time or part-time staff members joined the secretariat/support office during the year? <i>If yes, please indicate how many.</i> | Yes, part-time staff member(s) | 0 | |
| 10. Have any full-time or part-time staff members left the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please indicate how many.</i> | No | Click here to enter text. | |
| 11. Did the NCP have a <u>dedicated budget</u> this year? | Yes | | |
| If no, were financial resources for promotional activities allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP? | Choose an item. | | |
| If no, were financial resources for specific instances allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP? | Choose an item. | | |
| 12. During the year, did the human and financial resources available to the NCP allow it to: | | | |
| Handle specific instances in an efficient and timely manner | Yes | | |
| Organise promotional events | Yes | | |
| Attend NCP meetings at the OECD | Yes | | |
| Attend events organised by other NCPs | No | | |
| Attend events organised by stakeholders | Yes | | |
| Cover professional mediator fees or in-house mediator fees | Yes | | |
| Conduct fact-finding research into specific instances | No | | |
| If you answered no to any of the above, please specify | Click here to enter text. | | |
| <i>Additional comments on Human and financial resources:</i> The Italian NCP has an annual allocation of budget in the National Budget Law. | | | |

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| (d) Reporting | |
| 13. Does the NCP <u>report</u> to the government on its activities? | Yes |
| If yes, how often? | Once a year |
| 14. Does the NCP report to parliament on its activities? | Yes |
| If yes, how often? | Once a year |
| 15. Please indicate any other relevant transparency requirement applicable to the NCP in your country | |
| <p><i>Additional comments on Reporting:</i> The Italian NCP is established by law and located into a Ministry and , therefore, it is subject to all the regulations governing the public activity in terms of transparency, anti-corruption, accountability, right of access, right to privacy, duty to respond. The NCP Secretariat also reports to the NCP Committee at least every 6 months.</p> | |

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| C. INFORMATION AND PROMOTION | | |
| (a) NCP website² | | |
| 16. Does the NCP have a website? If yes, please provide the link in the second box. | Yes | https://pcnitalia.mise.gov.it/index.php/en/ncp-burger/about-us1/the-committee-of-the-ncp |
| If yes, was the website created/renovated this year? | No | |
| 17. Are the following items available on the NCP website? | | |
| Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP | | |
| The text of the Guidelines | Yes | |
| A description of the Guidelines | Yes | |
| The OECD Due Diligence Guidance Documents | Yes | |
| Explanatory text about due diligence | Yes | |
| Information on the NCP and its mandate | Yes | |
| The NCP Annual Report submitted to the OECD | Yes | |
| The NCP's Report to government and/or parliament (if applicable) | No | |
| The NCP's peer review report (if applicable) | Yes | |
| Information about specific instances | | |
| Information on how to submit a specific instance | Yes | |
| An online form to submit a specific instance | Yes | |
| The NCP's rules of procedures | Yes | |
| All final statements since 2011 | Yes | |
| Information on promotional activities | | |
| The NCP's promotional plan | Yes | |

² This includes dedicated NCP webpages as part of the Ministry's website.

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| Information on upcoming events promoting the Guidelines | Yes |
| Information on past events promoting the Guidelines | Yes |
| Contact information | |
| Information on how to make an enquiry to the NCP | Yes |
| A phone number to reach the NCP directly | Yes |
| An email address to reach the NCP directly | Yes |
| <i>Additional comments on NCP website:</i> The website was renovated last year. | |
| (b) Promotional activities³ | |
| 18. Does the NCP have a promotional plan for the coming year(s)? | Yes |
| 19. Did the NCP organise or co-organise events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 1 in Annex 1.</i> | Yes |
| 20. Did the NCP make a presentation to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP in events organised by others? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 2 in Annex 1.</i> | Yes |
| 21. Did the NCP make use of social media to communicate on NCP promotional activities during the year? | Yes |
| 22. Did the NCP hold a <u>stakeholder meeting</u> during the year? | Yes |
| 23. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among the business community during the year? | Yes |
| 24. Did the NCP carry out any training on the Guidelines aimed at businesses during the year? | Yes |
| 25. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among NGOs during the year? | Yes |
| 26. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among trade unions during the year? | Yes |
| 27. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among government agencies during the year? | No |
| 28. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among embassies abroad during the year? | No |

³ Attendance of NCP meetings held at the OECD and other OECD events such as the Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct are not considered to be promotional activities.

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| 29. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines to investment promotion agencies during the year? | No |
| 30. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: | |
| OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct | Yes |
| OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector | Yes |
| Due Diligence for Responsible Corporate Lending and Securities Underwriting and/or Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors | No |
| OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas | Yes |
| OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in the Extractive Sector | No |
| OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains | Yes |
| <i>Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:</i> | |

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| D. SPECIFIC INSTANCES | |
| (a) NCP rules of procedure for handling specific instances | |
| 31. Does the NCP have rules of procedure describing the handling of specific instances? | Yes |

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| <p>32. Are the rules of procedure available online? If yes, please provide a link in the second box. If no, please attach a copy of the rules of procedure to this questionnaire</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>https://pcnitalia.mise.gov.it/attachments/article/2035876/Handbook%20procedures%20instances%20EN_2019.pdf</p> |
| <p>33. Were the NCP's rules of procedure modified this year?</p> | <p>No</p> | |
| <p><i>Additional comments on the section Rules of procedure:</i> Click here to enter text.</p> | | |
| <p>(b) Specific instance practicalities</p> | | |
| <p>34. Does the NCP confirm receipt of a specific</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |

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| instance submission? | |
| 35. Does the NCP request feedback from the parties on the procedure following the conclusion of a specific instance? | No |
| 36. Has the NCP staff undergone training in dispute resolution or problem solving (e.g. mediation)? | Yes |
| 37. Did the NCP engage professional mediators during the year? | Yes |
| 38. Did the NCP staff or members conduct mediation this year? | No |

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| <p><i>Additional comments on the section Specific instance practicalities:</i> Click here to enter text.</p> | |
| <p>(c) Reporting specific instances</p> | |
| <p>39. Did the NCP receive new specific instance submissions during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i></p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>40. Did the NCP close specific instances during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i></p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>41. Of the specific instances that were already</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

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| <p>in progress at the start of the year, are there any that are still ongoing at the end of the calendar year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i></p> | |
| <p>42. Did the NCP follow up on a case during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i></p> | No |
| <p>43. Is the OECD case database accurate and up to date with regard to cases handled by the NCP?</p> | No |
| <p><i>Additional comments on the section Reporting specific instances:</i></p> | |

We have several concerns about the database numbers that do not match ours. We will send a more detailed note as soon as possible.

| E. PEER LEARNING AND PEER REVIEWS | |
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| 44. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: | |
| Host a peer learning activity | <i>No</i> |
| Participate in peer learning activities hosted by other NCPs | <i>No</i> |
| Co-operate with other NCPs in handling specific instances | <i>Yes</i> |
| Provide mentoring/capacity building to another NCP | <i>No</i> |
| 45. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2020? | <i>No</i> |
| 46. Which topic would the NCP consider to be a priority to cover in a peer learning event? | How to reject complaints that formally seem to fall within the scope of the Guidelines but in substance, fall out of it (e.g. a consumer who complains about the bad functioning of a product sold to him by a multinational company). |
| 47. Is the NCP interested in participating in developing tools for use by NCPs? | <i>No</i> |
| 48. Is the NCP interested in acting as a peer reviewer in the future? | <i>Yes</i> |
| If yes, please specify the semester and the year | We already selected the second half of 2019 and the first half of 2020 as preferred time to be in a PR team |
| <p><i>Additional comments on the section Peer-learning and peer reviews:</i></p> <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | |

F. POLICY COHERENCE⁴

⁴ Paragraph 37 of the Commentary on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: “Statements and reports on the results of the proceedings made publicly available by the NCPs could be relevant to the administration of government programmes and policies. In order to foster policy coherence, NCPs are encouraged to inform these government agencies of their statements and reports when they are known by the NCP to be relevant to a specific agency’s policies and programmes [...]”

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| 49. Have the Guidelines been referred to in relevant national legislation/regulations/policies adopted during the year? (e.g. on responsible business conduct; non-financial reporting, export credits regulation, public procurement) | No | |
| If yes, please provide a short summary and a link to the legislation. If a link is not available, please attach a copy of the legislation to this questionnaire. | Click here to enter text. | |
| 50. Did your country adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) this year? If yes, please indicate which type of NAP | No | Choose an item. |
| If yes, please provide a link | Click to enter text. | |
| If yes, does the NAP make reference to the Guidelines? | Choose an item. | |
| If yes, does the NAP make reference to the NCP? | Choose an item. | |
| 51. Was a NAP in development this year? If yes, please indicate which NAP. | No | Choose an item. |
| If yes, did the NCP participate in the development of the National Action Plan? | Choose an item. | |
| 52. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to officials responsible for trade missions? | Yes | |
| 53. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to officials responsible for foreign trade and investment incentives? | Yes | |
| 54. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to public procurement officials? | Yes | |
| 55. Does your national legislation or policy on public procurement refer to the Guidelines and/or OECD due diligence instruments and/or to the NCP process? | Yes | |
| If yes, please provide a link to the legislation. If a link is not available, please attach a copy of the legislation to this questionnaire. | <p>GPP social criteria for the textile sector https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/do/gazzetta/serie_generale/3/pdfPaginato?dataPubblicazioneGazzetta=20170128&numeroGazzetta=23&tipoSerie=SG&tipoSupplemento=GU&numeroSupplemento=0&progressivo=0&edizione=0&elenco30giorni=&numPagina=87</p> | |
| 56. Have public procurement officials/practitioners consulted the NCP on the Guidelines and OECD due diligence instruments or involved the NCP in specific public procurement opportunities? | Yes | |
| 57. Were public procurement officials involved in any of your training/outreach activities? | Yes | |
| 58. What tools or projects does the NCP develop to support public procurement practitioners on RBC and OECD due diligence? | See: policy coherence | |
| 59. Please flag any specific initiatives/good practice involving public procurement and RBC in your country. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confermence on "Human rights in public procurement: how to include social criteria in procurement" • Conference "Training and diffusion of Green Procurement. Strengthen the skills of public operators and the competitiveness of the country system "(Rome - Auditorium MATTM, 12 March 2019), organized by the General Directorate for Climate and Energy (DG CLE) of the Ministry of the Environment (MATTM), to launch the activities of the intervention line (L1Wp1) of the "CREIAMO PA" project, dedicated to green public procurement | |

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| | (GPP). The line is aimed at raising the level of skills and knowledge of the staff of public operators who in various capacities contribute to the definition of the purchase and award procedures in contracts. |
| 60. Please indicate any other examples of policy coherence activities. | <p>The Italian NCP took part to many inter-institutional working groups in order to assure policy coherence, For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Inter-ministerial working group (GLIDU) in charge for developing the 2016-2022 National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, in consultation with the stakeholders; 2. the Inter-ministerial group in charge for finding out the selection criteria, in the framework of the National Action Program on Green Public Procurement; 3. Participation in the UNECE project: "Transparency and traceability of sustainable value chain in the garment and footwear sector" and in the Italian pilot project with IBM: "Use of the Blockchain for the Traceability, sustainability and transparency of the the garment and footwear sector"; 4. Law 4 October 2019, n.117 established at the MED (DG - PIIPMI - Div- VI) the Authority competent for the effective and uniform adoption of the EU Regulation on conflict minerals (2017/82) and the NCP cooperated in that process (technical coordination at the EU Commission; coordination with national institutions; information of stakeholders). 5. In addition, in the past years, the NCP cooperated with the Italian Regions, by means of memoranda of understanding, to divulgate the Guidelines at local level. |
| <p><i>Additional comments on Policy Coherence:</i> Click here to enter text.</p> | |

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| G. CHALLENGES | |
| 61. Has the NCP faced any particular challenge(s) it would like to highlight this year? | No |

*Additional comments on **Challenges**:*
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Annex 1: NCP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please provide information on the events organised or co-organised by the NCP (Table 1), and events in which the NCP has participated to promote the Guidelines (Table 2).
 Please select the event type, size and type of audience as well as the theme from the dropdown menus for each event.
 Please add additional lines if needed.

Table 1

| NCP-organised and co-organised events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP | | | | | | | |
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| Title | Date <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i> | Location | Type of event | Size of audience | Organised or co-organised? | Targeted audience <i>e.g. Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representatives, etc.</i> | Theme <i>e.g. the OECD Guidelines, the NCP activities on sector due diligence guidance documents, etc.</i> |
| The SDGs and the OECD NCP mechanism of specific instances in national law | 29/10/2019 | Rome | Conference | 10-50 | Co-organised | <i>Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representative.</i> | SDGs and specific instances |
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| Presentations by the NCP to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP in events organised by others | | | | | | | | |
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| Title | Date (dd/mm/yyyy) | Location | Type of event | Size of audience | Targeted audience <i>e.g. Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representatives, etc</i> | Organiser(s) | Type of intervention | Theme of the intervention |
| Pitti Uomo 2019 - "UK Italy: lessons in Sustainable Fashion" | 09/01/2019 | Florence | Other | 50-100 | Business representatives, General public, Government representatives | The British Consulate in Milan in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Trade (DIT) - Sustainable Supply | Presentation | The OECD Guidelines and the sustainability of the Italian garment and textile sector |
| International Study Seminar on: "Violations of Human Rights" | 03/05/2019 | Rome | Conference | 50-100 | Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representatives | CNEL - National Council of Economy and Labor | Presentation | The OECD Guidelines and sector guidances, the supply chains and the human rights |

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| Rights in the Supply Chain of Multinationals - National and International Experiences", within the Cycle: "Criminal Compliance Itineraries" - | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd joint training module Ebli - Tarantelli Foundation on Corporate Social Responsibility | 25/03/2019 | Florence | Other | 10-50 | Trade unions | Centro studi CISL (trade union), Ebli and Fondazione Tarantelli | Lecture | The specific instance as an issue resolution tool in the field of industrial relations |
| Lecture on the Guidelines in the Master: «New horizons of Cooperation and international law» - | 16/05/2019 | Rome | Other | 10-50 | Students | Scuola di Politica Internazionale Cooperazione e Sviluppo / FOCSIV (NGO and University) | Lecture | The Guidelines and the mechanism of specific instances with practical training |

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| Sustainability and social responsibility: new Italian companies international trade: traceability and sustainability of the supply chain | 05/07/2019 | Milan | Conference | 50-100 | Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Government representatives | Italian Foreign Trade Association | Presentation | Traceability and sustainability of the supply chain |
| Training of magistrates on the mechanism of specific instances in the course "Business and fundamental rights: environment, work and health" | 15-18/09/2019 | Scandicci | Other | 10-50 | Magistrates | Higher School of the Judiciary | Lecture | The mechanism of specific instances |
| First CDP Multistakeholder | 28/11/2019 | Rome | Conference | 50-100 | Click here to enter text. | Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (bank) | Presentation | Financial sector and sustainability |

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| Forum - contribution to the definition of the CDP sustainability strategy | | | | | | | | |
| Human rights in public procurement: how to include social criteria in procurement | 17/10/2019 | Rome | Conference | 50-100 | Business representatives, General public, Government representatives | Forum Compraverde Buygreen | Presentation | Human rights in public procurement: how to include social criteria in procurement |
| Lecture on the specific instance mechanism in the Master: «SiLFiM - Sustainability in law, finance and management» | 13/12/2019 | Milan | Other | 10-50 | Students | University of Milan Bicocca | Lecture | The Guidelines and the mechanism of specific instances with practical training |
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Annex 2: SPECIFIC INSTANCES

Please provide details of the following in the table below:

1. Specific instances **in progress** during the year (specific instances received and found to merit further examination after the initial assessment, and under consideration by the NCP).
2. Specific instances **concluded** during the year (specific instances that the NCP found to merit further examination after the initial assessment and that have subsequently been closed).
3. Specific instances **not accepted** during the year (specific instances that the NCP found not to merit further examination).
4. Specific instances for which **follow up** was performed during the year (the NCP monitored whether the agreement reached by the parties or its recommendations to the parties have been implemented)

Please add additional lines if needed.

We encourage all NCPs to inform the Secretariat on received specific instances and to provide a final statement as soon as it becomes available, in order to keep the OECD database updated at all times. For all specific instances that have not yet been reported to the Secretariat, please complete and send this [form](#) to Alison.holm@oecd.org and Kathryn.dovey@oecd.org⁵.

For all specific instances that are currently IN PROGRESS:

| Names of parties | Date received <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i> | Is the initial assessment publicly available? | Link to OECD database if available | Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe. |
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| Ali Enterprises Factory Fire Affectedes Association (AEFFAA) et al. / RINA Services S.p.A | 11/09/2018 | No | Click here to enter text. | The Italian NCP obtained some information and clarifications from the German NCP |
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⁵ According to paragraph 42 of the Commentary on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, “[...] NCPs will report to the Investment Committee in order to include in the Annual Report on the OECD Guidelines information on all specific instances that have been initiated by parties, including those that are in the process of an initial assessment, those for which offers of good offices have been extended and discussions are in progress, and those in which the NCP has decided not to extend an offer of good offices after an initial assessment”.

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| For all specific instances that were CONCLUDED during the year: | | | | | | |
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| Title | Date received (dd/mm/yyyy) | Date concluded (dd/mm/yyyy) | Link to OECD database if available | Outcomes achieved | Does the final statement plan for follow up? | Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe. |
| Chima Williams & Associates (CWA) et al. / ENI S.p.A | 15/12/2017 | 08/07/2019 | http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/database/instances/it0013.htm | Agreement reached between the parties inside the NCP process | No follow-up | . Given the incorporation of ENI International BV and ENI Oil Holdings BV, this specific instance has also been brought before the Dutch NCP. The two concerned NCPs, after consulting with each other on 22nd December 2017, agreed that the Italian NCP would have taken the lead and that it would have dealt with the case vis-à-vis ENI S.p.A. The Dutch NCP, acting as supporting NCP, was kept informed on the main steps. |
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For all specific instances that were NOT ACCEPTED during the year:

| Title | Date received (dd/mm/yyyy) | Link to OECD database if available | Reasons for not accepting the specific instance | Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe. |
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| Lady Lawyer Foundation / Intesa Sanpaolo | 18/07/2019 | Not yet | Consideration of the specific issue would not contribute to the purposes and effectiveness of the Guidelines. | No |
| FIOM-CGIL / Ball Beverage | 27/112018 | http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/database/instances/it0012.htm | Other | The US NCP was informed of the submission and of the closure of the case |
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For all specific instances for which FOLLOW UP was performed during the year:

| Title | Date concluded (dd/mm/yyyy) | Date of follow up (dd/mm/yyyy) | Was a public follow up statement issued? | Link to the follow up statement, if applicable |
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