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48. The globalization process has continued to accelerate, bringing closer economic links coupled with significant economic benefits to many countries and peoples. However, this process is leaving behind a considerable number of countries as well as individuals. This implies new challenges and demands on the global economic institutions and their coherence and governance systems. **An important dimension in meeting these challenges is promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women.**
56. Most efforts in the formulation of standards and codes have taken place outside the multilateral system. It is crucial to ensure an effective and equitable representation of developing countries in standards and norms-setting bodies, **which also should promote gender equality and the empowerment of women** While these bodies have increased consultation with some countries, more should be done to broaden the participation. We recognize that the implementation of standards and codes in developing countries with less advanced financial systems should be flexible.