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Explanatory Notes

The \$ sign refers to the US dollar.

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): Except where otherwise stated, this includes South Africa.

North Africa: Unlike in the UNCTAD *Handbook of Statistics*, in this publication Sudan is classified as part of sub-Saharan Africa, not North Africa.

Abbreviations

ACP African, Caribbean and Pacific (group of States)

AEC African Economic Community

AGOA African Growth and Opportunity Act

AU African Union

BCEAO Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest

BEAC Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale
CEN-SAD Community of Sahel-Saharan States
CEPR Centre for Economic Policy Research
CODELCO National Copper Corporation (Chile)

COMESA Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

DBSA Development Bank of South Africa

DFID Department for International Development (UK)

ECA Economic Commission for Africa

ECCAS Economic Community of Central African States

ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

EIR Extractive Industries Review

EPA Economic Partnership Agreement

EPZ export processing zone

EU European Union

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

FDI foreign direct investment

FTA Free Trade Area

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade GATS General Agreement on Trade in Services

GDP gross domestic product
GFCF gross fixed capital formation
GNP gross national product

G24 Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four on International

Monetary Affairs

ICSID International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes

IDC Industrial Development CorporationIFC International Finance CorporationIFI international finance institution

IGAD Inter-Governmental Authority on Development

ILO International Labour Organization
IMF International Monetary Fund

IMF-BOP International Monetary Fund – Balance of Payment

ITRS International Transactions Reporting System

LDCs least developed countries M&As mergers and acquisitions

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

MFA Multi-Fibre Arrangement

MIGA Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

MVA manufacturing value added

NEPAD New Partnership for Africa's Development

NGO non-governmental organization NIE newly-industrialized economy ODA official development assistance

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PRSP Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper

R&D research and development RTA regional trading arrangement

SADC Southern African Development Community

SACU Southern African Customs Union

SOE state-owned enterprise SSA sub-Saharan Africa

TNC transnational corporation

TRIMs trade-related investment measures

TRIPs trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights

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