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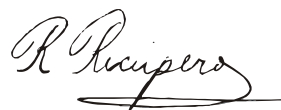
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Preface

As my tenure as Secretary-General of UNCTAD comes to an end, I am proud to write this preface to one of the achievements of the secretariat over the past nine years, namely UNCTAD's contribution to the understanding of the complexities involved in international investment agreements – as documented in this three-volume edition of the Series on *Issues in International Investment Agreements*.

These three volumes are a careful effort to clarify and explain the complex issues related to investment negotiations. It should be a tool for all those involved in investment negotiations.

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