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PREFACE

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SDG 10 target b: "to encourage official development assistance and financial flows, including foreign direct investment, to States where the need is greatest, in particular least developed countries, African countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, in accordance with their national plans and programmes".



SDG 17 target 3: "to mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources".

The Investment Policy Review of Angola was initiated at the request of the Government and is part of a wider technical assistance project – Train for Trade II – delivered by UNCTAD, as part of the Trade Support Project financed by the European Union. In addition to analyzing the legal and regulatory framework, the Review proposes an approach to assist Angola attracting and benefiting from FDI, beyond the extractive industry, and support the Government's objectives of increased economic diversification and sustainable development. The IPR is based on a scoping mission that took place in April 2018, a fact-finding mission undertaken in March 2019 to gather all relevant data to complete the draft report and additional information made available to UNCTAD until 30 September 2019. The missions received the full cooperation of the Angolan relevant ministries, departments and agencies, in particular MINCO (the Ministry of Trade) and AIPEX (the investment promotion agency). They also benefited from the views of the private sector, foreign and domestic, as well as development partners. The Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Angola provided substantive contributions as well as logistical support to the IPR process. A draft version of the report was discussed at a national validation workshop in Luanda on 4–5 September 2019. The final report reflects comments from stakeholders, including ministries and agencies of the Government of Angola.

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