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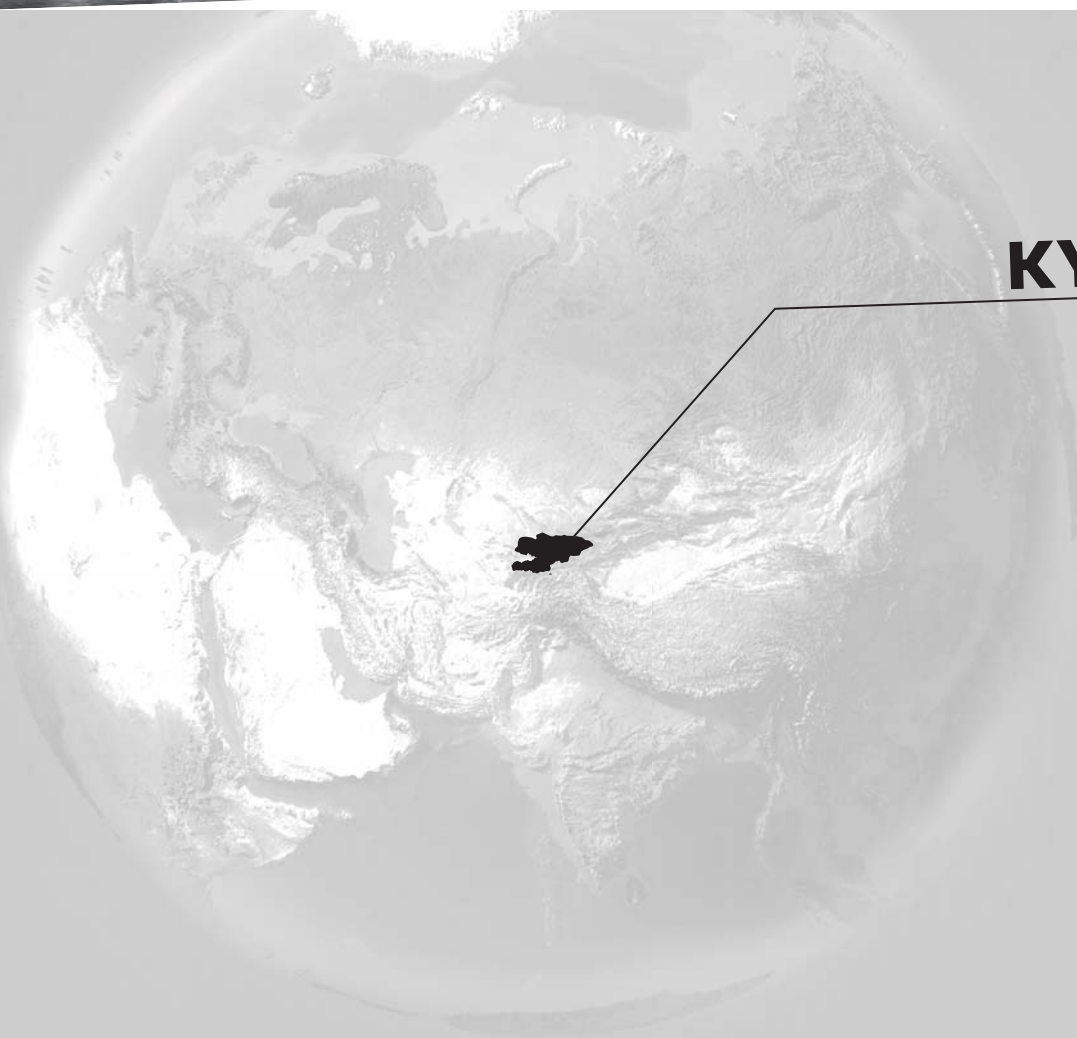
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The Investment Policy Review of Kyrgyzstan, initiated at the request of the Government, was carried out through two fact-finding missions in November 2013 and February–March 2014, and is based on information that was current at that time and additional information made available to UNCTAD until August 2015. The mission received the full cooperation of the relevant ministries, departments and agencies, in particular the Department of Investment and Public–Private Partnerships within the Ministry of Economy. The mission also benefited from the views of the private sector, foreign and domestic, bilateral donors and development agencies. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) provided useful contributions as well as logistical support to the IPR process. A preliminary version of this report was discussed with stakeholders at a national workshop in Bishkek on 16 June 2015. The final report reflects written comments from various stakeholders, including ministries and agencies of the Government of Kyrgyzstan.

The analysis is based on the Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development (IPFSD, version 2015) of UNCTAD and its core principles (UNCTAD, 2015). It follows, to a large extent, the framework's national investment policy guidelines, which deal with concrete measures to formulate investment policies and regulations and ensuring their effectiveness, especially in terms of grounding investment policy in development strategy. The IPR also deals with institutional mechanisms for effective policy implementation.

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Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BIT	bilateral investment treaty
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Programme
CET	common external tariff
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CSM	Centre for Standardization and Metrology
CSR	corporate social responsibility
DIAE	Division on Investment and Enterprise
DSSSES	Department of State Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision
EAEU	Eurasian Economic Union
EAEC	Eurasian Economic Commission
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
EIA	environmental impact assessment
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	foreign direct investment
FEZ	free economic zone
FESTI	Fuel and Energy Sector Transparency Initiative
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GDP	gross domestic product
GIZ	German Agency for International Cooperation
GPS	global positioning system
HACCP	hazard analysis and critical control points
HPP	hydroelectric power project
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