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Preface

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The Investment Policy Review of the Sudan, initiated at the request of the Government, was carried out through two fact-finding missions in January and February 2014, and is based on information made available to UNCTAD until June 2014. The mission received the full cooperation of the relevant ministries, departments and agencies, in particular the National Investment Authority, the focal point designated by the Government for this IPR. The missions also benefited from the views of the private sector, foreign and domestic, bilateral donors and development agencies, particularly the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). A draft version of this report was discussed with stakeholders at a national workshop in Khartoum on 25 November 2014.

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Abbreviations

alternative dispute resolution	ISDS	investor–State dispute settlement
bilateral investment treaty	ITUC	International Trade Union Confederation
Common Market for Eastern and	LDC	least developed county
Southern Africa	MFN	most favoured nation
corporate social responsibility	NT	national treatment
global value chain	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and
double taxation treaty	0205	Development Development
environmental impact assessment	OIC	Organization of the Islamic Conference
Economist Intelligence Unit	OSS	one-stop shop
European Union	PPP	public-private partnership
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	SFZ	Sudanese Free Zones and Markets Corporation
foreign direct investment	SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
fair and equitable treatment	SOE	State-owned enterprise
free zone	TNCs	transnational corporation
gross domestic product	UNCAC	United Nations Convention on Combating Corruption
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