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Preface

The UNCTAD Investment Policy Reviews (IPRs) are intended to help countries improve their investment policies and to familiarize governments and the international private sector with an individual country's investment environment. The reviews are considered by the UNCTAD Commission on Investment, Enterprise and Development. The recommendations of the IPR are then implemented with the technical assistance of UNCTAD. The support to beneficiary countries is delivered through a series of activities which can span over several years.

The Investment Policy Review of Mozambique, initiated at the request of the Government, was carried out through a fact-finding mission in November 2010, and is based on information made available to UNCTAD until June 2011. The mission received the full cooperation of the relevant ministries and agencies, in particular the Investment Promotion Centre and the Ministry of Planning and Development. The mission also benefited from the views of the private sector, foreign and domestic, bilateral donors and development agencies. A draft version of this report was discussed with stakeholders at a national workshop in Maputo on 11 November 2011. This final version integrates comments received on that occasion.

The relevance and effectiveness of the regulatory regime is assessed against several related criteria: (a) whether the regulation adequately promotes and protects the public interest; (b) whether the regulation adequately promotes investment and sustainable socio-economic development; and (c) whether the policies employed are effective and well administered, given their public interest and development objectives and the legitimate concerns of investors that rules and procedures do not unduly burden their competitiveness. International benchmarks and best policy practices are taken into account in making the assessment and recommendations in this report.

Building on an analysis of Mozambique's economy and a critical assessment of the investment framework, this Review proposes an investment and FDI strategy that focuses on promoting a diversification of inflows and fostering more broad-based and inclusive growth. It suggests a number of measures to improve the investment climate for small and medium businesses and for SME-FDI, which have been neglected in recent years as mega-projects mobilized much policy attention in recent years.

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It is hoped that the analysis and recommendations will contribute to improved policies, promote dialogue among stakeholders, catalyse investment and the beneficial impact of FDI and ultimately help Mozambique achieve its development objectives.

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