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PREFACE

The UNCTAD Investment Policy Reviews 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, Technology and Related Financial Issues.

The Investment Policy Review of Rwanda, initiated at the request of the Government, was carried out through a fact-finding mission in June-July 2005 and is based on information current at that date. The mission received the full cooperation of the relevant ministries and agencies, in particular the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Investment Promotion, Tourism and Cooperatives and the Rwanda Investment and Export Promotion Agency (RIEPA). The mission also had the benefit of the views of the private sector, foreign and domestic, civil society and the resident international community, particularly bilateral donors and development agencies. A preliminary version of this report was discussed with stakeholders at a national workshop in Kigali on 20 June 2006. The report was also presented to members of the Economic and Trade Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and of the Committee on Economy and Finance of the Senate.

This report was prepared by Rory Allan and Quentin Dupriez with guidance from Fiorina Mugione and under the overall supervision of Khalil Hamdani. It was funded by the Government of Germany (BMZ), which also provided financing for follow-up activities currently underway.

It is hoped that the analysis and recommendations of this Review will help Rwanda achieve its development goals, contribute to improved policies, promote dialogue among stakeholders and catalyse investment.

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