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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 at the UNCTAD Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues.

The Investment Policy Review for Botswana was initiated at the request of the Government. The UNCTAD fact-finding mission, undertaken in June 2001, received the full cooperation of senior officials of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the designated cooperating agency, as well as relevant government ministries and statutory authorities. The mission also had the benefit of the views of representatives of the private sector, foreign and domestic, as well as those of the resident international community, particularly bilateral donors and development agencies.

The Review was considered by the UNCTAD Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Matters on 11 June 2002, and was presented to a national workshop on 9 July 2002. The assessment and major recommendations of the Review have been endorsed by the Government, and a follow-up programme is under way with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme.

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It is hoped that the analysis and recommendations of this review will promote constructive dialogue among the key stakeholders within the country, contribute to an improvement of policies and promote wider awareness of the investment environment in Botswana.

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