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Preface

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE WAS formerly published as *World Debt Tables*. The new name reflects the report's expanded scope and greater coverage of private financial flows.

Global Development Finance consists of two volumes: *Analysis and Summary Tables* and *Country Tables*. *Analysis and Summary Tables* contains analysis and commentary on recent developments in international finance for developing countries. Summary statistical tables are included for selected regional and analytical groups comprising 148 countries.

Country Tables contains statistical tables on the external debt of the 136 countries that report public and publicly guaranteed debt under the Debtor Reporting System. Also included are tables of selected debt and resource flow statistics for individual reporting countries, as well as summary tables for regional and income groups.

For the convenience of readers, charts on pages x to xii summarize graphically the relation between

debt stock and its components; the computation of flows, aggregate net resource flows, and aggregate net transfers; and the relation between net resource flows and the balance of payments. Exact definitions of these and other terms used in *Global Development Finance* are found in the Sources and Definitions section.

The economic aggregates presented in the tables are prepared for the convenience of users; their inclusion is not an endorsement of their value for economic analysis. Although debt indicators can give useful information about developments in debt-servicing capacity, conclusions drawn from them will not be valid unless accompanied by careful economic evaluation. The macroeconomic information provided is from standard sources, but many of them are subject to considerable margins of error, and the usual care must be taken in interpreting the indicators. This is particularly true for the most recent year or two, when figures are preliminary or subject to revision.