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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many development problems transcend national borders and are regional, or even global, in character. The recognition of these international challenges, which range from the transmission of disease across borders to the spread of global financial instability, has led to a new urgency to contain and resolve them. Because no one country acting on its own can typically deal with such challenges, international coordination is required, but is typically difficult to achieve. The World Bank's *Global Development Finance 2001: Building Coalitions for Effective Development Finance*, published in April 2001, discusses this evolving concern. That report offers a strategic and operational framework for supplying international public goods and mobilizing the required financial resources. The report also presents a first set of estimates on the extent of international resource transfers for these goods. A number of papers were written as background to the report. The purpose of this book is to briefly present the principal conclusions from *Global Development Finance 2001*, but mainly to make the background papers available to an academic and policy audience. We expect that the analytical and empirical contributions of this research would be of wide interest.

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