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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following symbols have been used throughout this *Survey*:

- .. = not available or not pertinent
- = nil or negligible
- * = estimate by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe
- | = break in series

In referring to a combination of years, the use of an oblique stroke (e.g. 1998/99) signifies a 12-month period (say, from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999). The use of a hyphen (e.g. 1999-2001) normally signifies either an average of, or a total for, the full period of calendar years covered (including the end-years indicated).

Unless the contrary is stated, the standard unit of weight used throughout is the metric ton. The definition of "billion" used throughout is a thousand million. The definition of "trillion" used throughout is a thousand billion. Minor discrepancies in totals and percentages are due to rounding.

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The term *transition economies*, as used in the text and tables of this publication, refers to the formerly centrally planned economies of the ECE regions. *Eastern Europe* refers to the economies of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia. The *Baltic states* refers to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the *CIS countries* refers to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BEC	broad economic categories
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy
CBA	currency board arrangement
CEECs	central and east European countries
CEFTA	Central European Free Trade Agreement
CEPR	Center for Economic Policy Research
CERN	European Organization for Nuclear Research
CETE	central European transition economies
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CMEA	(former) Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CPI	consumer price index
CTB	contribution to the trade balance
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECB	European Central Bank
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECU	European currency unit
EFF	Extended Fund Facility (of IMF)
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EMS	European Monetary System
EMU	economic and monetary union
ERM-2	exchange rate mechanism-2 (replaces the EMS)
ESA	European System of Integrated Economic Accounts
ESRI	The Economic and Social Research Institute
EU	European Union
EURIBOR	euro interbank offered rate
EVS	European Values Surveys
FDI	foreign direct investment
GDP	gross domestic product
GDR	(former) German Democratic Republic
GERD	gross expenditure on R&D
GNI	gross national income
HICP	Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
HWWA	Hamburg Institute for Economic Research
ICT	information and communication technology
IFI	international financial institutions
IIF	Institute of International Finance, Inc.
ILO	International Labour Office
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPR	intellectual property right

ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
IT	information technology
MCA	Multiple Classification Analysis
MCI	monetary conditions index
MNC	multinational corporation
MPC	Monetary Policy Council
NACE	Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes (General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
NMP	net material product
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
OPT	outward processing trade
PPI	producer price index
PPP	purchasing power parity
PSA	production sharing agreement
RCA	revealed comparative advantage
RCD	revealed comparative disadvantage
R&D	research and development
RFE/RL	Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
RPIX	retail price index excluding mortgage interest payments
SETE	south-east European transition economies
SGP	Stability and Growth Pact
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SNA	System of National Accounts
S&T	science and technology
TACIS	Technical Assistance for the Commonwealth of Independent States (of the EU)
TBP	technology balance of payments
TFR	total fertility rate
TNC	transnational corporation
UIP	uncovered interest parity
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
USSR	(former) Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VAT	value added tax
WIIW	The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
WTO	World Trade Organization

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