Preface

This book is one outcome of the support given by UNIDO to developing and transition economies in the preparation for WSSD. UNIDO worked with national experts in 18 developing and transition economies* to assess the contribution of manufacturing to sustainable development, roughly over the period since the 1992 Earth Summit. The experts' tasks were:

- to identify the extent to which the policy regimes and institutional arrangements in these countries have contributed to or discouraged the pursuit of sustainable development and propose measures that could result in more conducive environments;
- to assess on the basis of nationally available data the extent to which manufacturing had contributed to or detracted from sustainable development;
- to provide the lead organizations (usually national councils) preparing the country profiles which served as basic documentation for WSSD with information on the manufacturing sector that could be included in these profiles.

In a few countries, UNIDO organized a seminar to bring together the experts, industry representatives and the staff of the national council or its equivalent. The 18 country assessments were summarized the *Developing Countries' Industrial Source Book* (UNIDO 2002).

The core of this book consists of country reports on seven of the 18 countries: Chile, China, the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey and Zimbabwe. The country reports, which were extensively revised with the help of the original authors, describe the industrial, environmental and technology policies and programmes of these seven countries and their role in enhancing the contribution of manufacturing to sustainable development, present quantitative information about the contribution of manufacturing to sustainable development where such data were available, and outline actions that are needed for progress towards sustainable development. As UNIDO's work mainly focuses on economic and environmental issues, social aspects of sustainability are not analysed in detail. An introductory chapter provides a setting for the country reports. The concluding chapter reviews the results and suggests some points of action for the future.

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- * Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.