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PREFACE

I am glad to learn that the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance is bringing out its flagship publication 'Flow of External Resources into Bangladesh'. I express my thanks and appreciation to the officials of ERD particularly officials from foreign aid budget and accounts (FABA) for their efforts in bringing out the forty-fifth edition of this important document. Since the previous year attempts have been made to present the document in a more user-friendly fashion. An executive summary and a methodology for the compilation of data have been added for a quick and clear understanding of the information presented. The overview of the book is presented with color graphs illustrating the major trends, composition, and comparison of important variables on external debts. This publication has already received wide appreciation from readership from home and abroad, including policymakers, researchers, academics, students, and others for catering to their needs and uses. I hope that ERD would continue its efforts to further improve the document in terms of its scope, presentation and analysis.

2. This document mainly provides updated information on resource flows to Bangladesh from development partners and repayment on account of such flows. Further, it provides information on other debts which are not official development assistance (ODA) but coordinated by the Economic Relations Division. It also includes information on external loans utilized by the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management and the parastatals like Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) and Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. A summary data on borrowings from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), external debts of autonomous, semi-autonomous and corporate bodies and grants extended to the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) are also included. However, data on aid to the private sector and the debt of the defense establishment remain outside the purview of this publication.

3. This document is prepared on the basis of the latest information available in ERD and supplemented, where necessary, by the reports of the development partners, Bangladesh Bank, and other corporate bodies.

4. I hope the information, provided in this publication, will provide necessary insights to the policymakers, stakeholders, researchers, academia and practitioners.

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