A DECADE OF TRANSITION

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This year’s Report provides a review of the first 10 years of transition, exploiting the fact that data are now available on many issues that cover the entire 1990s. The core chapters examine the record of the decade in four key areas affecting human welfare: income inequality and child poverty, health, education, and child protection. An introductory chapter analyses key economic and demographic trends. In each case, the Report summarizes developments up to the end of the decade, discussing both the outcomes measured with statistical data and the policy options.

The Report’s text and the Statistical Annex can be found on the Innocenti Research Centre website, at <www.unicef-icdc.org>. The website also contains TransMONEE 2001, a menu-driven downloadable database, which includes in electronic format more than 130 indicators that are relevant to human welfare in the 27 countries.