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PREFACE

Eastern Europe is in transition. As the eight nations that have composed this region since World War II emerge from the Communist regimes that have governed them for some four decades, they will have to come to grips with a variety of problems, such as demands for autonomy by repressed ethnic minorities, cultural diversity, economic reform, and, in the case of East Germany, reunification. At the same time, each country will have the opportunity to establish new regional and international identities.

This atlas brings together, through maps and charts, a variety of geographic, political, historical, and economic information to profile this region and its constituent states. It is intended to assist the reader in understanding the problems and prospects besetting the region in the post-Cold War era. As the atlas goes to press, the process of German unification is under way: some maps have been adjusted to reflect East Germany's transitional status.

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