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According to a report by the World Bank released Dec. 15, in the 1981-90 period, 20 nations received 90% of total direct foreign investment in the Third World. Five of the 20 accounted for over half: Mexico (13%), Brazil (12%), China (12%), Malaysia (9%), and Argentina (5%). Between 1980 and 1988, 80% of direct foreign investment in developing nations was derived from five nations: US (31%), Japan (25%), United Kingdom (16%), West Germany (6%), and France (5%). Direct foreign investment in top 20 developing nations (US\$ millions) 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991\*  
total Argentina 574 -19 1,147 1,028 2,036 7,337 2,352 Brazil 320 1,255 2,969 1,267 1,340 16,287 1,600  
Chile 60 105 125 269 595 1,154 2,215 China 1,875 2,314 3,194 3,393 3,489 18,831 2,203 Colombia 674 319  
203 576 501 5,129 301 Korea 435 601 871 758 715 3,964 750 Egypt 1,217 948 1,190 1,615 947 9,361 1,000  
Philippines 127 307 936 563 530 2,777 740 Gabon 110 90 133 -31 -50 574 0 Indonesia 258 385 576 682  
964 4,047 1,097 Malaysia 489 423 719 1,668 2,902 11,617 3,000 Morocco 1 60 85 167 165 730 299 Mexico  
1,523 3,246 2,594 3,037 2,632 18,864 4,239 Nigeria 167 603 377 1,882 588 5,260 506 Papua-N.G. 91 93 153  
204 362 1,413 380 Portugal 239 465 922 1,737 2,123 6,397 2,000 Thailand 263 352 1,105 1,777 2,376 7,269  
2,360 Tunisia 63 92 61 78 58 1,390 116 Turkey 125 115 354 663 697 2,362 800 Venezuela 16 21 89 213  
451 1,403 757 Total, 20 8,627 11,745 17,803 21,546 23,421 127,587 24,816 nations Total, 114 9,576 13,468  
19,576 23,597 25,240 143,158 24,816 developing nations \* Projections. Source: World Bank. IN Agence  
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