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I. Executive Summary

One of the best-known targets in international cooperation is the commitment by donor countries to provide 0.7% of their respective GNI as

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remained by and large an aspirational target.

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II. Playing cat and mouse

Following the adoption of the Millennium Declaration in 2000, efforts have been made by international organisations including the United Nations System to promote partnerships between donors and recipient countries as critical to enhancing the

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the grant equivalent methodology to other non-

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III. The relative importance of ODA

Despite the strong focus that interna -

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opment (FfD) place on ODA, it continues

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When comparing the magnitude of various

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MXW S[R HSQIWXMG VIWSYVGIW 8LI WLEVI SJ 3(%)

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to a combination of unbalanced international
trade rules that lead to lack of global transpar-

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which is topped off with weak customs services.

Total ODA to developing countries as proportion of OECD-DAC Gross National Income (GNI) increased in 2020 to 0.32% from 0.30% in 2019. Despite this over -

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To fully unlock Africa's growth, regional integration and industrialization potential, African policymakers would be well-advised to look inward and put in place capacity building measures to improve revenue collection and pursue economic policies that would not only maximize private savings, but also channel them towards productive investments. And Africa's partners would be wise to focus their efforts in ensuring that African countries are "at the driver's

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presented with opportunities to reorient and
focus their recovery efforts on the establish -
ment and strengthening of local production

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