## **CANADA**

Capital: Ottawa

## **GEODATA**

Area

9,970,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population** 

30.3 million (1997) ...

Population growth rate

1.4% (1996 est.)

Official languages

English, French

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (46%), United Church (16%), Anglican (10%)

## POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

**Democratic institutions** 

Federal state, bicameral parliament

Leader

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

**Minister of Foreign Affairs** 

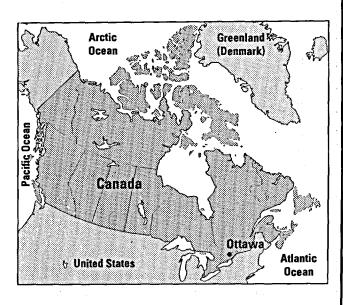
Lloyd Axworthy

**Minister of Finance** 

Paul Martin

UN Human Development Index (1997)

Canada ranks 1st among 175 countries



## **ECONOMIC DATA**

**Nominal GDP** 

\$626.9 billion US (1997)

Real GDP growth rate

3.8% (1997)

Inflation rate

1.4% (1997)

**Unemployment rate** 

8.5% (March 1998)

Main exports

\$301.6 billion (balance of payments basis, 1997), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, pulp and paper, fuels, wood, minerals and aluminum

Main imports

\$278 billion (balance of payments basis, 1997), including transportation equipment, capital equipment, electronics and plastics