

REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

Capital: San Salvador

GEODATA

Area

21,893 km²

Population

5.4 million (1994)

Population growth

2.2% (1994)

Major languages

Spanish (official), Nahua

Major religion

Roman Catholic (75%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Head of state and of government

President Armando Calderón Sol

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ramón Gonzalez Giner

Democratic institutions

Unicameral legislative assembly

UN Human Development Index

El Salvador ranks 115th among 174 countries

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

First Secretary Douglas Fraser

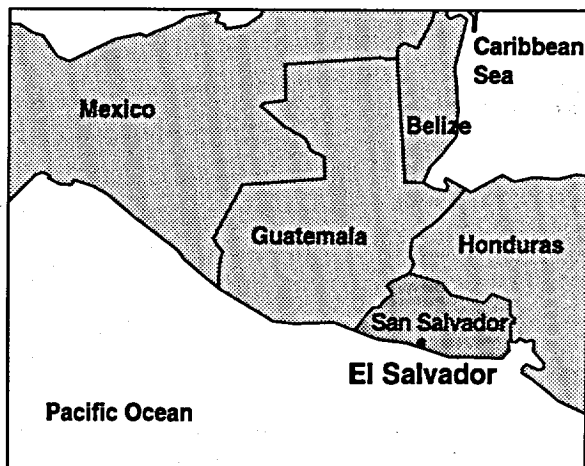
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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$8.1 billion US (1994)

GDP growth rate

6.0% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$1,390 US (1994)

Inflation rate

10% (1994 est.)

Unemployment rate

14%

Main exports

Coffee, sugar cane, shrimp

Main imports

Raw materials, consumer goods, capital goods

Main exports to Canada

\$43.6 million (1995), including coffee, clothing, fruits and vegetables

Main imports from Canada

\$22.6 million (1995), including newsprint and wood pulp, wheat, aluminum, automobiles, plastic products and resins

Canadian overseas development assistance

\$6.69 million (1994-95)

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