

## FACT SHEET - BRAZIL

### I. BASIC DATA - Federative Republic of Brazil

Area (km<sup>2</sup>) - 8,512,000  
Population - 122 million (1981)  
Annual growth rate - 2.4%  
Ethnic groups - Portuguese, African, Italian, German, Japanese, and Amerindian (2%)  
Religion - Roman Catholic (nominal)  
Official language - Portuguese  
Literacy - 75%  
Life expectancy - 63 years (1979)  
Capital city and population - Brasilia, 1.4 million (1981)

### II. GOVERNMENT

Type of government - Federal Republic, Congressional with strong executive branch

Current government - President Joao Baptista Figueiredo  
Foreign Minister - Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro

|                                      | <u>Deputies</u> | <u>Senate</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>Government Party</u>              |                 |               |
| Social Democrats (PDS)               | 225             | 37            |
| <u>Opposition</u>                    |                 |               |
| Brazilian Democratic Movement (PMDB) | 169             | 22            |
| Brazilian Workers Party (PTB)        | 12              | 1             |
| Democratic Workers Party (PDT)       | 9               | 1             |
| Workers Party (PT)                   | <u>5</u>        | <u>-</u>      |
|                                      | 420             | 67            |

### III. ECONOMY

GDP - \$US 237 billion (1980)  
GDP per capita - \$US 1,950 (1980)  
GDP real growth - 1981 preliminary: - 2%  
Rate of inflation - 12 month period ending May 1982: 91.2%  
Unemployment - 7-8%; in addition substantial underemployment exists  
Foreign investment - \$US 13 billion (December 1980) - understated  
Foreign debt - \$US 61 billion (end 1981)