### **Jamaica**



**Population** 

Capital

Total area

Language

National day

GDP

**GDP per capita** \$1657 (1999)

Canadian exports

**Canadian imports** 

#### **Head of government:**

Prime Minister Percival James Patterson

Born April 10, 1935. Studied law in Jamaica and at the London School of Economics. First elected to Parliament in 1970. Held a number of cabinet posts, including Foreign Affairs and Finance. First appointed Prime Minister in 1992 after being elected president of the People's National Party. Returned to office in national elections in 1993 and 1997.



# Nicaragua



Population

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Total area

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National day

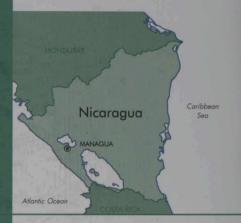
**GDP** per capita

Canadian exports

**Canadian imports** 

Head of state and government: President Dr. Arnoldo Aleman Lacayo

Born January 23, 1946. Obtained a doctorate in law from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. From 1983 to 1984, was president of the Coffee Association of Managua and the Coffee Union of Nicaragua. From 1986 to 1990, was vice-president of the Agricultural Products Union. Became mayor of Managua in 1990. Elected President on October 26, 1996.



### Mexico



**Population** 

Capital

Total area

Language

National day September 16 (1810 Independence Day)

GDP per capita

Canadian exports \$4.38 billion (1999)

Canadian imports \$9.52 billion (1999)

#### Head of state and government:

President Vicente Fox Quesada

Born July 2, 1942. Graduated in business administration from the Universidad Iberoamericana and the Harvard Business School. Became Coca-Cola's youngest manager when appointed its chairman for Mexico and Latin America. Elected Federal Deputy in 1988, Governor of the state of Guanajuato in 1995 and President of Mexico on July 2, 2000.



## Panama



**Population** 

Capital

Total area 77 082 km<sup>2</sup> Language

National day November 3 (1903 Independence Day)

GDP

**GDP per capita** \$2845 (1999)

**Canadian** exports

**Canadian imports** 



#### Head of state and government: President Mireya Moscoso

Born July 1, 1946. Graduated in interior design from Miami-Dade Community College; holds honorary degrees from several post-secondary institutions. After winning election in May 1999, inaugurated as President of Panama on September 1 of that year —the first woman to hold the office.