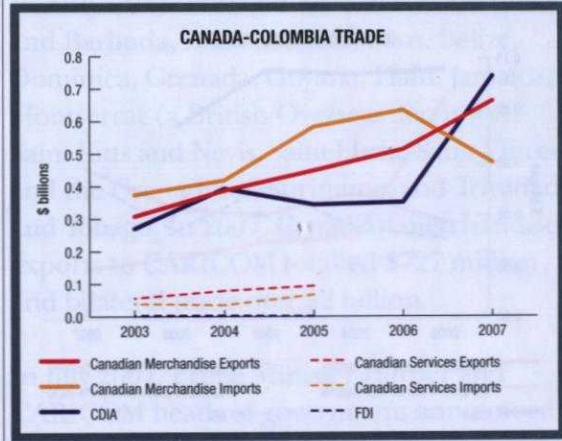


## Opening Doors to Latin America and the Caribbean

### Colombia

COLOMBIA		
	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population	47.5 million	1.6
GDP est,	\$184.4 billion	7.0
Canadian Merchandise exports	\$662.2 million	29.0
Canadian Services exports	\$94 million (2005)	-
Canadian Merchandise imports	\$473.4 million	-25.3
Canadian Services imports	\$67 million (2005)	-
CDIA	\$739 million	110.5
FDI	\$4 million	-

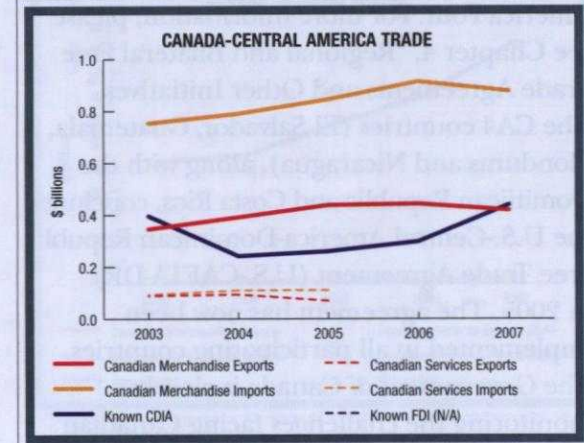


Colombia has undertaken major reforms of legislation and policies governing competition and investment to ensure a stable and predictable business climate. It also continues to reduce the role of government in its economy and to encourage private sector participation, particularly in oil and gas and in mining. Canada is currently negotiating a double taxation agreement with Colombia, and investment provisions modelled on our FIPA are a part of the FTA negotiations with that country.

### Central America

CENTRAL AMERICA*		
	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population	41.8 million	2.2
GDP estimate	\$126.9 billion	-
Canadian Merchandise exports	\$419.0 million	-5.4
Canadian Services exports	\$70 million (2005)	-
Canadian Merchandise imports	\$877.3 million	-4.0
Canadian Services imports	\$111 million (2005)	-
Known CDIA	\$440 million	47.7
Known FDI	-	-

\* Excludes Mexico.  
Note : Services Trade Statistics exclude Panama.



Canada's commercial and investment interests in the region are primarily in agriculture, food and beverages, mining, environmental services, construction and building products, services industries and capital projects. Guatemala has the broadest economic base and is the largest economy in Central America: in 2007, Guatemala imported 30.7% of total Canadian merchandise exports to this region.