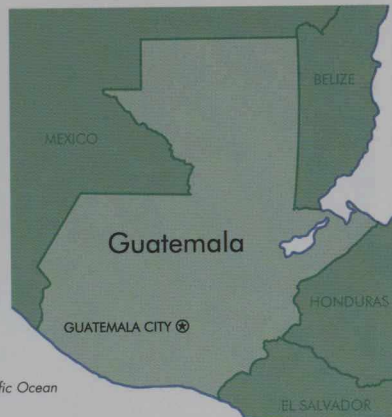


Guatemala



Head of state and government:
President Alfonso **Portillo**

Born September 24, 1951. Graduated in law, social sciences and economics. Taught economics in Mexico and was columnist for a leading Guatemala City newspaper. From 1994 to 1996, served as Deputy Member of Congress for the Christian Democratic Party. Later represented the Guatemalan Republican Front and was elected President on December 26, 1999.



Population
11.1 million (1999)

Capital
Guatemala City

Total area
108 900 km²

Languages
Spanish, Mayan dialects

National day
September 15
(1821 Independence Day)

Currency
quetzale
U.S. dollar (May 2001)

GDP
\$18.3 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$1024 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$166.9 million (1999)

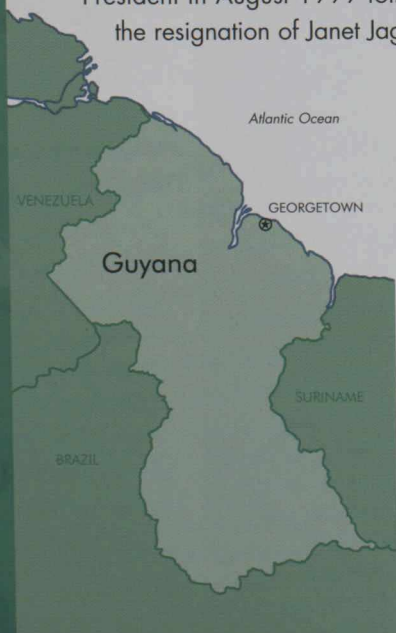
Canadian imports
\$121.9 million (1999)

Guyana



Head of state and government:
President Bharat **Jagdeo**

Born January 23, 1964. Was Senior Minister of Finance and Director of the National Bank of Industry and Commerce, and of the Caribbean Development Bank. Also served as Guyana's governor at the World Bank, and represented Guyana at meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank. Became President in August 1999 following the resignation of Janet Jagan.



Population
785 000 (1999 est.)

Capital
Georgetown

Total area
214 970 km²

Language
English

National day
February 23
(Republic Day)

Currency
Guyana dollar

GDP
\$677.5 million (1999)

GDP per capita
\$742 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$14.6 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$192.0 million (1999)

Haiti



Head of state and government:
President Jean-Bertrand **Aristide**

Born July 15, 1953. Former Catholic priest. In 1980s, called for non-violent overthrow of Duvalier dictatorship. Became Haiti's first democratically elected President in 1991. Ousted after seven months in a military coup, but was restored to office in 1994 and completed his term. Succeeded in 1996 by René Préval in the country's first peaceful, democratic transfer of power. Won elections in November 2000 and re-assumed presidency on February 7, 2001.



Population
7.8 million (1999 est.)

Capital
Port-au-Prince

Total area
27 797 km²

Languages
French, Creole

National day
January 1
(1804 Independence Day)

Currency
gourde

GDP
\$3.5 billion (2000 est.)

GDP per capita
\$209 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$41.4 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$11.1 million (1999)

Honduras



Head of state and government:
President Carlos Roberto **Flores Facussé**

Born March 1, 1950. A graduate in international economics and finance. Taught business administration at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. Past director of Central Bank, Institute of Social Security and National Institute of Professional Training. A former president of the Congress. Elected President of Honduras in November 1997; took office on January 27, 1998.

Population
6.7 million (1999)

Capital
Tegucigalpa

Total area
112 087 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
September 15
(1821 Independence Day)

Currency
lempira

GDP
\$5.5 billion (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$640 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$19.5 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$68.2 million (1999)

