

GEOGRAPHIC SYNOPSIS OF  
EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM PLANS  
OF CANADIAN MISSIONS ABROAD  
FY 1987/88

FOREWORD

This report contains a summary of the highlights of the proposed work plans of the export and investment promotion program of Canadian diplomatic missions worldwide for fiscal year 1987-1988 commencing April 1, 1987.

The format of this synopsis is designed to provide Canadians involved in the process of export and investment promotion the means to identify quickly the key components of the trade program of External Affairs missions and access conveniently those features of the plans which are pertinent to their specific interests.

This synopsis is organized geographically and is available for each of seven geographic regions:

Latin America and Caribbean  
United States  
Asia and Pacific  
Western Europe  
Eastern Europe  
Africa  
Middle East

The synopsis provides a trade and economic overview of each country in the region in which market prospects exist for Canadian exporters, a listing of sectorial priorities for each market, profiles of important or interesting sectors and promotional project proposals which post trade officials recommend in support of their program activities.

The emphasis in the synopsis has been placed on providing factual information in as brief a format as possible with minimal narrative.

The computerized planning system from which this report was produced was developed by the Department of External Affairs to facilitate the assembly of vast amounts of detailed information on world markets from some 100 missions abroad. It is programmed to make this information available to the private sector, the Provinces and other departments of government in a format which would enable specific data on sectors or geographic regions to be accessed conveniently.

In their Conference on the Economy held in Regina in 1985, First Ministers noted the major contribution made by the export sector to Canada's national income yet expressed concern at the decline of Canada's share of world exports. To meet this challenge, First Ministers endorsed the need to generate widespread support for a new trade strategy for Canada which would embody three principal elements:

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