

Canada — FRG Relations

Canada-FRG relations are close and cooperative, rooted in common membership in the Atlantic Alliance, the OECD, the Economic Summits, the United Nations and other international forums, as well as in strong trade and economic ties. Cooperation within NATO has created a unique relationship through the commitment of nearly 7,500 Canadian troops and their families to Canadian bases in the FRG, and the training of 5,500 German soldiers and airmen annually in Canada at Shilo and Goose Bay. Increasing scientific, technological, cultural and academic exchanges are broadening the partnership.

Two-way trade between Canada and the FRG has grown dramatically over the last decade to its present level of over \$5 billion. The FRG has consistently enjoyed a trade surplus with Canada. In 1987, this surplus stood at \$2 billion. The trade surplus decreased from previous years because of a 20 per cent growth in Canadian exports to the Federal Republic of Germany in 1987. A particularly promising sector for future market development is the high technology and manufacturing sector. The FRG continues to be an important source of foreign direct investment. Efforts are being made to expand investment through an active investment development program launched by Canada in the FRG.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Growth of Real GDP/GNP	1.7%
Growth of Employment	0.6%
Unemployment Rate	8.9%
Growth of Consumer Price Index	0.3%
Total Merchandise Trade (exports plus imports) as a percentage of Nominal GDP/GNP	43.3%
Central Government Fiscal Deficit (as a percentage of GDP/GNP)	1.3%
Current Account Balance (billions of U.S. dollars)	44.3
Nominal Trade Balance (billions of U.S. dollars)	70.0
Total GDP/GNP per Capita (current U.S. dollars)	18,380
Total Trade per Capita (current U.S. dollars)	8,540