ITALY

Capital: Rome

GEODATA

Area 301 245 km²

Population 57.6 million (1995)

Population growth 0.2% (1995)

Major language Italian

Major religion Roman Catholic (99%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic

Leaders President Luigi Scalfaro Prime Minister Lamberto Dini

Foreign Affairs Minister Susanna Agnelli

Minister of Foreign Trade Alberto Clo

Democratic institutions Bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index Italy ranks 20th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA GDP US\$1.444 trillion (1995 estimate)

GDP growth rate 3.3% (1995 estimate)

GDP per capita US\$25 240 (1995 estimate)

Inflation rate 5.4% (1995)

Unemployment rate 11.9% (1995)

Major exports

Textiles, weaving apparel, metals, production machinery, transportation equipment and chemicals

Major imports

Grain, wood, petroleum, coal, chemicals, raw oils, meat, paper, rolled iron and steel, copper, mechanical and electrical equipment, and cotton

Major exports to Canada

\$3.27 billion (1995), including machinery, boilers and engines, electrical machinery and equipment, rolling stock and vehicles, raw hides and skins, and optical and precision equipment

Major imports from Canada

\$1.83 billion (1995), including wood pulp and fibre, wood and wooden articles, copper sheets and articles, cereals and wheat