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**CANADA****Area :** 9,984,670 sq km**Population :** 31,413,990 (July 2002).**Population Growth Rate :** 0.8 %**Density per square km :** 3.1 residents per square km.**Capital :** Ottawa. Population 1,128,900**Government system :** Federal Parliamentary Democracy and Constitutional Monarchy.**Language :** English and French.**Religions :** All religions.**Work week :** Monday to Friday**Currency :** Dollar (Cdn \$)**GDP :** \$ 893.2 billion US (2001)**GDP growth rate :** 1.5 % (2000-2001)**Current GDP per capita :** US \$ 28,800 (2001)**Inflation :** 2.6 % (2001)**BANGLADESH****Area :** 147,570 sq km (approximately twice the size of New Brunswick.**Population :** 129.8 million (2001)**Population Growth Rate :** 1.59 % (2000)**Density per square km :** 891 residents per square km.**Capital :** Dhaka. Population 10 million.**Government system :** Republic**Language :** Bangla (Bengali), English**Religions :** Muslim (88%); Hindu (11%),  
Buddhist, Christian and other (1%)**Work week :** Saturday to Thursday**Currency :** Taka (TK). 1 Cdn \$= Tk 36 (12/2002)**GDP :** \$ 47.1 billion US (2000) \***GDP growth rate :** 6.0 % (2001) \***Current GDP per capita :** US \$ 359 (2001) \***Inflation :** 2.45 % (2001- 02). Base year 1985-96 \*

\* Source : Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.