

FACT SHEET - BRAZIL

I. BASIC DATA - Federative Republic of Brazil

Area (km²) - 8,512,000
Population - 122 million (1981)
Annual growth rate - 2.4%
Ethnic groups - Portuguese, African, Italian, German, Japanese, and Amerindian (2%)
Religion - Roman Catholic (nominal)
Official language - Portuguese
Literacy - 75%
Life expectancy - 63 years (1979)
Capital city and population - Brasilia, 1.4 million (1981)

II. GOVERNMENT

Type of government - Federal Republic, Congressional with strong executive branch

Current government - President Joao Baptista Figueiredo
Foreign Minister - Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro

	<u>Deputies</u>	<u>Senate</u>
<u>Government Party</u>		
Social Democrats (PDS)	225	37
<u>Opposition</u>		
Brazilian Democratic Movement (PMDB)	169	22
Brazilian Workers Party (PTB)	12	1
Democratic Workers Party (PDT)	9	1
Workers Party (PT)	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
	420	67

III. ECONOMY

GDP - \$US 237 billion (1980)
GDP per capita - \$US 1,950 (1980)
GDP real growth - 1981 preliminary: - 2%
Rate of inflation - 12 month period ending May 1982: 91.2%
Unemployment - 7-8%; in addition substantial underemployment exists
Foreign investment - \$US 13 billion (December 1980) - understated
Foreign debt - \$US 61 billion (end 1981)