

REPORT ON THE COLOMBIAN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

INTRODUCTION

Colombia is an agricultural country par excellence, long known for its production of high-quality coffee. It contains within its borders fertile soils which, due to a range of climatic zones resulting from a highly varied topography, permit the cultivation of practically every crop imaginable.

The objective of this report is to serve as a convenient reference document on the Colombian agricultural sector for Canadians interested in pursuing commercial opportunities in this sector.

It is divided into three sections: a brief overview of Colombia and its current economic and political situation; a review of the sector and recent developments; and an annex listing relevant sectoral organizations and contacts.

This is the first edition of this report and was prepared by the Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy in Bogota. Similar reports are available or in preparation on the oil and gas, mining, coal, telecommunications and electronics, transport, security and defence, and electric power sectors in Colombia. The Commercial Division welcomes suggestions for improvement for future updates.