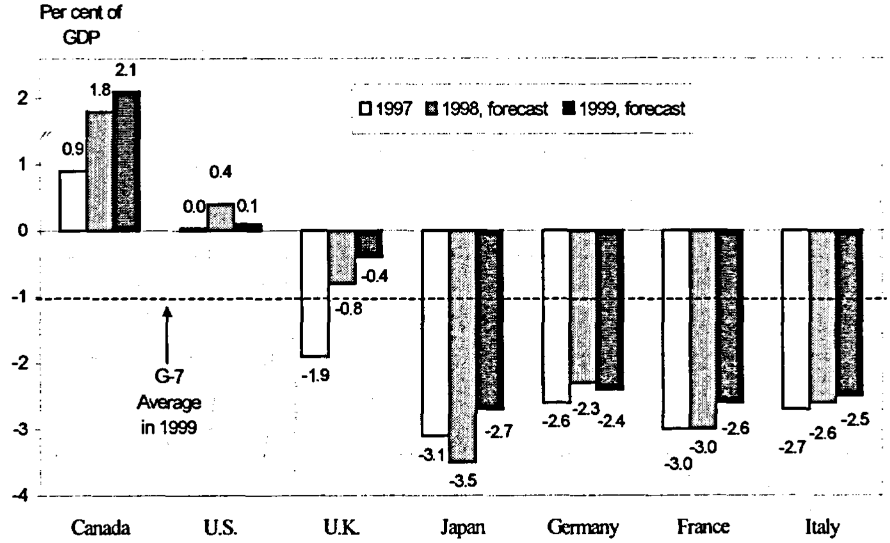
CHART 9

TOTAL GOVERNMENT DEFICIT 1997, 1998, 1999

On a national accounts basis, Canada was the only G-7 country to post a total government surplus in 1997. The most recent Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development projections show Canada further consolidating its leading position in 1998 and 1999, with surpluses of 1.8 and 2.1 per cent of GDP.

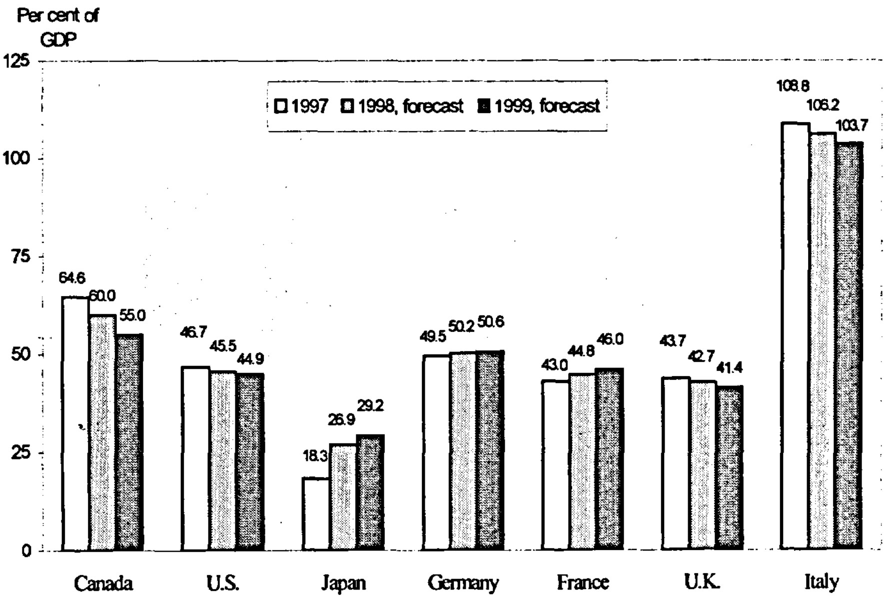


Source: *OECD Economic Outlook 63*, Preliminary Edition.

CHART 10

TOTAL GOVERNMENT NET DEBT-TO-GDP RATIO 1997, 1998, 1999

Owing to significant deficit reduction, Canada's net debt-to-GDP ratio stabilized in 1996 and began to decline in 1997. According to OECD projections from the preliminary version of *Economic Outlook No. 63*, the Canadian net debt-to-GDP ratio will decline by over nine percentage points between 1997 and 1999. This represents the largest decline among G-7 countries. Nonetheless, Canada's net debt-to-GDP ratio remains higher than that of most G-7 economies.



Note: The OECD has not yet incorporated Statistics Canada's recent revisions to debt as defined in the Canadian System of National Accounts.

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