ITALY

Capital: Rome

GEODATA

Area 301,000 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 Oscar Luigi Scalfaro Prime Minister Romano Prodi

Foreign Affairs Minister Lamberto Dini

Minister of Foreign Trade Augusto Fantozzi

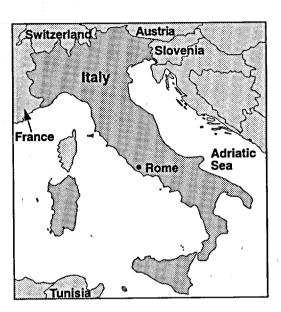
Democratic institutions Bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index Italy ranks 20th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$1.12 trillion US (1995 PPP)

GDP growth rate 3.2% (1995 estimate)

GDP per capita \$20,552 US (1995 PPP)

Inflation rate 5.4% (1995)

Unemployment rate 12.0% (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