



Bulgaria

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General Information:

Title	Republic of Bulgaria	EU Status
Capital	Sofia	Accession
Total Area	110,910 km ²	
Population	7,621,337	
Currency	1 CAN\$ = 1.23 Lev (2003 average)	
National Holiday	March 3	
Language(s)	Bulgarian	



Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. Unicameral parliament with a 240-seat National Assembly (Narodno Sabranie). Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or the majority coalition) nominated by the President and approved by parliament. Council of Ministers elected by the National Assembly. Administrative divisions: 28 provinces. Governing coalition: National Movement for Simeon II (NDST) and Movement for Rights & Freedoms (DPS).

Head of State

President Georgi Purvanov (BSP)

Head of Government

Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (NDST)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Solomon Isak Passy (NDST)
Economy: Lidia Shuleva (NDST)
Finance: Milen Emilov Velchev (NDST)

Main Political Parties

National Movement for Simeon II (NDST), United Democratic Forces (ODS), Coalition for Bulgaria (KzB), Movement for Rights & Freedoms (DPS), Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization (VMRO), Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP).

National Assembly: NDST (110), ODS (50), KzB (48), DPS (20), independents (12).

Elections

President elected by popular vote for a five-year term; next election, 2006. Members of the National Assembly elected for a four-year term by popular vote; next election, 2005.





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Economic Information: (for 2004)

Please note that economic statistics reflect Canadian dollars - yearly averages for 2004. 2005 figures will be available early 2006

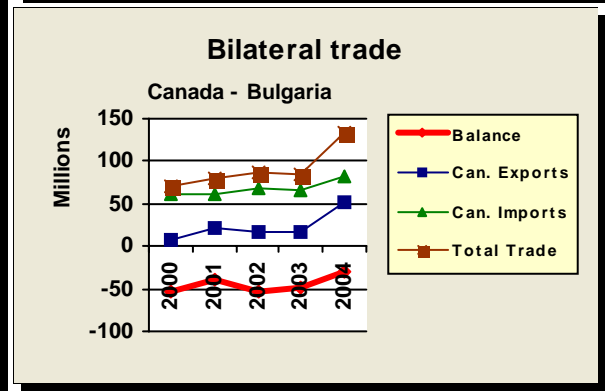
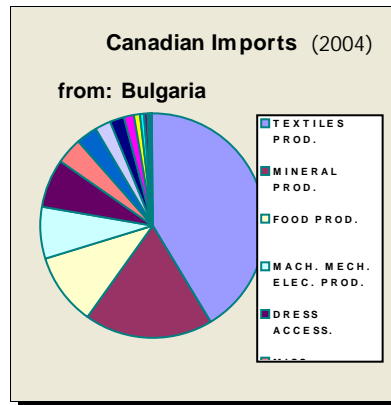
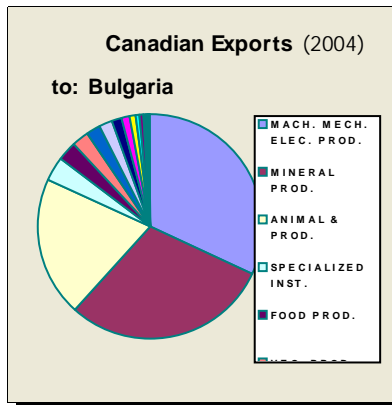
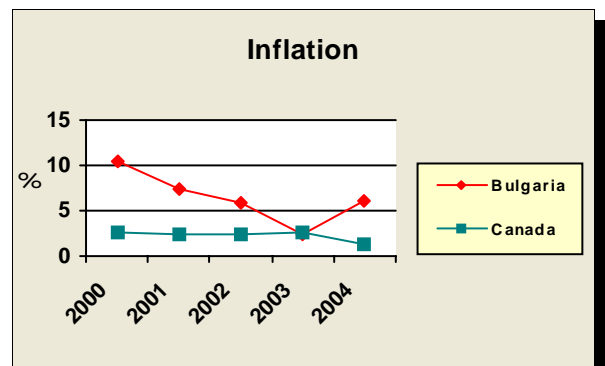
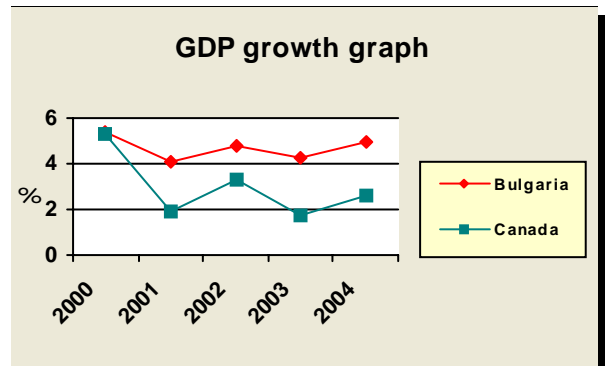
	Bulgaria	Canada
GDP : (billion)	\$25.14	\$1,238
GDP per capita:	\$3,060	\$38,756
GDP Growth rate: (%)	5	2.6
Inflation: (%)	6	1.4
Country unemployment: (%)	n/a	7.4

Canadian exports to country
\$50,825,710

Canadian Imports from country
\$81,888,005

FDI in Canada: (million) n/a

CDI in this country: (million) n/a



Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Branimir Stoyanov Zaimov

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Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Franco Pillarella
Bucharest (Rom)

Canadian Consulates Abroad

Sofia

