Tunisia

Official Title   Republic of Tunisia

General Information:

Capital	Tunis			
Total Area	163,610	km2	***Population (million)***	10.172
Currency	1 CAN$=	1.18 Dinar (TND)(2006)		
National Holiday	20 March, Proclamation of Independence			
Language(s)	Arabic (official), French			

Political Information:

Type of State   Republic

Type of Government

Bicameral legislative body : Chamber of Deputies (189 seats; members elected by direct universal suffrage and by list plurality vote) and a Chamber of Advisors (112 members)

Head of State

President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Head of Government

Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi

Ministers   Foreign Affairs: Abdelawahad Abdallah
Development and Cooperation: Mohamed Nouri Jouini

Main Political Parties

Democratic constitutional gathering (RCD), 148 seats, Socialist democratic movement (MDS), 14 seats, Party for popular unity(PUP), 11 seats, Unionistic democratic union (UDU), 7 seats, Ettajdid movement of the restoration, 3 seats, the liberal social Party (PSL), 2 seats. The Democratic Progressist Party (PDP) (previously the Socialist Gathering Progressist (RSP) and the Social Party for Progress (PSP).

Elections   Last: 24 October 2004 (presidential and legislative); Next: 2009 (presidential and legislative)

Economic Information: (2006)

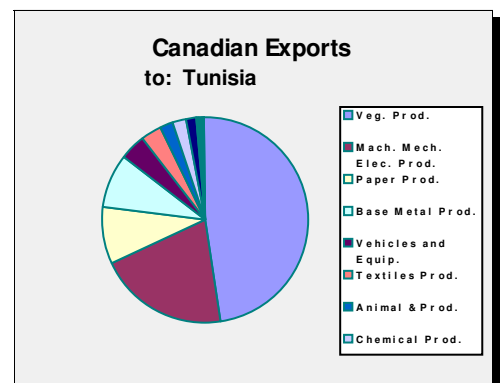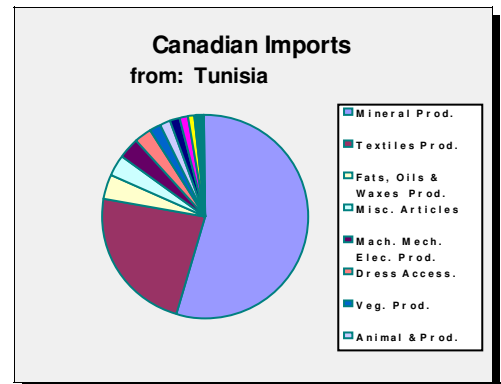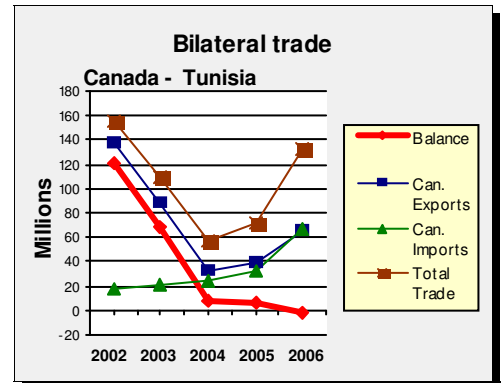|	*Tunisia*	*Canada*
GDP: (billion)	$27.19	$1,124.50
GDP per capita:	$2,673.14	$34,513.31
GDP Growth rate: (%)	5.4	2.8
Inflation: (%)	4.5	2
Unemployment: (%)	n/a	6.3

Trade and investment: (2006)

Canadian Exports to Tunisia	$64,730,088
Canadian Imports from Tunisia	$67,472,890
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	n/a ***(million)***
Canadian Direct Investment to Tunisia	n/a ***(million)***

Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Abdessalem Hetira

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Bruno Picard

Bilateral trade
Canada - Tunisia

Legend: Balance, Can. Exports, Can. Imports, Total Trade (2002–2006)

Canadian Imports
from: Tunisia

Legend: Mineral Prod., Textiles Prod., Fats, Oils & Waxes Prod., Misc. Articles, Mach. Mech. Elec. Prod., Dress Access., Veg. Prod., Animal & Prod.

Canadian Exports
to: Tunisia

Legend: Veg. Prod., Mach. Mech. Elec. Prod., Paper Prod., Base Metal Prod., Vehicles and Equip., Textiles Prod., Animal & Prod., Chemical Prod.