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## **Summary**

This report provides a selection of materials for locating information on foreign countries and international organizations. In the general information section, it presents sources giving an overview of politics, economics, and recent history. A specialized information section cites sources on human rights, immigration, international organizations, military strengths, terrorism, and other topics. Included are titles of some of the most frequently consulted bibliographic sources that are available for use in many libraries. Electronic information on foreign countries is also provided, via the Internet, by agencies of the federal government, international organizations, and related sources. Included is a list of foreign chanceries located in Washington, DC. This report will be updated periodically through the year as new materials become available.

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## **General Information**

This report provides a selection of materials for locating information on foreign countries and international organizations. This first section presents sources giving an overview of politics, economics, and recent history; the next section covers specialized topics. Included are titles of some of the most frequently consulted bibliographic sources that are available for use in many libraries. The third section provides Internet addresses for travel and international information. Finally, included is a list of foreign chanceries located in Washington, DC. Those who may wish to write to the U.S. government agencies included here can consult local libraries for addresses.

*Background Notes* (Washington, GPO) are published by the U.S. Department of State for each country of the world and revised intermittently. Profile information is given on the people, geography, economy, government, and U.S. relations with the country. Also included is tourist information and a basic reading list.

*Europa Yearbook* (London, Europa Publications), an annual publication, is valued for its economic statistics and trade figures, as well as for its brief historical and economic background. It contains listings of cabinet members and media in each country, and a section on international organizations including the United Nations.

*Statesman's Year-Book* (New York, St. Martin's Press) contains similar information in a more abbreviated form.

General encyclopedias, such as *Encyclopedia Americana* (New York, Grolier), *World Book Encyclopedia* (Chicago, Field Enterprises), *American Academic Encyclopedia* (Danbury, CT, Grolier) and *New Encyclopedia Britannica* (Chicago, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.), provide detailed narratives on the history, geography, culture, economics, etc., of various nations. Pictures, maps, and charts are featured.

Political Handbook of the World (Binghamton, NY, CSA Publications) is an annual publication that contains narrative information on the government, politics, political parties, legislature, and news media of each country in the world.

Statistical Abstract of the United States (Washington, GPO), an annual publication by the Bureau of the Census at the Department of Commerce, includes comparative international statistics on population, households, health, education, economic measures, and a guide to foreign statistical abstracts.

World Almanac and Book of Facts (New York, Funk & Wagnalls) and Time Almanac (New York, Little, Brown) are two annual publications with sections on countries of the world. They include statistics on population, geography, names of government officials, and brief historical background.

World Factbook (Washington, GPO) is a popular annual publication of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which contains statistics and facts on the land, language, people, economy, defense, religion, literacy, etc., of each country of the world.

## **Specialized Information**

Listed below are selected sources on the following topics: human rights, immigration, international organizations, international trade and business, maps, military strengths, people, terrorism, travel, and working/studying abroad.

## **Human Rights**

Amnesty International Report (New York, Amnesty International USA) documents Amnesty International's work annually throughout the world. Entries contain accounts of imprisonment, torture, and killing by repressive governments.

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication by the U.S. Department of State. Contains information on respect for and violation of civil liberties and political rights in each country.

## **Immigration**

Statistical Yearbook (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication of the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of the Department of Justice). Provides a wide array of statistical information including legal and illegal immigration to the United States by country and region, naturalization, and border enforcement.

World Refugee Survey (Washington, GPO), prepared annually by the U.S. Committee for Refugees, documents and reports the conditions of displaced persons worldwide and provides statistics for a given year.

## **International Organizations**

Encyclopedia of Associations, International Organizations (New York, Gale Research) is published annually and gives brief descriptions of thousands of international nonprofit membership organizations.

Yearbook of International Organizations (Munich, Germany, K.G. Saur), edited annually by the Union of International Associations (UIA), is divided into three densely packed volumes by organization description, country, and subject index.

Each entry provides a description of the organization, its publications, affiliations, and address.

## International Trade and Business

Country Reports on Economic Policy and Trade Practices (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication by the State Department that contains information on individual countries key economic indicators, debt management policies, exchange rates, structural policies, worker rights, and trade policies.

Exporters' Encyclopedia (New York, Dun & Bradstreet) is an annual publication that profiles U.S. commercial requirements for main export areas of the world. Traditionally focused on U.S. exports to Europe and Japan, it now includes profiles on emerging Asian and Latin American markets.

Handbook of International Economic Statistics (Washington, GPO) is compiled by the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence and published intermittently. The Handbook provides basic statistics in comparing worldwide economic performance and is divided by chapters into overall economic profiles by regions of the world.

International Financial Statistics (Washington, IMF) is a monthly publication by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that provides information on exchange rates, money and banking, international transactions, government accounts, and national accounts for IMF member countries.

Principal International Businesses (New York, Dun & Bradstreet) is published annually and provides business addresses worldwide by geographical areas and by standard industrial classification (SIC) codes.

## Maps

Map Catalog (New York, Tilden Press) is an annual publication that lists government and commercial sources by subject and by state for specialized maps of countries such as topographical, political, and aerial/satellite reproductions.

## **Military Strengths**

Military Balance (London, Brassey's) is updated each year to provide timely and quantitative assessment of military forces and defense expenditures of various countries. Data, compiled by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), include statistics on manpower, equipment, and weapons systems.

World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers (Washington, GPO) is prepared by the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Published biennially, it provides statistical tables of military and economic variables including arms transfer deliveries by major supplier and recipient country.

World Military and Social Expenditures (Washington, World Priorities), by Ruth Leger Sivard and contributing writers, is a biennial reporting of world resources for social and military purposes by geographic region. Included are summaries of recent conflicts and the ranking of countries by military and social indicators along with detailed maps.

## People (Heads of State, Diplomats, Etc.)

Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments (Washington, GPO) is issued monthly by the Central Intelligence Agency. It provides a listing of names without biographical material.

Congressional Directory (Washington, GPO) is published biennially. It contains a section listing foreign diplomatic representatives and consular offices in the United States; it also lists ambassadors and U.S. diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

Current Biography (New York, H.W. Wilson) has been published monthly except December since 1940 and compiled annually as Current Biography Yearbook. It provides background information on people prominent in the national news and international affairs. Selected references are listed at the end of each entry.

*Diplomatic List* (Washington, GPO) is issued quarterly by the Department of State. It contains the names of foreign diplomats assigned to Washington, DC.

*International Who's Who* (London, Europa) is published annually, a ready reference source that provides biographical information on the world's most influential people.

International Year Book and Statesman's Who's Who (West Sussex, England, Reed Information Services) is an annual compilation that provides biographies of leading politicians, diplomats, and businessmen worldwide. Divided into three sections, it also contains background on international organizations and a brief overview of the nations of the world.

Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts (Washington, GPO), revised and issued quarterly by the Department of State, provides names of key U.S. personnel at embassies abroad as well as addresses and telephone numbers for all U.S. embassies.

### **Terrorism**

Patterns of Global Terrorism (Washington, GPO), an annual publication of the Department of State, reviews terrorist activities from the past year. It includes a chronology of terrorist incidents and descriptions of selected terrorist organizations.

#### Travel and Travel Advisories

Culturgrams: The Nations Around Us (Provo, UT, Brigham Young Univ.), published annually and developed by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, summarizes the unique customs, traditions, and lifestyles within a country and includes greetings and gestures, languages spoken, and national holidays.

The Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs issues current information on areas of the world that may be hazardous for American citizens traveling abroad through its *Travel Warnings* and *Consular Information Sheets*, and its Office of American Citizens Services, (202) 647-5225.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), based in Atlanta, Georgia, has an international travelers' hotline for the latest information on immunization requirements, recommendations, and health conditions for countries around the world. To receive information, contact the CDC at 877-FYI-TRIP toll free; by fax, 888-232-3299 toll free; or on the Internet at [http://www.cdc.gov/travel].

Current travel guides for regions and countries of the world can provide up-to-date information on entry requirements and documents, monetary exchanges, historical background, as well as information on restaurants and hotels. A reliable travel agent can be a valuable source of service and information for planning a trip abroad, and most countries maintain official tourist information bureaus in major cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. These offices are often excellent sources of free printed matter — brochures, maps, posters, etc. A directory of tourism offices worldwide is also available on the Internet (see "Selected Topics of Interest" below). Many countries also have similar information available on the Internet. Refer to the section on "Internet Sources for Countries of the World" (below) for details.

### **Treaties**

Treaties in Force (Washington, GPO), compiled annually by the Department of State, provides information on treaties and other international agreements entered into by the United States and recorded by the Department of State as being in force as of January 1 of each year. Note: This publication is no longer available in print. However, it is available on the Web at [http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/treaties/].

## **Working and Studying Abroad**

Academic Year Abroad and Vacation Study Abroad (New York, Institute of International Education) are annual publications of the Institute of International Education (IIE), the largest U.S. higher education exchange agency. Both provide details on international education and work opportunities by regions of the world. Recent statistics on study and work abroad are listed in the appendixes.

How To Find an Overseas Job With the U.S. Government: A Complete and Comprehensive Guide (Oakton, VA, Cantrell Corporation). Published intermittently, it provides a comprehensive agency-by-agency guide to international federal government positions abroad, including position descriptions and qualifications.

Vacation Work's Work Your Way Around the World and Teaching English Abroad (Distributed in the U.S. by Peterson's Guides, Inc.). Published irregularly, these sources offer information by field of work (agriculture, business and industry, teaching English, etc.) and by country as well as information on certification, taxes, training, and visa regulations.

World of Learning (London, Europa), is an annual publication that lists the addresses and telephone numbers of colleges, universities, research institutions, and libraries, alphabetically by country and briefly describes selected educational organizations.

## Internet Sources for Countries of the World

## Search Engines

Internet search engines (Altavista, Google, Yahoo!, etc.) scan the Web on a given topic, then index and create sets for each entry. Below are some examples of search engines for general country and regional information.

**Altavista World** at [http://world.altavista.com]. Translations of any text in English to one of 12 other languages listed and vice versa, using Babelfish.

**Google** - Countries at [http://directory.google.com/Top/Regional/Countries]. Also click on "Language Tools" at [http://www.google.com/language\_tools] for translation of text or websites.

**InfoPlease** Countries of the World at [http://www.infoplease.com/countries.html].

**Kasbah** at [http://www.kasbah.com/news/index.htm] for world news and travel.

### WorldLingo

[http://www.worldlingo.com/en/products\_services/worldlingo\_translator.html]. Translate English text, website, and email to language listed and vice versa.

**Yahoo! - Regional** at [http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries].

A listing and brief description of selected Internet sites for country information using the Web is itemized below.

## Federal and Related Agencies

#### **Bureau of the Census International Statistical Agencies**

[http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat\_int.html]. This website is a source of demographic, economic, and social statistics for several nations. Also available is the International Data Base (IDB), a databank containing demographic and socioeconomic statistics (population, migration, ethnicity, etc.) for 228 countries and areas of the world. A ranking of countries by total population is also available for any year from 1950 to 2050 by clicking on "Countries Ranked by Total Population" at [http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idbnew.html].

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** at [http://www.cdc.gov]. This website provides the latest information related to travelers' health and high-risk areas worldwide at [http://www.cdc.gov/travel].

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) at [http://www.cia.gov]. The Central Intelligence Agency website provides information by selected topics — What's New, employment opportunities, related Web links, and current editions of the *World Factbook* at [https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html], *Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments* at [https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/chiefs/index.html], a listing of CIA Directors and Deputy director, maps, and other publications at [https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/].

**Department of Commerce** at [http://www.doc.gov]. This website provides commercial and non-commercial Web links on U.S. trade with other nations and information for American companies doing business overseas. It provides a listing of the Commerce Department agencies on the Web, such as the International Trade Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, and others.

**Department of State** at [http://www.state.gov]. This website provides current information on U.S. foreign policy, current hot topics of interest, travel and business information. It also provides Internet links to related agencies and international sources. Current editions of *Background Notes, Consular Information Sheets, Country Commercial Guides, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, Patterns of Global Terrorism*, and Travel Advisories/ Travel Warnings are available full text at [http://www.state.gov/travelandbusiness/]. Foreign travel information is available through the **Bureau of Consular Affairs** at [http://travel.state.gov]. Information on foreign exchange and training programs, international broadcasting (including foreign commentary on the United States, Voice of America (VOA), Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe), international youth exchanges, and the Fulbright Program can be found at the **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs** at [http://exchanges.state.gov]. Links to U.S. embassies and other diplomatic missions abroad is available at [http://usembassy.state.gov].

**International Trade Administration (ITA)** at [http://www.ita.doc.gov]. The International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce provides background and information on promoting trade and investment.

**Library of Congress** at [http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html]. This website provides links to electronic resources from around the world listed first by country then by topics. It also has a link to "Selected Web Resources on Terrorism."

**Peace Corps** at [http://www.peacecorps.gov]. This website provides background information on its volunteer programs, countries where volunteers serve, press releases, and links to other government agencies.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at [http://www.usaid.gov]. This website of the USAID offers links to related government and international agencies dealing with development in the Third World. It includes background on USAID, press releases, and programs promoting economic growth, environmental protection, and basic health worldwide.

**Voice of America (VOA)** at [http://www.voanews.com/english/portal.cfm]. Official website of the VOA provides information on its history and current news releases. It lists the various languages the VOA broadcasts and links to websites in those

languages at [http://www.voanews.com/english/screen\_map.cfm]. It also includes a "Pronunciation Guide" for the names of some world leaders and regions of the world at [http://names.voa.gov].

## Foreign Embassies

**The Electronic Embassy** at [http://www.embassy.org]. This website links the staff and resources of selected embassies in Washington, DC, to their constituencies in business, education, and politics. It also provides links to other websites for the foreign affairs community.

## **International and Regional Organizations**

**African Union** (AU), formerly the Organization of African Unity (OAU), at [http://www.africa-union.org]. This is the official website for the African Union (AU). In July 2002, the OAU, founded in 1963, was superseded by the AU. This site provides information on its members, the OAU Charter, its current activities, human rights, economy, peacekeeping, and conflict resolution.

Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) at [http://usinfo.state.gov/eap/east\_asia\_pacific/apec.html]. U.S. State Department website on APEC that contains current news and background information and a link to 2006 Annual Chair Web Site - Vietnam at [http://www.apec2006.vn/].

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at [http://www.aseansec.org]. This website contains background information on ASEAN and its members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (the original five members), Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar in the areas of politics, economics, business, trade statistics, and culture. It also provides links to each country's home page, the latest ASEAN Summit and past Summits, press releases, and related websites.

**European Union (EU)** at [http://www.chemie.fu-berlin.de/adressen/eu.html]. The European Union (EU), formerly known as the European Community (EC) and the European Economic Community (EEC), was founded in 1993. There were 15 member nations until May 1, 2004, when 10 new countries joined: Cyprus (Greek part), the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Included are detailed maps of each nation, a map of Europe, historical information on the EU and its related agencies, and links to other European sites and the EU Home Page at [http://europa.eu.int/abc/index\_en.htm] and summaries of EU legislation at [http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/scad\_en.htm].

**G-8 Summits** at [http://www.g8.gc.ca/menu-en.asp]. This site is maintained by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. It provides background information on the upcoming G-8 Summit in Heiligendamm, Germany, June 6-8, 2007, at [http://www.g-8.de/Webs/G8/EN/Homepage/home.html]. Last year's Summit was held in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 15-17, 2006, and focused on energy security, infectious diseases and education. Included are links to previous summits, and documents including lists of delegations, communiques, etc. that can be found at [http://www.g8.gc.ca/common/links-en.asp].

**International Monetary Fund (IMF)** at [http://www.imf.org]. This website provides links to IMF Country Reports on economic trends in IMF member countries, IMF Working Papers, press releases, annual meetings, and general background information on the IMF. It also provides links to other international organizations and can also be translated online into French and Spanish.

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** at [http://www.nato.int/home.htm]. This website provides background information on NATO including its members, related agencies, and documents. Current issues of *NATO Review* are available electronically, as well as the latest press releases and links to related websites.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** at [http://www.oas.org]. The OAS is the world's oldest regional organization (conceived in 1826 and OAS Charter created in 1890). This website provides information on the political, social, and economic issues in the region (today comprising Canada, the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean). Information on the member states, text of speeches, and reports from the General Assembly are included (in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish).

**Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** at [http://www.oecdwash.org]. The OECD is an international organization composed of industrialized market-economy nations since 1960. This website is the home page of the OECD's Washington Center. It provides information on its members, OECD publications, and frequently requested statistics. It also offers links to related agencies and to OECD's Paris Headquarters Home Page.

**Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)** at [http://www.opic.gov]. Official Website of OPIC, an independent government agency that assists and advises 140 economies around the world. Included is information on the organization, employment, publications and press releases, and Web links.

**Summit of the Americas** at [http://www.summit-americas.org]. The official "Summit of the Americas Information Network" with information and Web links to all summits at [http://www.summit-americas.org/eng-2002/previous-summits.htm]. Included are texts of the summit declarations and information on the summit process.

**United Nations (U.N.)** at [http://www.un.org]. The official Internet site for the U.N. in either graphic or text versions. An overview of the U.N. system, including its Charter, member states, conferences, and publications, is provided. This website also provides numerous links to U.N. organizations at [http://www.unsystem.org]; printable world maps at [http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm]; and InfoNation for statistical data by member states by selecting basic or advanced at [http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation3/menu/advanced.asp].

**World Bank** at [http://www.worldbank.org]. This website provides a detailed collection of worldwide economic data, socioeconomic indicators, and links to other international organizations. It includes information on country projects, the International Development Association (IDA), and business opportunities.

**World Trade Organization (WTO)** at [http://www.wto.org]. This official website of the WTO provides information on the organization, WTO publications, news releases, links to U.N. and other related sites in English, French, and Spanish.

## **Regional Areas**

#### Africa

Country Specific Page for Africa at [http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African\_Studies/Home\_Page/Country.html]. Maintained by the African Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania, this website lists each African nation alphabetically and provides a country map, African embassies in the United States, country-related links, and background from the CIA's World Factbook.

#### Asia and the Pacific

**Asia Source** at [http://www.asiasource.org]. A source of current news on the region and sources of scholarly material on many aspects of Asia from the Asia Society. Included are maps, bibliographies, statistics, and country comparisons data such as GDP, population, etc., at [http://www.asiasource.org/profiles/ap\_mp\_04.cfm].

**Pacific Islands Internet Resources** at [http://www2.hawaii.edu/~ogden/piir/index.html]. This website offers numerous links and information on the nations of the Pacific such as Hawaii, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Tonga, and others.

#### **Australia and New Zealand**

**Australian Bureau of Statistics** at [http://www.abs.gov.au]. This website provides links to statistical information on its states and territories as well as key national indicators (social and economic), census, media releases, and international statistics.

**New Zealand** at [http://www.stats.govt.nz]. Official New Zealand country website provides a variety of information on its land, people, economy, international comparisons, and links to statistics in the Commonwealth and abroad.

#### Canada

**Statistics Canada** at [http://www.statcan.ca]. This website provides statistical data on health, education, foreign trade, the labor market in Canada, census data, and selected international comparisons (in English and French).

#### **Europe**

**Europa** at [http://europa.eu.int]. Europa is a Web server offering information on the EU's policies and current agenda. Provides Web links to European governments (in English and various other languages) as well as statistical information via **Eurostat** at [http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/eurostat].

### **Latin America (Central and South America)**

**Latinworld** at [http://latinworld.com]. Self-proclaimed "premier search engine for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean." This website is searchable in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Click on "Countries" for information on Spain and countries in North, Central, and South America, and is maintained by Netpoint Communications as a forum for Latin Americans and people interested in Latin America.

WWW Virtual Library: Latin American Studies at [http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html]. Maintained by the University of Texas at Austin, this website is a comprehensive source of information on Latin America and the Caribbean. It allows searches by key word, country, or selected topics (military, population, etc.), and provides links to related Web sources (in English and Spanish).

#### Middle and Near East

**Center for Middle Eastern Studies** at [http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/cmes]. Maintained by the University of California at Berkeley, this site contains links to many Middle East country servers, Islamic studies, Judaism and Jewish studies, and Middle East centers in the United States.

**Middle East Studies** at [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm]. Maintained by Columbia University, this website provides information to resources on the Middle East and Jewish Studies by region and by country. It also provides Web links to Middle East news sources and bibliographies.

#### **Russia and Eastern Europe**

#### Russian and Eastern European Studies at

[http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/index.shtml]. Maintained by the University of Pittsburgh, the Russian and East European Studies Internet Resources on the Web (REESWeb) provides information by subject, geographical region, and links to electronic resources on the Baltic states, Central Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, the CIS, the Russian Federation, and the former Soviet Union.

## **Selected Topics of Interest**

**Armed Forces Worldwide/Foreign Military** at [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceSubmittedFileView?file=world\_map\_front\_door.htm]. This website is maintained by Military.com, which provide descriptive and statistical information. Click on the map to access data on armed forces by individual country or by continent.

**Cities of the World** at [http://www.cities.com]. This website has a database of more than 4,000 cities guides in 175 countries accessed by searching city, country, or subject.

**Conflicts** at [http://www.flashpoints.info/FlashPoints\_home.html]. This website, Flash Points, is maintained by Earthlink and provides links to contemporary conflicts worldwide by country as well as other related links. *See also* Peace and Conflicts.

**Constitutions of the World** at [http://www.oefre.unibe.ch/law/icl/index.html]. From the International Constitutional Law Project, this website offers links to sources for the text of constitutions of selected countries.

**Country Studies** at [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs]. Produced by the Federal Research Division at the Library of Congress, this website contains electronic versions of the Country Studies book series. The majority of the text of the published books are included, but without tables, graphs, and other appendixes. Currently, 101 countries are available online.

Crime and Justice Information at [http://www.uncjin.org]. United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network (UNCJIN) in Vienna, Austria, provides statistical information on crime prevention and criminal justice issues for numerous countries, including a link to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

**Currency Converter** at [http://www.oanda.com/converter/classic]. Maintained by OANDA, the Internet arm of Olsen & Associates of Switzerland, this website allows currency conversion for 164 currencies, both current and historical.

**Distance** (**How Far Is It?**) at [http://www.indo.com/distance]. This website is a service of Bali Online and uses data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and a supplementary list of cities around the world to calculate the distance (in miles and kilometers) between any two places worldwide, and also give their respective latitude and longitude as well as a map showing the two places.

**Elections and Electoral Systems** at [http://www.psr.keele.ac.uk/election.htm]. This website is a valuable source of information based in the United Kingdom on recent or upcoming elections for a selected list of countries, including the United States. It also provides links to government home pages, local elections, and electronic media.

**Expatriates** at [http://www.escapeartist.com]. The EscapeArtist website provides information on "overseas living for international job seekers, expatriates, adventurers, and tax exiles." It lists Web links to living overseas, country destination profiles, investing, expatriate magazines, and resources for global relocation.

**Foreign Governments** at [http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/resource/internat/foreign.html]. Maintained by Northwestern University, this website provides official government links worldwide and Internet links to selected international organizations. *See also* National Parliaments.

**Foreign Languages** at [http://www.travlang.com/languages]. Foreign Languages for Travelers allows users to search for a particular word or phrase in the various languages available at this website.

**Human Rights** at [http://www.amnesty.org]. Amnesty International on the Internet provides links to all Amnesty Web pages by country, including Amnesty

International USA, and provides links to other human rights organizations at [http://web.amnesty.org/web/links.nsf].

**International Affairs Resources** at [http://www.etown.edu/vl]. Maintained by the Political Science Department of Elizabethtown College, this website provides more than 2,600 annotated links related to international affairs in broad categories: media sources, organizations, regions and countries, and by topic.

**International Business Resources** at [http://globaledge.msu.edu/ibrd/ibrd.asp]. Now known as Global Edge, this site maintained by Michigan State University, offers an exhaustive listing of companies, directories, and yellow pages with regional or country specific information via "Country Insights" or "Global Resources."

International Business and Economic Sources at [http://libweb.uncc.edu/ref-bus/vibehome.htm]. The Virtual International Business and Economic Sources (VIBES) on the Internet is accessed and maintained by the J. Murrey Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Entries in VIBES include more than 3,000 comprehensive Web links to business and economic information by country, region, and various subject areas, including industry sector (commodities), foreign exchange rates, banking, exporting/importing, trade issues, trade law, and intellectual property.

**International Security** at [http://www.isn.ethz.ch]. The International Relations and Security Network (ISN) on the Internet is maintained by the Center for Security Studies and Conflict Research in Zurich, Switzerland. It is a comprehensive network for information on global security and defense issues, and allows searching by subject, region, or "What's New" and Web links to other institutions worldwide.

Maps [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map\_collection/Map\_collection.html]. Maintained by the Perry-Castañeda Library at the University of Texas at Austin, this website provides electronic copies of maps by current interest, region (Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, polar regions and oceans, etc.) and selected world cities. Also provides links for maps by country, city, and state and maps of special interest for hot spots. See also the entry for the U.N. for a link to printable maps online and Mapsarea at [http://www.mapsarea.com], for a portal of world maps and atlases.

**National Parliaments** at [http://wc.wustl.edu/parliaments.html]. Maintained by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis, this site provides links to selected national parliaments. It is arranged alphabetically from the Albanian Parliament to Zimbabwe's Parliament.

**News Link** at [http://newslink.org]. This site offers links to major news sources (newspapers, magazines, etc.) worldwide by continents and regions.

**Newspapers** at [http://www.newspapers.com/country.htm]. This website offers worldwide listings of major newspapers by type and by country. It allows searching by specific title, an alphabetical listing by country, and a clickable map.

**Peace and Conflicts** at [http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/]. Maintained by the University of Maryland's Center for International Development and Conflict Management

(CIDCM), this website provides an annual publication that updates its descriptions of the status of major armed conflicts worldwide.

**Political Leaders/Chiefs of State/World Rulers** at [http://www.govspot.com/categories/worldleaders.htm]. This website lists current political leaders worldwide by clicking on "Chiefs of State," which links directly to the CIA's *Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments*. This website also lists present and past world rulers by individual country. See also "World's Statesmen," below.

**Political Resources on the Net** at [http://www.politicalresources.net]. This website lists political sites on the Internet by country, and has links to parties, organizations, and national governments worldwide as well as international organizations such as the European Union and United Nations. A unique feature called "Political Site of the Week" focuses on the political activity of one nation for a given week.

**Refugees** at [http://www.unhcr.org]. The official website of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) offers background on the UNHCR, map-based and text-based access to country-specific information about refugees, *Refugees* magazine, and related Web links.

**Social Security in Other Countries** at [http://www.ssa.gov/international]. Maintained by the Office of International Programs of the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), this website provides details on 21 social security programs outside the United States and links to selected countries and their agencies.

**Statistical Resources on the Web** [http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html]. Maintained by the University of Michigan's Document Center, this website has numerous statistics on foreign economics, foreign trade, and foreign government data sources. It also provides links to U.S. government agencies, foreign governments, news sources, and related sites (in English and other languages).

**Terrorism** at [http://www.terrorism.com]. The Terrorism Research Center is an independent institute dedicated to the study of terrorism and counter terrorism at home and abroad. This site features the Department of State's *Patterns of Global Terrorism*, terrorist profiles, and governmental, academic, and institutional links.

**Tourism Offices** at [http://www.towd.com]. The Tourism Offices Worldwide Directory indexes only official government tourism offices, convention and visitors bureaus, and similar agencies. It also provides addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail (if available) for various countries including the United States.

#### **Treaties and International Agreements**

The Multilaterals Project at [http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html] is maintained by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. This website offers selected international laws and treaties by subject and a chronological listing. It also offers links to historical foreign documents, selected treaties, and the U.N. Treaty Database with selected U.N. documents.

Treaties from the Avalon Project at Yale Law School are available at [http://www.yale.edu:80/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm]. Maintained by Yale Law

School, this website contains documents relevant in the areas of diplomacy, economics, history, government, law, and politics. It provides links supporting documents to the texts, includes a help desk and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and has a list of commonly named documents.

Work and Study Abroad at [http://www.ciee.org]. Maintained by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), this website provides materials on work and study abroad opportunities for American students and recent graduates on summer jobs, internships, and overseas career opportunities with a link to GoAbroad.com at [http://www.goabroad.com], a self-proclaimed "comprehensive online source for study abroad, language schools, overseas internships, international volunteer positions, teaching, Eco-travel, and more."

Work Abroad and International Jobs at [http://www.overseasjobs.com]. Overseas Job Express provides links to numerous Internet resources such as international job mailing lists, summer opportunities, internships, and résumés on the Web.

**Work Opportunities/Resources for International Jobs** at [http://www.rileyguide.com/internat.html]. The Riley Guide to Job Resources includes a section on resources for international job opportunities for selected countries, including numerous Internet links.

**World's Statesmen** at [http://www.worldstatesmen.org]. Self-proclaimed "encyclopedia of nations, colonies, international and religious organizations, and other polities mostly since the year 1700." Included are fun facts, maps, anthems, flags, Web links, and indexes of global politics and history.

## Foreign Chanceries<sup>1</sup>

Washington, DC (Area Code 202)

Afghanistan, Republic of, 2341 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 483-6410

Albania, Republic of, 2100 S St., NW, 20008 223-4942

Algeria, 2118 Kalorama Rd., NW, 20008 265-2800

Andorra, Two United Nations Plaza, 25th Floor, NY, NY 10017 (212) 750-8064

Angola, Republic of, 2100-08 16th St., NW, 20009 785-1156

Antigua and Barbuda, 3216 New Mexico Ave., NW, 20016 362-5122

Argentine Republic, 1600 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 238-6400

Armenia, Republic of, 2225 R St., NW, 20008 319-1976

Australia, 1601 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 797-3000

Austria, 3524 International Court, NW, 20008 895-6700

Azerbaijan, Republic of, 2741 34th St., NW, 20008 337-3500

Bahamas, Commonwealth of the, 2220 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 319-2660

Bahrain, State of, 3502 International Dr., NW, 20008 342-0741

Bangladesh, People's Republic of, 3510 International Drive, NW, 20008 244-2745

Barbados, 2144 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 939-9200

Belarus, Republic of, Suite 1619 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 986-1606

Belgium, 3330 Garfield St., NW, 20008 333-6900

Belize, 2535 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 332-9636

Benin, Republic of, 2124 Kalorama Road, NW, 20008 232-6656

Bhutan, 2 United Nations Plaza, 27th Floor, NY, NY 10017 (212) 826-1919

Bolivia, 3014 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 483-4410

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of, 2109 E St., NW, 20037 337-1500

Botswana, Republic of, 1531-1533 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20036 244-4990

Brazil, 3006 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 238-2700

Brunei, 3520 International Court, NW, 20008 237-1838

Bulgaria, Republic of, 1621 22nd St., NW, 20008 387-0174

Burkina Faso, 2340 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 332-5577

Burma (see Myanmar)

Burundi, Republic of, 2233 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 212, 20007 342-2574

Cambodia, 4530 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20011 726-7742

Cameroon, Republic of, 2349 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 265-8790

Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 20001 682-1740

Cape Verde, Republic of, 3415 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20007 965-6820

Central African Republic, 1618 22<sup>nd</sup> St., NW, 20008 483-7800

Chad, Republic of, 2002 R St., NW, 20009 462-4009

Chile, 1732 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 785-1746

China, People's Republic of, 2300 Connecticut Ave., NW, 20008 328-2500

Colombia, 2118 Leroy Place, NW, 20008 387-8338

Comoros, Federal and Islamic Republic of, 866 UN Plaza, Suite 418, NY, NY 10017 (212) 750-1637

Congo, Democratic Republic of, 1800 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 234-7690 (formerly Zaire)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Electronic Embassy at [http://www.embassy.org/embassies]. Updated corrections made by Ann Eschete for the Congressional Research Service.

Congo, Republic of, 4891 Colorado Ave., NW, 20011 726-5500

Costa Rica, 2114 S St., NW, 20008 234-2945

Cote d'Ivoire, Republic of, 2424 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 797-0300

Croatia, Republic of, 2343 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 588-5899

Cuba (see Switzerland for Cuban Interests Section)\*

Cyprus, Republic of, 2211 R St., NW, 20008 462-5772

Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom St., NW, 20008 274-9100

Denmark, 3200 Whitehaven St., NW, 20008 234-4300

Djibouti, Republic of, 1156 15<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 515, 20005 331-0270

Dominica, Commonwealth of, 3216 New Mexico Ave., NW, 20016 364-6781

Dominican Republic, 1715 22nd St., NW, 20008 332-6280

East Timor, 4201 Connecticut Ave., Suite 504, NW, 20008 966-3202

Ecuador, 2535 15th St., NW, 20009 234-7200

Egypt, Arab Republic of, 3521 International Court, NW, 20008 895-5400

El Salvador, 1400 16th St., Suite 100, NW, 20036 265-9671

Equatorial Guinea, 2020 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20009 518-5700

Eritrea, State of, 1708 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 319-1991

Estonia, 2131 Massachusetts, NW, 20008 588-0101

Ethiopia, 3506 International Drive, NW, 20008 364-1200

Fiji, The Republic of, 2233 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 240, 20007 337-8320

Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 298-5800

France, 4101 Reservoir Rd., NW, 20007 944-6000

Gabon, Gabonese Republic, 2034 20th St., NW, Suite 200, 20009 797-1000

Gambia, The, 1156 15th St., NW, Suite 905, 20005 785-1399

Georgia, Republic of, 1615 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Suite 300, 20009 387-2390

Germany, Federal Republic of, 4645 Reservoir Rd., NW, 20007 298-4000

Ghana, 3512 International Dr., NW, 20008 686-4520

Greece, 2221 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 939-1300

Grenada, 1701 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 265-2561

Guatemala, 2220 R St., NW, 20008 745-4952

Guinea, Republic of, 2112 Leroy Place, NW, 20008 986-4300

Guinea-Bissau, 15929 Yukon Lane, Rockville, MD 20855 (301) 947-3958

Guyana, 2490 Tracy Place, NW, 20008 265-6900

Haiti, Republic of, 2311 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 332-4090

Holy See, The, 3339 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 333-7121

Honduras, 3007 Tilden St., NW, Suite 4-M, 20008 966-7702

Hungary, Republic of, 3910 Shoemaker St., NW, 20008 362-6730

Iceland, 1156 15<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 1200, 20005 265-6653

India, 2107 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 939-7000

Indonesia, Republic of, 2020 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 775-5200

Iran (see Pakistan for Iranian Interests Section)\*

Iraq 1801 P Street, NW, 20036 483-7500

Ireland, 2234 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 462-3939

Israel, 3514 International Drive, NW, 20008 364-5500

Italy, 3000 Whitehaven St., NW, 20008 612-4400

Ivory Coast (see Cote d'Ivoire)

Jamaica, 1520 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20036 452-0660

Japan, 2520 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 238-6700

Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of, 3504 International Dr., NW, 20008 966-2664

Kazakhstan, Republic of, 1401 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20036 232-5488

Kenya, Republic of, 2249 R St., NW, 20008 387-6101

Korea, Republic of (South), 2450 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 939-5600

Kuwait, State of, 2940 Tilden St., NW, 20008 966-0702

Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Republic, 2360 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 338-5141

Laos, Lao People's Democratic Republic, 2222 S St., NW, 20008 332-6416

Latvia, 2306 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 726-8213

Lebanon, 2560 28th St., NW, 20008 939-6300

Lesotho, Kingdom of, 2511 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 797-5533

Liberia, Republic of, 5201 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20011 723-0437

Liechtenstein, 888 17<sup>th</sup>, NW, Suite 1250, 20006, 331-0590

Lithuania, Republic of, 4590 MacArthur Blvd., NW, Suite 200, 20007 234-5860

Luxembourg, 2200 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 265-4171

Macedonia, Republic of, 2129 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 667-0501

Madagascar, 2374 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 265-5525

Malawi, 2408 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 320, 20008 797-1007

Malaysia, 3516 International Court, NW, 20008 572-9700

Maldives, 800 Second Avenue, Suite 400E, NY, NY 10017 (212) 599-6195

Mali, 2130 R St., NW, 20008 332-2249

Malta, Republic of, 2017 Connecticut Ave., NW, 20008 462-3611

Marshall Islands, Republic of, 2433 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 234-5414

Mauritania, Islamic Republic of, 2129 Leroy Place, NW, 20008 232-5700

Mauritius, 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 441, 20008 244-1491

Mexico, 1911 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 20006 728-1600

Micronesia, Federated States of, 1725 N St., NW, 20036 223-4383

Moldova, Republic of, 2101 S St., NW, 20008 667-1130

Monaco, 565 Fifth Ave., 23rd Floor, NY, NY 10017 (212) 286-0500

Mongolia, 2833 M St., NW, 20007 333-7117

Morocco, Kingdom of, 1601 21<sup>st</sup> St., NW, 20009 462-7979

Mozambique, Republic of, 1990 M St., NW, Suite 570, 20036 293-7146

Myanmar, Union of, 2300 S St., NW, 20008, 332-9044

Namibia, Republic of, 1605 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 986-0540

Nauru, 800 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., NY, NY 10017 (212)937-0074

Nepal, 2131 Leroy Place, NW, 20008 667-4550

Netherlands, 4200 Linnean Ave., NW, 20008 244-5300

New Zealand, 37 Observatory Circle, NW, 20008 328-4800

Nicaragua, 1627 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 939-6570

Niger, Republic of, 2204 R St., NW, 20008 483-4224

Nigeria, Federal Republic of, 1333 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20036 986-8400

Norway, 2720 34th St., NW, 20008 333-6000

Oman, Sultanate of, 2535 Belmont Rd., NW, 20008 387-1980

Pakistan, 3517 International Court, NW, 20008 243-6500

Iranian Interests Section, 2209 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 20007 965-4990

Palau, Republic of, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 400, 20006 452-6814

Panama, Republic of, 2862 McGill Terrace, NW, 20008 483-1407

Papua New Guinea, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 805, 20036 745-3680

Paraguay, 2400 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 483-6960

Peru, 1700 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 833-9860

Philippines, 1600 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 467-9300

Poland, Republic of, 2640 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20009 234-3800

Portugal, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 328-8610

Qatar, State of, 2555 M St., NW, 20037 274-1600

Romania, 1607 23rd St., NW, 20008 332-4848

Russian Federation, 2650 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 20007 298-5700

Rwanda, Republic of, 1714 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 232-2882

Saint Kitts and Nevis, 3216 New Mexico Ave., NW, 20016 686-2636

Saint Lucia, 3216 New Mexico Ave., NW, 20016 364-6792

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 3216 New Mexico Ave., NW, 20016 364-6730

Samoa, 800 Second Ave., Suite 400J, NY, NY 10017 (212) 599-6196

San Marino, Republic of, 1899 L St., NW, 20036 223-3517

Saudi Arabia, 601 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20037 337-4076

Senegal, Republic of, 2112 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 234-0540

Serbia, 2134 Kalorama Rd., NW, 20008 332-0333

Seychelles, Republic of, 800 Second Ave., Suite 400, NY, NY 10017 (212) 687-9766

Sierra Leone, 1701 19<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20009 939-9261

Singapore, Republic of, 3501 International Place, NW, 20008 537-3100

Slovak Republic, 3523 International Court, NW, 20008 237-1054

Slovenia, Republic of, 1525 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20036 667-5363

Solomon Islands, 800 Second Ave., Suite 400L, NY, NY 10017 (212) 559-6192

Somalia — Embassy ceased operations on May 8, 1991.

South Africa, 3051 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 232-4400

Spain, 2375 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 20037 452-0100

Sri Lanka, 2148 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 483-4025

Sudan, Republic of the, 2210 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 338-8565

Suriname, Republic of, 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 460, 20008 244-7488

Swaziland, Kingdom of, 3400 International Dr., NW, 20008 362-6683

Sweden, 901 30th St., NW, 20007 467-2600

Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., NW, 20008 745-7900

Cuban Interests Section, 2630 16th St., NW, 20009 797-8518

Syrian Arab Republic, 2215 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 232-6313

Tajikistan, 1005 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20037 223-6090

Tanzania, United Republic of, 2139 R St., NW, 20008 939-6125

Thailand, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 401, 20007 944-3600

Togo, Republic of, 2208 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 234-4212

Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of, 1708 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 467-6490

Tunisia, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20005 862-1850

Turkey, Republic of, 2525 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 612-6700

Turkmenistan, Republic of, 2207 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 588-1500

Tuvalu (resident in Suva, Fiji) 800 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Suite 400D, NY, NY 10017 (212) 490-0534

Uganda, Republic of, 5911 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 20011 726-7100

Ukraine, 3350 M St., NW, 20007 333-0606

United Arab Emirates, 3522 International Court, NW, Suite 400, 20008 243-2400

United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, 3100 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 588-6500

Uruguay, 1913 I St., NW, 20006 331-1313

Uzbekistan, Republic of, 1746 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20036 887-5300

Vatican City (see Holy See)

Venezuela, Republic of, 1099 30th St., NW, 20007 342-2214

Vietnam, Socialist Republic of, 1233 20th St., NW, Suite 400, 20036 861-0737

Western Samoa (see Samoa)
Yemen, Republic of, 2319 Wyoming Ave., NW, 20008 965-4760
Yugoslavia, Former Republic of, 2134 Kalorama Rd., NW, 20008 332-0333
Zaire (see Congo, Democratic Republic of)
Zambia, Republic of, 2419 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 20008 265-9717
Zimbabwe, Republic of, 1608 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 20009 332-7100

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In addition to the list of chanceries, these addresses may be useful:

## **European Union**

Delegation of the European Commission to the United States 2300 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20037 (202) 862-9500 Fax: (202) 429-1766 [http://www.eurunion.org]

#### **Hong Kong Trade Development Council**

219 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10017 (212) 838-8688

#### **Taiwan**

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) 4201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016 (202) 895-1800

#### **American Institute in Taiwan**

1700 North Moore Street Suite 1700 Arlington, VA 22209 (703) 525-8474

**Note:** The United States maintains unofficial relations with Taiwan through the American Institute in Taiwan.