MAURITIUS AT A GLANCE

Constitution

Official name Republic of Mauritius

Form of state Republic within the Commonwealth

Legal system

Based on English common law, the Napoleonic Code and the 1968 constitution

National legislature
National Assembly; 70
members elected by
universal suffrage every
five years in 20 threemember constituencies on
Mauritius and one twomember constituency on
Rodrigues, plus eight 'best
losers'

Elections

Last general election Jul 3 2005; next election due in 2010

Head of state

President, elected by a simple majority of the National Assembly; currently Sir Anerood Jugnauth since Oct 2003

National government

Council of Ministers appointed and headed by the prime minister

Source: EIU



■ Area: 1.860 sa km

 Language: English, French, Creole, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoipuri

Population: 1.233m (2004)

Currency: Mauritius rupee (MRs)

Exchange rate:2005 average MRs29.38164 = US\$1Latest 2006 figure MRs 30.68001 = US\$1

Main cities and population
2004 ('000)
Port Louis (capital) 143.6
Beau-Bassin/Rose Hill 110.7
Vacoas/Phoenix 104.4
Curepipe 79.9
Quatre Bornes 76.5

FCO	nomic	sum	mary

,		2006 (forecast)	2007 (forecast)
Total GDP	(MRs bn)	203.8	219.0
Total GDP	(\$bn)	6.6	7.0
Real GDP growth	(annual % change)	3.0	2.5
GDP per head	(\$)	5,300	5,590
Inflation	(annual % change in CPI)	5.1	4.8
Agricultural output	(annual % change)	1.5	-0.5
Industrial production	(annual % change)	1.0	0.3
Unemployment rate	(% of labour force)	10.2	10.2
Money supply, M2	(annual % change)	11.4	11.8
Foreign exchange reserves	(\$bn)	1.3	1.3
Government expenditure	(% of GDP)	27.4	27.2
Budget balance	(% of GDP)	-6.0	-5.6
Total foreign debt	(% of GDP)	50.6	48.3
Current account balance	(\$m)	-197	-291
Merchandise exports	(\$m)	2,061	1,978
Merchandise imports	(\$m)	-2,880	-2,894
Trade balance	(\$m)	-820	-916

Main trading partners (2004)

Moody's Baa2

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