

**First Writing Assignment**  
**Economics 404W**  
Spring 2006

**Due Thursday, February 16**

Submit a 2-3 page type-written, double-spaced standard font document that describes the country you have chosen to study in the following respects:

- Size (population, total GDP)
- Level of development (GDP per capita, life expectancies, caloric intake levels)
- Inequality and poverty (standard inequality measures, percent in poverty)
- Mix of goods produced
- Degree of urbanization
- Growth performance over past twenty years (growth in GDP per capita, savings rates, extent of industrialization, productivity growth)
- Factor endowments (skill level of labor force, major natural resources, capital stock per worker if available)
- Distinctive features and possible obstacles to development

Think of this document as the initial section of a longer, more substantive country report that analyzes current economic conditions, assesses growth prospects, and provides policy advice.