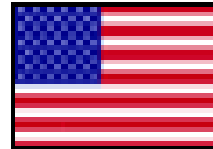
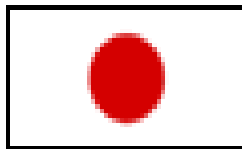
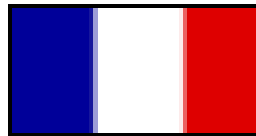


G8



- Originally established in 1975 by the Leaders of major industrial democracies known as the G6, Canada joined in 1976 making it the G7
- Meet annually (Summit) to address world political & economic issues
- The G7 countries became the G8 when Russia joined in 1998
- Summits involve complex international issues where cooperation is essential, they catalyze, revitalize & reform existing international institutions
- Recognizes the centrality of global governance

G8 Members



Organization

- A new chair of G8 is selected each year depending on the location of the next year's summit, which is on a rotational basis
- The chair is responsible for hosting and organizing the Summit, an annual meeting of leaders to discuss key issues
- The chair is responsible for speaking on behalf of the G8
- The 2005 chair who hosted the Gleneagle's Summit, Scotland is Tony Blair
- The 2006 chair of the St. Petersburg Summit, Russia will be Vladimir Putin

- Each G8 leader has a representative known as a ‘Sherpa’ who work as advisors in the Leader’s offices and implement the Leader’s commitments made at the Summit.

Goal/Mandate

- Addresses economic management, international trade, relationships with developing countries, East – West economic relations, energy, terrorism
- Defines new issues, providing guidance to other international organizations
- Leaders may create task forces to address issues such as drug-related money laundering, nuclear safety, transnational organized crime
- Other issues addressed include employment, the information highway, human rights, the environment and arms control

Canada’s Involvement



- Canada hosted the 2002 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, we will host the 2010 G8 Summit
- Canada’s Leader – Paul Martin, his ‘Sherpa’ Peter Harder (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Current Activities

Supporting the New Partnership for Africa’s Development, lead by Tony Blair to develop an action plan to halve world poverty by 2015



G8 Countries