Finding Foreign Information

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Print Resources

- **Government Publications→Chinook** (http://libraries.colorado.edu) The library catalog contains foreign documents as well as secondary sources on foreign countries. Just as a warning the foreign documents collection is NOT fully cataloged, for documents printed prior to 1992 the best bet is to come to the desk.

Electronic Sources of Information

- **Government Publications→Foreign Information by Country** (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/for/foreigngovt.htm) This page links to quick sources of information on countries and links to guides to individual countries.
- **Government Publications→International Information** (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/index.htm) You can find databases with international information on the right side of this page.
  - CIAO (Columbia Affairs online) (http://www.ciaonet.org/) This is a non-documents database, but it contains a lot of discussion of international issues with a political and historical focus. There are papers in here from think tanks, universities, and conferences.
  - PAIS International (http://www.csa.com/htbin/dbrng.cgi?username=ucb&access=ucb123&db=pais-set-c&adv=1) This is an index of government documents, books, journal articles, and much more that cover international issues.
  - SourceOECD (http://new.sourceoecd.org/) This is a database for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which collects and distributes data and reports on its 30 member countries. It contains information on topics as varied as agriculture and labor. Their reports on individual countries provide in-depth and detailed insight into particular issues.
  - UN Common Database (http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cdb/cdb%5Fhelp/cdb%5Fquick%5Fstart.asp) This database provides quick on all the member countries of the United Nations. It is a good place to start for basic information, such as literacy, population, and GDP.
  - World Development Indicators (http://devdata.worldbank.org/dataonline/) This database from the World Bank provides data on over 200 countries on 600 development indicators. This is a great place to go for data on developing countries, because the data is available from 1960 to the present.