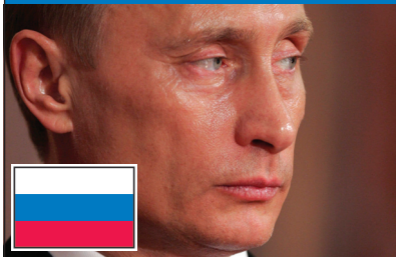


Russia



President ***Vladimir Putin***

Country area: **17,075,200 sq km**

Population: **143 million**

Capital city: **Moscow**

Life expectancy (yrs): **66 years**

GDP – per capita: **\$4,104**

Unemployment: **8%**

Exports: **\$317.6 billion**

Religion: **Russian Orthodox 15-20%, Muslim 10-15%, other Christian 2%**

Currency: **Russian ruble**

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