

# Quarterly national accounts – ESA

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*Fourth quarter of 1990: (GDP +0.1%), inflation (+1.0%): confirmation of the period of stagnation for the Community economy.*

*After the slight upturn in economic growth recorded in the third quarter, the economy of the Community as a whole saw a very slight rise in GDP (+0.1%) in the fourth quarter of 1990, accompanied by a slight slowdown in inflation (+1.0%). This slowdown is even more apparent for the four biggest countries, which together had a negative GDP growth rate (-0.2%). The current economic situation is due to the slowdown in the world economy, which had already begun at the end of 1989, and to the uncertainty about the future caused by the Gulf crisis. Furthermore, the upturn in inflation recorded during the year led to a widespread increase in interest rates, which almost certainly put the brake on investment.*

*It should be pointed out that the slowdown in inflation recorded during this quarter is a result of both the continued depreciation of the dollar on the international markets and the inflation-control policies adopted in most of the Member States. It should also be borne in mind that the current level of inflation is nevertheless high, especially when compared with Japan, which means that the Community countries are losing their competitiveness. As regards international trade in goods and services, the fourth quarter showed an increase in the current-account deficit expressed as a percentage of GDP (-0.9%), which would seem to indicate that Community exports are being outstripped by imports.*

*On the uses side, there was little change in any of the components of domestic demand, although the upturn in private consumption (+0.4%), after marking time in the third quarter, and especially in investment (+0.3%), following two quarters of decline, is of particular note.*

*The situation in the major economic partners of the Community is as follow:*

*In the United States, economic growth came to a halt (GDP -0.4%), while inflation fell slightly (+0.6%). Among the components of domestic demand, there was an appreciable drop in investment and private consumption (-1.4% and -0.9% respectively), while public consumption picked up rapidly (+1.2%). This quarter saw a return to a surplus on international trade in goods and services (+0.6% of GDP), due mainly to the upturn in exports (+2.6%) and the appreciable drop in imports (-3.6%).*

*Canada recorded the third consecutive fall in GDP growth (-1.0%), accompanied by a moderate increase in inflation (+0.9%). As regards the components of domestic demand, the main features were a substantial decline in investment (-2.1%), a sharp rise in public consumption (+1.5%) and a slight fall in private consumption (-0.2%).*

*In Japan, the main features of the fourth quarter were an appreciable slowdown in GDP growth (+0.6%), which nevertheless remains quite high, and a sharp rise in inflation (+1.2%). Among the components of domestic demand, the main trend seems to be the continuing increase in investment (+2.0%), whereas private consumption is slowing down somewhat (-0.3%). Japan's current account on international trade in goods and services was in balance again after the deficit recorded in the previous two quarters.*

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\* For the situation in the Member States, see the back of the cover page

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication shows quarterly and, for comparison annual growth rates for the main aggregates of national accounts, in volume and price terms, for some Member States (Danmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom) and major trading partners of the Community (Canada, United States and Japan). To facilitate analysis of short-term trends, movements in the aggregates in the tables of this bulletin are expressed in growth rates compared with the previous period.

#### SOURCE OF DATA

The annual data are extracted from the aggregates figures obtained by Eurostat from the National Statistical Offices of the Member States, the United States and Japan by means of a harmonized questionnaire according to the European system of integrated economic accounts (ESA). The data marked with an asterik (\*) are forecasts published by the Commission (DG II).

The quarterly data are taken from purely national sources, and they don't correspond necessarily to the ESA definitions. They follow the general concepts, definitions and methods of seasonal adjustment used in their country of origin and therefore, users should be aware that the aggregates for the various countries given in this publication may not be totally comparable.

Eurostat is currently using only the expenditure measure of GDP. It should however be noted that some countries, such as the United Kingdom, estimate and publish GDPs based on more than one measure.

The following sources are used in quarterly accounts:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| DENMARK:     | Danmarks Statistik  |
| FRANCE:      | Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques |
| GERMANY :    | Statistisches Bundesamt, Bundesbank                           |
| ITALY :      | Istituto Nazionale di Statistica                              |
| NETHERLANDS: | Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek                            |

UNITED KINGDOM: Central Statistical Office  
CANADA : Statistics Canada  
USA: Department of Commerce (BEA)  
JAPAN: Bureau of Economic Planning

#### COMMUNITY TOTAL

The Community total for each aggregate is derived by totalling the data for the available countries converted into a common unit using purchasing power standards (PPS). For the quarterly aggregates, the Community

total is the sum of the seasonally adjusted values of the available Member countries (D,DK,F,I,NL,UK) which is accounting only approximately 80% of the GDP of the Community. When referring to the Community it is therefore not appropriate to use the definition of EUR 12 but to call it simply "EUR". It must however be said that the annual data which are in the tables, are real EUR 12 data.

#### PUBLICATIONS AND STOCKAGE OF THE DATA

The annual data from the ESA Aggregates questionnaire are published each year in the 'Aggregates' volume in the series 'National accounts ESA'. They are also available, via servers from Eurostat's Cronos databased, SEC 1. the quarterly data are also stored in cronos ICG.

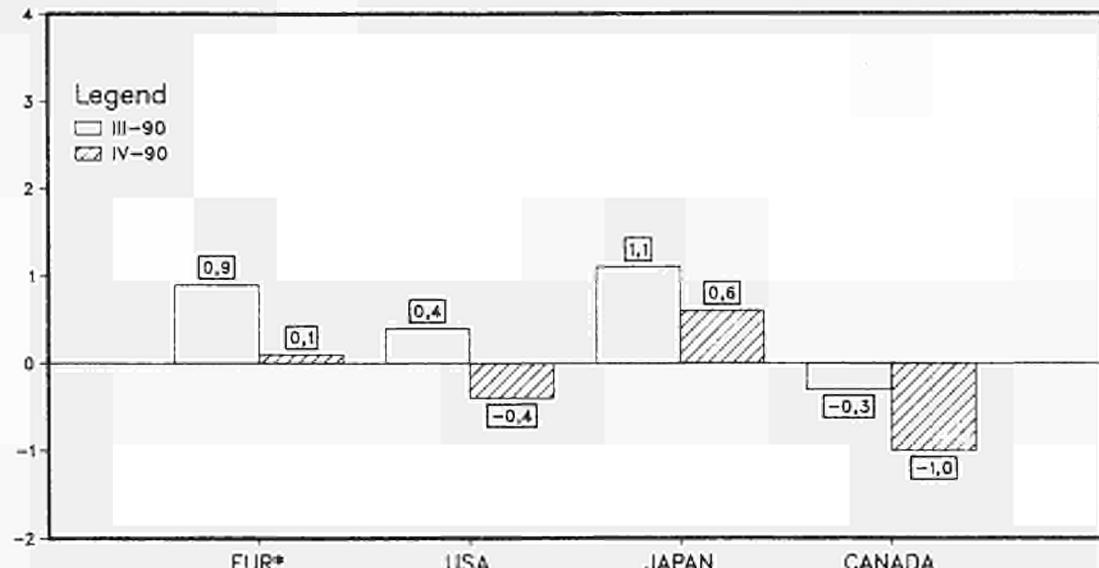
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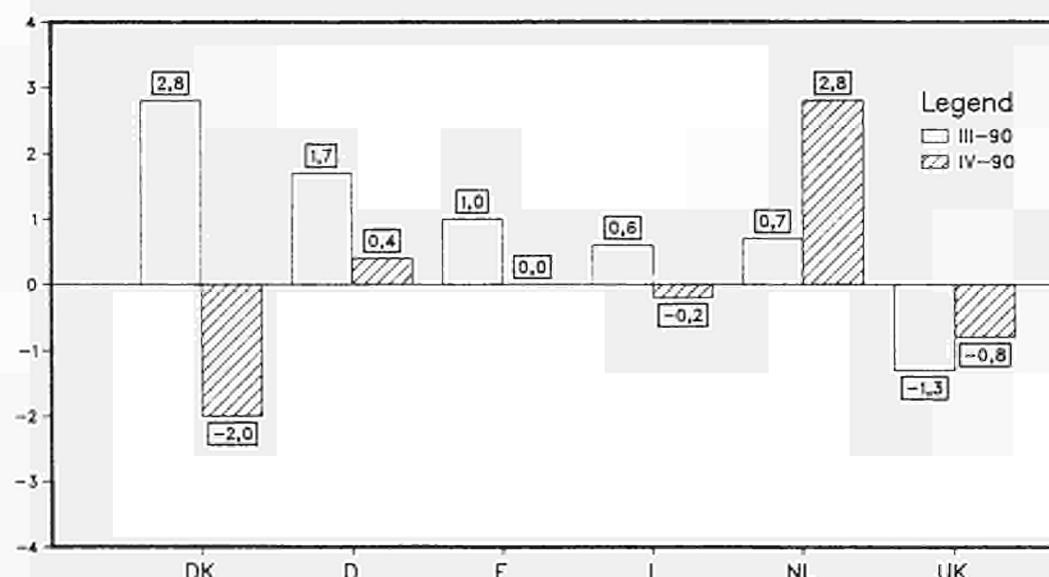
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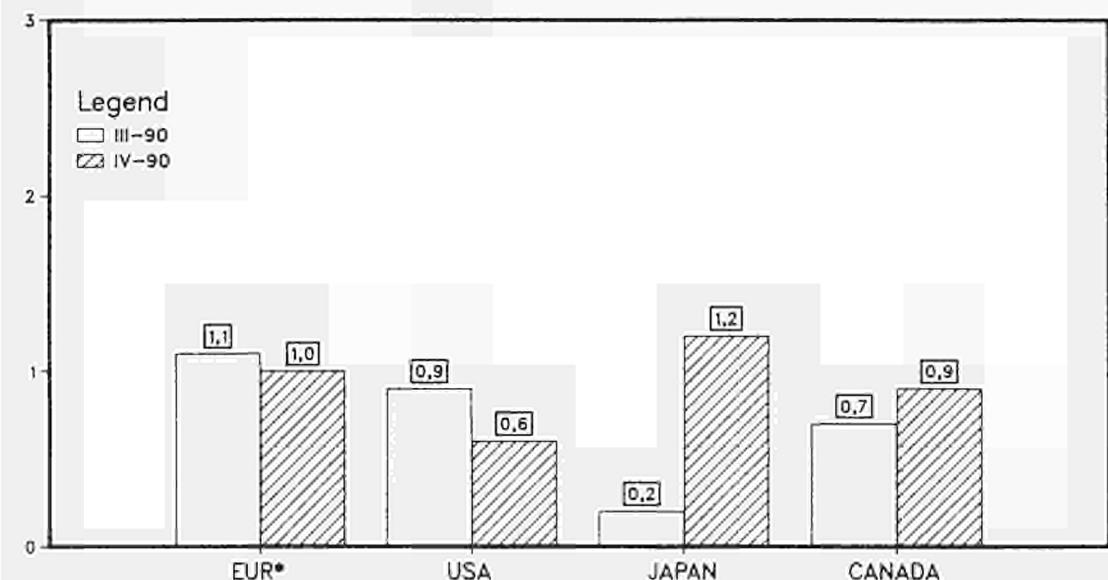
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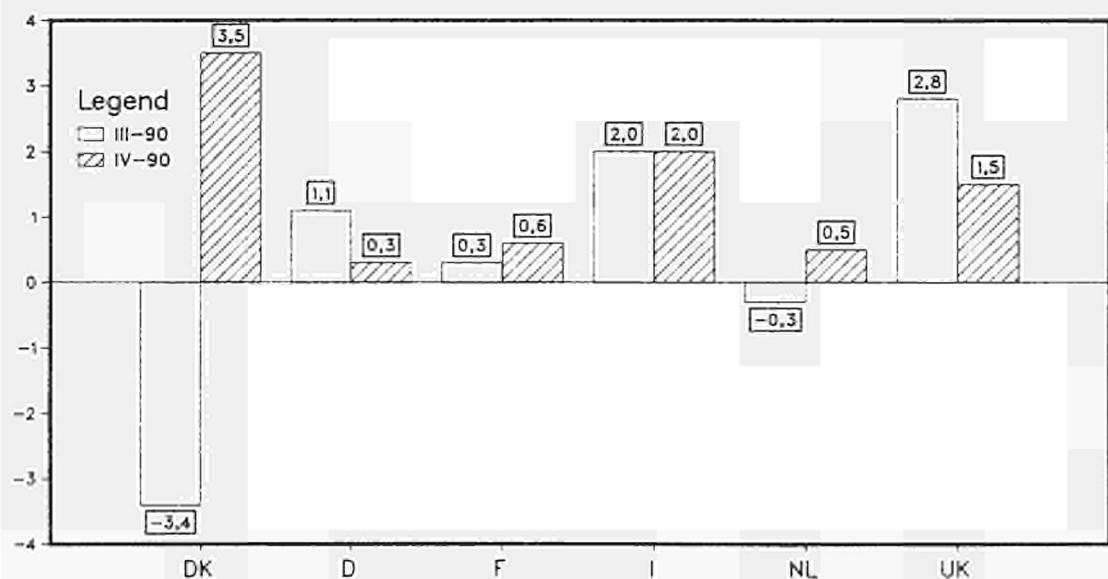
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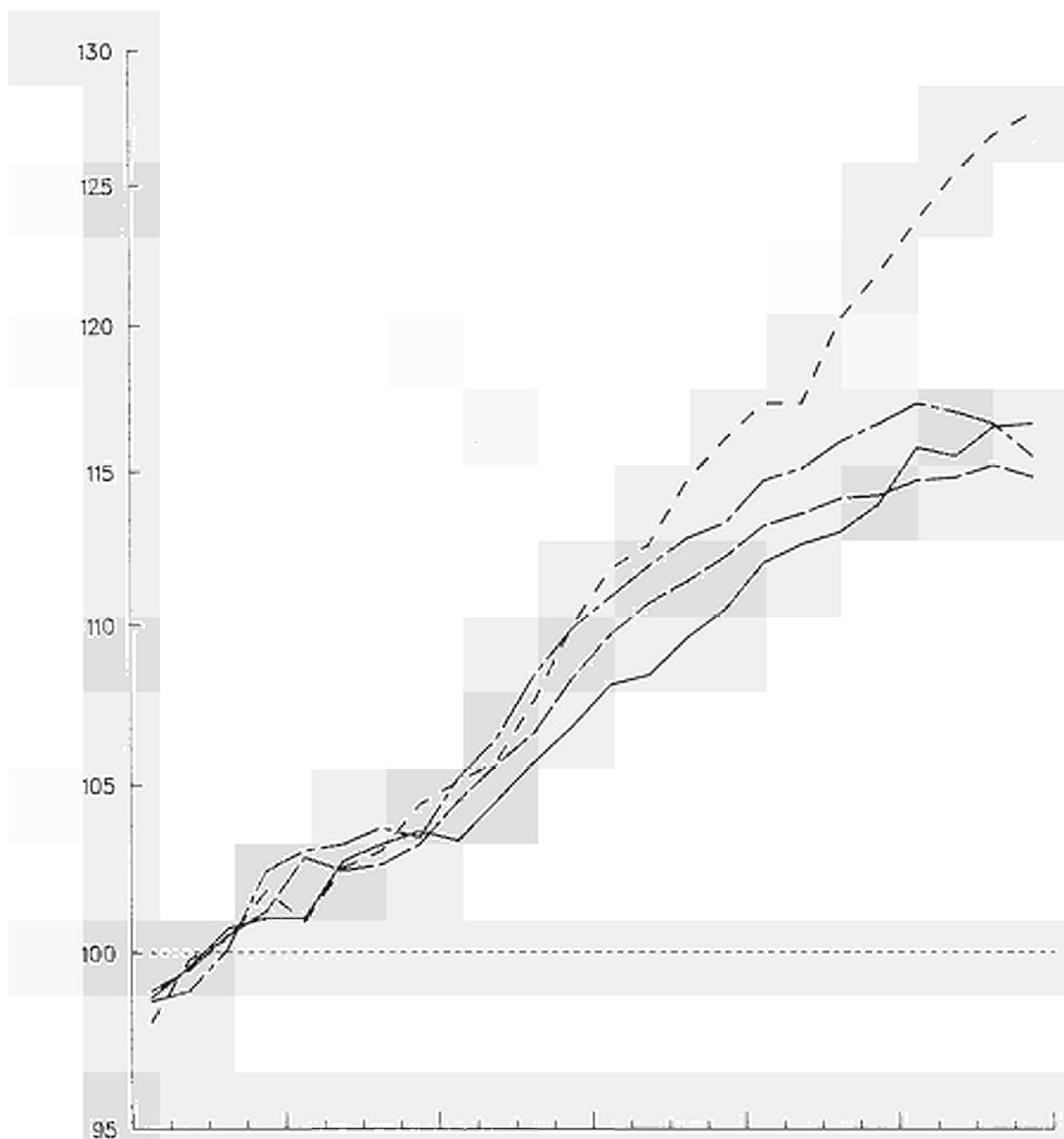
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USA

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CANADA



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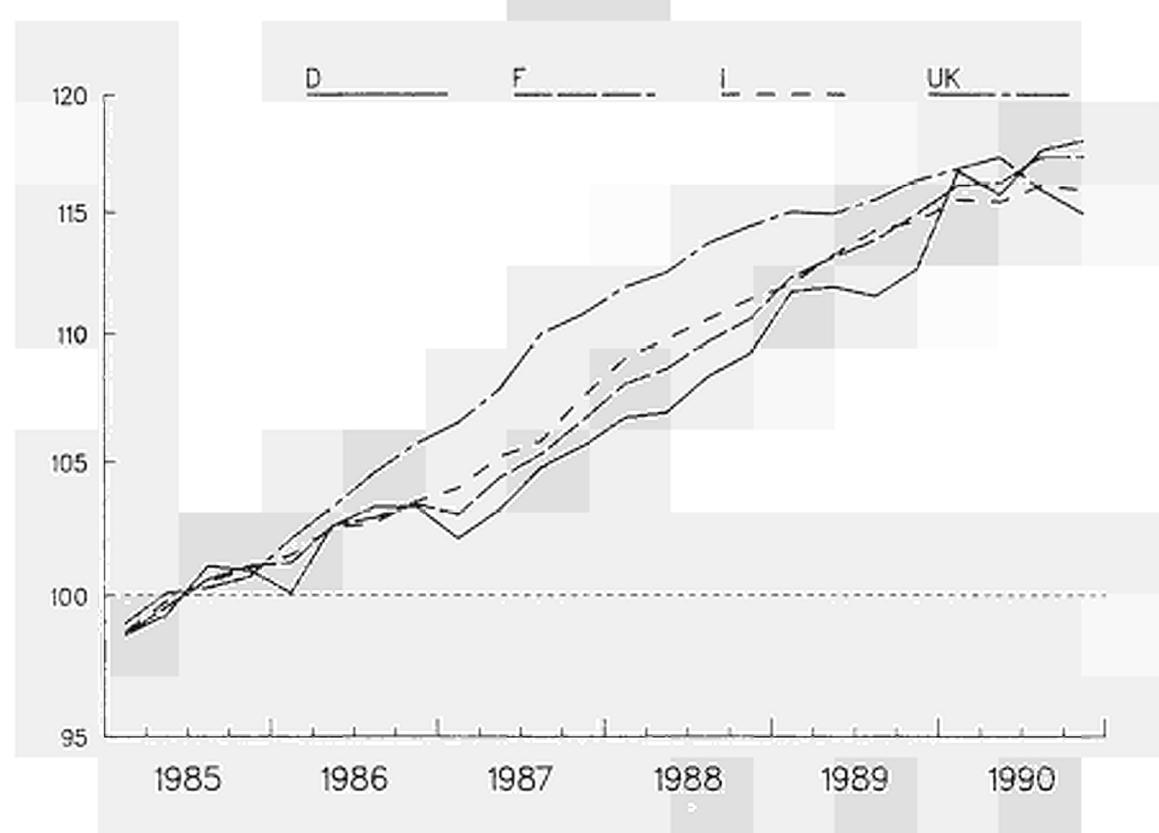
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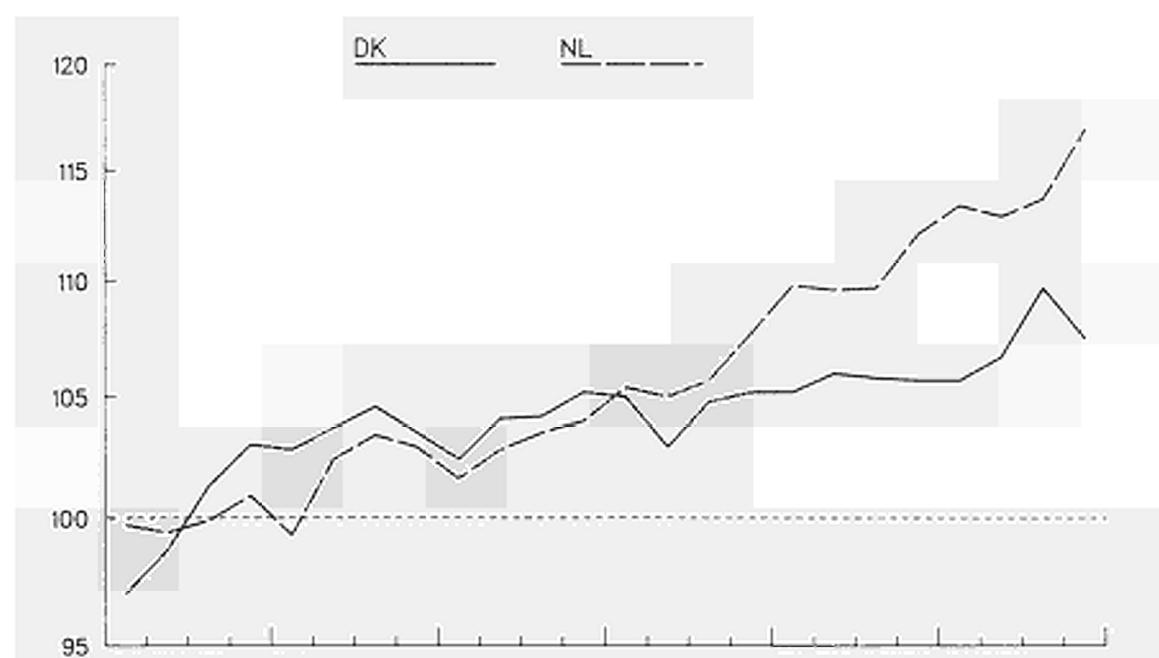
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## GROWTH OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

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|                      | GDP  | Private consumption | Government consumption | Gross fixed cap. format. | Change (1) in stocks | Domestic demand | External (1) balance | Exports | Imports |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>EUR</b>           |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                 | 4.0  | 4.1                 | 1.8                    | 9.1                      | 0.8                  | 5.0             | -2.2                 | 5.4     | 8.7     |
| 1989                 | 3.3  | 3.2                 | 1.4                    | 6.7                      | 0.9                  | 3.7             | -2.7                 | 7.7     | 8.9     |
| 1990 (*)             | 2.8  | 3.0                 | 2.2                    | 4.3                      | 0.7                  | 2.9             | -2.8                 | 6.2     | 6.4     |
| 1991 (*)             | 1.4  | 1.7                 | 1.5                    | 0.8                      | 0.6                  | 1.4             | -2.9                 | 4.6     | 4.5     |
| 1988 IV              | 0.8  | 0.5                 | 0.5                    | 1.6                      | 1.1                  | 1.2             | -1.6                 | 1.4     | 2.4     |
| 1989 I               | 1.4  | 0.9                 | -0.9                   | 4.6                      | 0.6                  | 0.8             | -1.0                 | 3.9     | 2.1     |
| II                   | 0.5  | 0.4                 | 0.1                    | -1.1                     | 1.0                  | 0.4             | -0.9                 | 3.3     | 2.8     |
| III                  | 0.3  | 0.6                 | 0.6                    | -0.5                     | 0.8                  | 0.1             | -0.7                 | -0.5    | -1.1    |
| IV                   | 0.9  | 0.6                 | -0.2                   | 1.9                      | 1.2                  | 1.1             | -1.0                 | 1.7     | 2.5     |
| 1990 I               | 1.6  | 1.7                 | 1.2                    | 5.8                      | 0.2                  | 1.5             | -0.9                 | 3.8     | 3.5     |
| II                   | -0.2 | 0.6                 | 0.7                    | -2.4                     | 0.4                  | 0.1             | -1.2                 | -0.3    | 0.7     |
| III                  | 0.9  | -0.1                | 0.4                    | -0.6                     | 0.7                  | 0.2             | -0.6                 | 2.6     | 0.8     |
| IV                   | 0.1  | 0.4                 | -0.3                   | 0.3                      | 0.9                  | 0.4             | -0.9                 | 1.2     | 1.9     |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                 | 4.5  | 3.7                 | 2.1                    | 5.0                      | 0.1                  | 3.3             | -1.8                 | 18.7    | 5.6     |
| 1989                 | 2.8  | 2.0                 | 0.3                    | 2.7                      | 0.5                  | 2.2             | -1.3                 | 11.9    | 5.9     |
| 1990 (*)             | 1.0  | 0.9                 | 2.8                    | -0.1                     | -0.1                 | 0.5             | -1.0                 | 6.4     | 2.7     |
| 1991 (*)             | 0.1  | 0.0                 | 1.3                    | -3.1                     | -0.3                 | -0.5            | -0.5                 | 4.3     | 0.3     |
| 1988 IV              | 0.7  | 0.9                 | 3.7                    | -1.2                     | 0.4                  | 0.6             | -0.9                 | 3.9     | 3.0     |
| 1989 I               | 0.9  | -0.1                | -0.8                   | 1.3                      | 0.7                  | 0.3             | -0.3                 | 3.7     | -0.6    |
| II                   | 0.4  | 0.3                 | 1.0                    | 0.4                      | 0.7                  | 0.4             | -0.4                 | 3.0     | 3.1     |
| III                  | 0.4  | 1.1                 | -0.6                   | 0.6                      | 0.7                  | 0.6             | -0.6                 | -0.1    | 1.6     |
| IV                   | 0.1  | -0.2                | 0.8                    | -1.1                     | 0.5                  | -0.3            | -0.2                 | 3.2     | 0.4     |
| 1990 I               | 0.4  | 0.3                 | 0.7                    | 1.8                      | -0.1                 | 0.1             | 0.1                  | 2.7     | 0.6     |
| II                   | 0.1  | 0.1                 | 1.5                    | -1.7                     | 0.3                  | 0.3             | -0.1                 | -1.3    | 0.2     |
| III                  | 0.4  | 0.7                 | 0.3                    | 0.2                      | 0.1                  | 0.4             | -0.2                 | 1.7     | 1.9     |
| IV                   | -0.4 | -0.9                | 1.2                    | -1.4                     | -0.7                 | -1.2            | 0.6                  | 2.6     | -3.1    |
| <b>JAPAN</b>         |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                 | 5.7  | 5.1                 | 2.2                    | 12.6                     | 0.6                  | 7.6             | -0.1                 | 5.1     | 18.4    |
| 1989                 | 4.9  | 3.5                 | 2.1                    | 11.0                     | 0.5                  | 5.9             | -0.9                 | 15.4    | 21.5    |
| 1990 (*)             | 5.6  | 4.0                 | 1.4                    | 10.8                     | 0.7                  | 5.8             | -1.1                 | 10.7    | 11.7    |
| 1991 (*)             | 3.8  | 3.9                 | 2.0                    | 5.1                      | 0.6                  | 4.1             | -1.3                 | 7.2     | 8.6     |
| 1988 IV              | 1.2  | 0.8                 | 0.1                    | 2.3                      | 0.8                  | 1.0             | 0.8                  | 1.9     | 0.7     |
| 1989 I               | 1.0  | 1.5                 | 0.9                    | 3.4                      | 0.7                  | 1.8             | 0.0                  | 4.3     | 9.7     |
| II                   | 0.0  | -0.5                | 0.7                    | -0.6                     | 1.3                  | 0.2             | -0.1                 | 3.1     | 4.3     |
| III                  | 2.4  | 2.3                 | -0.4                   | 3.6                      | 1.0                  | 2.2             | 0.1                  | 3.4     | 2.0     |
| IV                   | 1.3  | 2.0                 | 0.6                    | 2.8                      | 0.8                  | 2.0             | -0.5                 | 3.1     | 6.8     |
| 1990 I               | 1.6  | 0.3                 | 0.8                    | 2.8                      | 0.6                  | 1.0             | 0.1                  | 6.8     | 3.0     |
| II                   | 1.4  | 1.6                 | 0.0                    | 3.0                      | 0.9                  | 2.2             | -0.8                 | 0.6     | 5.3     |
| III                  | 1.1  | 0.2                 | 0.1                    | 2.5                      | 1.0                  | 1.0             | -0.6                 | -4.3    | -4.7    |
| IV                   | 0.6  | -0.3                | 0.7                    | 2.0                      | 0.5                  | 0.0             | -0.0                 | 3.4     | 0.1     |
| <b>CANADA</b>        |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                 |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1989                 |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1990 (*)             |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1991 (*)             |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988 IV              | 0.5  | 1.2                 | 0.4                    | 1.2                      | 0.1                  | 0.9             | -0.9                 | 1.0     | 2.4     |
| 1989 I               | 1.2  | 0.7                 | 1.8                    | 2.3                      | -0.3                 | 1.0             | -0.7                 | 1.8     | 1.1     |
| II                   | 0.3  | 1.1                 | -0.9                   | 1.0                      | 1.1                  | 1.8             | -2.2                 | -3.2    | 1.7     |
| III                  | 0.8  | 0.1                 | 1.9                    | -2.0                     | 1.1                  | -0.1            | -1.4                 | 1.8     | -1.1    |
| IV                   | 0.6  | 1.7                 | 0.7                    | 2.6                      | 0.8                  | 1.3             | -2.1                 | -0.1    | 2.4     |
| 1990 I               | 0.6  | 0.0                 | 1.5                    | 0.3                      | 0.2                  | -0.1            | -1.4                 | 1.3     | -1.1    |
| II                   | -0.2 | -0.4                | 0.4                    | -2.1                     | -0.4                 | -1.3            | -0.3                 | 5.4     | 1.6     |
| III                  | -0.3 | 0.2                 | 1.5                    | -3.4                     | -0.4                 | -0.1            | -0.5                 | -2.5    | -1.8    |
| IV                   | -1.0 | -0.2                | 1.5                    | -2.1                     | -0.8                 |                 |                      |         | -2.2    |

% Change compared with previous period (for quarters, Seas. adjusted)

(1) Percent of GDP

(\*) forecasts

## GROWTH OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

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|-----------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>DEUTSCHLAND</b>    |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                  | 3.7  | 3.0                 | 0.6                    | 5.1                      | 1.0                  | 3.8             | 1.3                  | 5.1     | 5.8     |
| 1989                  | 3.3  | 1.1                 | 0.6                    | 7.1                      | 1.2                  | 2.7             | 1.9                  | 10.0    | 8.6     |
| 1990 (*)              | 4.7  | 4.3                 | 2.9                    | 8.8                      | 1.3                  | 5.1             | 1.5                  | 8.9     | 10.2    |
| 1991 (*)              | 2.7  | 2.3                 | 1.5                    | 5.9                      | 1.2                  | 2.9             | 1.3                  | 8.5     | 9.4     |
| 1988 IV               | 0.7  | 0.1                 | 1.5                    | 1.0                      | 1.5                  | 1.2             | 1.9                  | 1.4     | 2.6     |
| 1989 I                | 2.3  | 0.4                 | -2.7                   | 9.3                      | 0.3                  | 0.4             | 3.7                  | 7.0     | 1.5     |
| II                    | 0.2  | 0.5                 | -0.1                   | -3.8                     | 1.5                  | 0.6             | 3.3                  | 4.2     | 6.0     |
| III                   | -0.4 | 0.0                 | 0.0                    | -1.4                     | 1.1                  | -0.7            | 3.6                  | -2.5    | -3.8    |
| IV                    | 1.0  | 1.0                 | -0.9                   | 3.0                      | 3.6                  | 3.6             | 1.2                  | -0.4    | 7.0     |
| 1990 I                | 3.6  | 2.7                 | 2.7                    | 13.8                     | 0.1                  | 1.4             | 3.3                  | 8.6     | 2.6     |
| II                    | -0.9 | 0.6                 | 1.0                    | -7.2                     | 1.4                  | 0.2             | 2.2                  | -3.1    | -0.3    |
| III                   | 1.7  | -0.3                | 0.2                    | 0.2                      | 1.9                  | 0.5             | 3.3                  | 6.8     | 3.8     |
| IV                    | 0.4  | 0.8                 | 0.1                    | 1.6                      | 3.6                  | 2.6             | 1.2                  | 2.3     | 8.4     |
| <b>FRANCE</b>         |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                  | 3.6  | 2.9                 | 2.8                    | 8.5                      | 0.4                  | 3.8             | -2.5                 | 8.0     | 8.4     |
| 1989                  | 3.6  | 3.0                 | 1.7                    | 5.8                      | 0.3                  | 3.2             | -2.1                 | 10.8    | 8.5     |
| 1990 (*)              | 2.8  | 3.1                 | 3.1                    | 4.0                      | 0.2                  | 3.2             | -2.4                 | 5.2     | 6.3     |
| 1991 (*)              | 1.6  | 2.2                 | 1.6                    | 1.1                      | 0.0                  | 1.7             | -2.6                 | 4.1     | 4.3     |
| 1988 IV               | 0.9  | 0.7                 | -0.2                   | 1.5                      | 4.0                  | 1.0             | -3.0                 | 1.5     | 1.9     |
| 1989 I                | 1.5  | 0.7                 | -0.2                   | 2.8                      | 3.5                  | 0.8             | -2.3                 | 5.7     | 2.7     |
| II                    | 0.7  | 0.2                 | -0.2                   | 0.7                      | 6.1                  | 0.9             | -2.5                 | 1.7     | 2.1     |
| III                   | 0.6  | 1.5                 | 0.5                    | 0.9                      | 2.4                  | 0.3             | -2.1                 | -0.9    | -2.0    |
| IV                    | 1.0  | 0.4                 | 0.9                    | 2.4                      | 3.1                  | 1.1             | -2.2                 | 5.3     | 5.4     |
| 1990 I                | 1.0  | 1.3                 | 1.6                    | 1.6                      | 1.0                  | 1.0             | -2.2                 | 2.1     | 1.9     |
| II                    | 0.1  | 0.7                 | -0.1                   | -0.5                     | 2.9                  | 0.7             | -2.8                 | -3.2    | -0.7    |
| III                   | 1.0  | 0.1                 | 0.8                    | 1.0                      | 6.6                  | 1.3             | -3.2                 | 1.8     | 2.9     |
| IV                    | 0.0  | 0.6                 | 0.8                    | -1.0                     | 1.8                  | -0.8            | -2.3                 | 2.7     | -0.4    |
| <b>ITALIA</b>         |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                  | 4.2  | 4.5                 | 2.8                    | 6.7                      | 2.0                  | 5.0             | -3.5                 | 4.2     | 7.4     |
| 1989                  | 3.2  | 4.2                 | 0.5                    | 5.1                      | 1.7                  | 3.6             | -3.8                 | 9.2     | 9.9     |
| 1990 (*)              | 2.0  | 2.7                 | 1.0                    | 3.0                      | 1.2                  | 1.9             | -3.8                 | 7.5     | 6.7     |
| 1991 (*)              | 1.7  | 2.3                 | 1.4                    | 1.1                      | 1.3                  | 2.0             | -4.2                 | 3.5     | 4.5     |
| 1988 IV               | 0.7  | 0.7                 | 0.3                    | 1.9                      | 1.5                  | 0.5             | -3.6                 | 4.9     | 3.4     |
| 1989 I                | 0.6  | 1.7                 | -0.1                   | 1.4                      | 1.3                  | 1.1             | -4.2                 | 0.0     | 2.2     |
| II                    | 1.0  | 0.1                 | 0.5                    | 0.9                      | 1.2                  | 0.2             | -3.4                 | 5.4     | 1.6     |
| III                   | 0.9  | 0.8                 | 0.1                    | 0.1                      | 1.4                  | 0.8             | -3.2                 | 0.7     | 0.2     |
| IV                    | 0.4  | 0.3                 | -0.4                   | 0.1                      | 1.0                  | -0.2            | -2.6                 | 1.4     | -1.1    |
| 1990 I                | 0.8  | 1.7                 | 0.5                    | 2.5                      | 1.3                  | 2.0             | -3.9                 | 1.2     | 6.2     |
| II                    | -0.1 | 0.1                 | 0.5                    | 1.2                      | 0.3                  | -0.6            | -3.4                 | 5.1     | 2.4     |
| III                   | 0.6  | 0.5                 | 0.5                    | -0.8                     | 0.5                  | 0.4             | -3.1                 | -0.6    | -1.3    |
| IV                    | -0.2 | -0.1                | 0.0                    | -1.6                     | 1.7                  | -0.5            | -2.8                 | -0.1    | -1.3    |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988                  | 4.6  | 7.2                 | 0.5                    | 14.8                     | 1.0                  | 8.0             | -3.7                 | 0.3     | 12.8    |
| 1989                  | 2.2  | 3.9                 | 0.8                    | 4.8                      | 0.6                  | 3.1             | -4.6                 | 4.3     | 6.9     |
| 1990 (*)              | 0.6  | 1.0                 | 1.7                    | -1.9                     | -0.1                 | -0.1            | -3.7                 | 4.8     | 1.6     |
| 1991 (*)              | -2.2 | -1.6                | 1.7                    | -10.4                    | -0.4                 | -2.9            | -2.9                 | 1.2     | -1.4    |
| 1988 IV               | 0.7  | 1.1                 | 0.9                    | 1.9                      | 2.4                  | 2.5             | -5.9                 | -3.1    | 3.1     |
| 1989 I                | 0.5  | 0.9                 | -0.8                   | 4.4                      | 1.4                  | 0.3             | -5.6                 | 4.1     | 2.8     |
| II                    | -0.1 | 1.2                 | 0.3                    | -3.4                     | 0.8                  | -0.4            | -5.3                 | -0.4    | -1.2    |
| III                   | 0.5  | -0.4                | 2.9                    | -1.6                     | 0.8                  | -0.1            | -4.7                 | 3.3     | 1.1     |
| IV                    | 0.7  | 0.7                 | -1.2                   | 1.8                      | -0.5                 | -0.7            | -3.3                 | 2.4     | -2.1    |
| 1990 I                | 0.5  | 0.4                 | 0.4                    | 1.8                      | 0.2                  | 1.3             | -4.2                 | 2.1     | 4.6     |
| II                    | 0.5  | 1.0                 | 2.3                    | -1.4                     | -0.4                 | 0.3             | -4.0                 | 0.4     | -0.2    |
| III                   | -1.3 | -1.3                | -0.7                   | -4.9                     | 0.0                  | -1.5            | -3.7                 | -2.2    | -2.7    |
| IV                    | -0.8 | -0.8                | -0.5                   | -1.1                     | -0.5                 | -1.3            | -3.2                 | 0.9     | -0.7    |

% Change compared with previous period (for quarters, Seas. adjusted)

(1) Percent of GDP

(\*) forecasts

## GROWTH OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

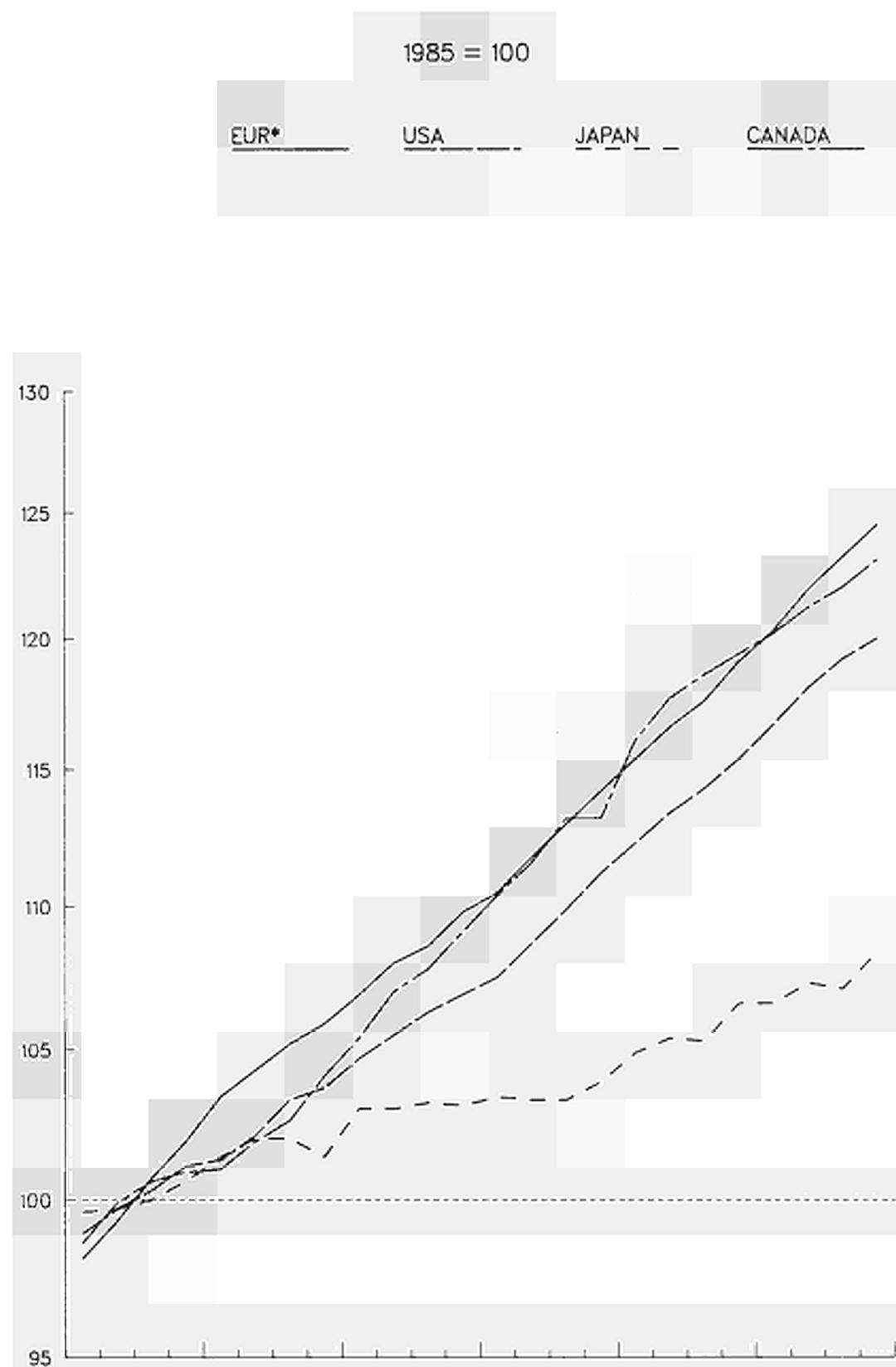
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|                  | GDP  | Private consumption | Government consumption | Gross fixed cap. format. | Change (1) in stocks | Domestic demand | External (1) balance | Exports | Imports |
|------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>DANMARK</b>   |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988             | -0.2 | -1.7                | -0.9                   | -4.8                     | -0.6                 | -2.2            | 1.0                  | 6.7     | 1.2     |
| 1989             | 1.3  | -0.4                | -0.8                   | -0.1                     | 0.4                  | 0.8             | 1.1                  | 6.7     | 5.7     |
| 1990 (*)         | 1.6  | 0.8                 | -0.7                   | -1.0                     | -0.5                 | -0.8            | 5.4                  | 8.2     | 2.6     |
| 1991 (*)         | 1.4  | 1.0                 | -0.8                   | -2.1                     | -0.2                 | 0.3             | 6.4                  | 4.0     | 1.6     |
| 1988 IV          | 0.4  | 0.2                 | -1.4                   | -2.4                     | -0.2                 | -0.7            | 3.8                  | 3.3     | 0.6     |
| 1989 I           | 0.0  | -0.7                | -0.2                   | 4.7                      | 1.1                  | 1.9             | 2.0                  | -3.9    | 0.5     |
| II               | 0.7  | 0.4                 | 0.1                    | 2.0                      | -1.3                 | -1.8            | 4.5                  | 11.0    | 4.8     |
| III              | -0.2 | -1.0                | -0.2                   | -0.6                     | 4.3                  | 5.1             | -0.6                 | -4.5    | 8.1     |
| IV               | -0.1 | -0.1                | -0.1                   | -6.3                     | 0.8                  | -4.8            | 4.2                  | 2.2     | -9.1    |
| 1990 I           | 0.0  | 0.9                 | 0.4                    | 5.8                      | -0.6                 | 0.3             | 3.9                  | 1.7     | 2.7     |
| II               | 1.0  | 1.1                 | -0.3                   | -2.5                     | -1.2                 | -0.6            | 5.4                  | 3.8     | 0.2     |
| III              | 2.8  | -0.9                | -0.6                   | 0.5                      | 1.2                  | 2.1             | 6.1                  | 0.9     | -1.3    |
| IV               | -2.0 | -0.3                | -1.9                   | -1.1                     | -1.5                 | -3.7            | 7.7                  | 4.3     | 1.1     |
| <b>NEDERLAND</b> |      |                     |                        |                          |                      |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1988             | 2.7  | 1.5                 | 0.6                    | 9.4                      | -4.5                 | 1.6             | 5.3                  | 8.1     | 6.8     |
| 1989             | 4.0  | 1.7                 | -0.9                   | 3.0                      | -1.3                 | 4.9             | 4.5                  | 4.6     | 5.9     |
| 1990 (*)         | 3.3  | 3.7                 | 0.6                    | 4.1                      | -0.9                 | 3.8             | 4.0                  | 5.2     | 6.1     |
| 1991 (*)         | 2.6  | 3.0                 | -0.8                   | 1.2                      | -0.6                 | 2.3             | 4.4                  | 4.2     | 3.7     |
| 1988 IV          | 1.9  | 0.3                 | 1.7                    | 4.2                      | -2.8                 | 2.9             | 5.0                  | -0.7    | 0.5     |
| 1989 I           | 2.0  | 1.0                 | -1.2                   | 3.4                      | -1.4                 | 2.5             | 4.5                  | 1.6     | 2.4     |
| II               | -0.2 | 0.6                 | 0.5                    | -1.5                     | -0.8                 | 0.1             | 4.2                  | 1.5     | 2.0     |
| III              | 0.0  | 1.1                 | 1.5                    | -2.6                     | -1.4                 | -0.4            | 4.6                  | 0.5     | -0.1    |
| IV               | 2.2  | 0.3                 | -0.3                   | 5.8                      | -1.5                 | 2.0             | 4.7                  | 1.2     | 0.9     |
| 1990 I           | 1.1  | 1.5                 | -1.0                   | 5.9                      | -1.6                 | 2.2             | 3.8                  | 1.1     | 2.6     |
| II               | -0.4 | 1.2                 | 0.5                    | -4.7                     | 0.0                  | 0.7             | 2.7                  | 1.0     | 2.6     |
| III              | 0.7  | 0.2                 | 1.9                    | -4.0                     | -2.1                 | -3.2            | 6.4                  | 3.1     | -2.3    |
| IV               | 2.8  | 1.2                 | -5.7                   | 9.4                      | -2.2                 | 3.7             | 5.6                  | -1.9    | -1.0    |

% Change compared with previous period (for quarters, Seas. adjusted)

(1) Percent of GDP

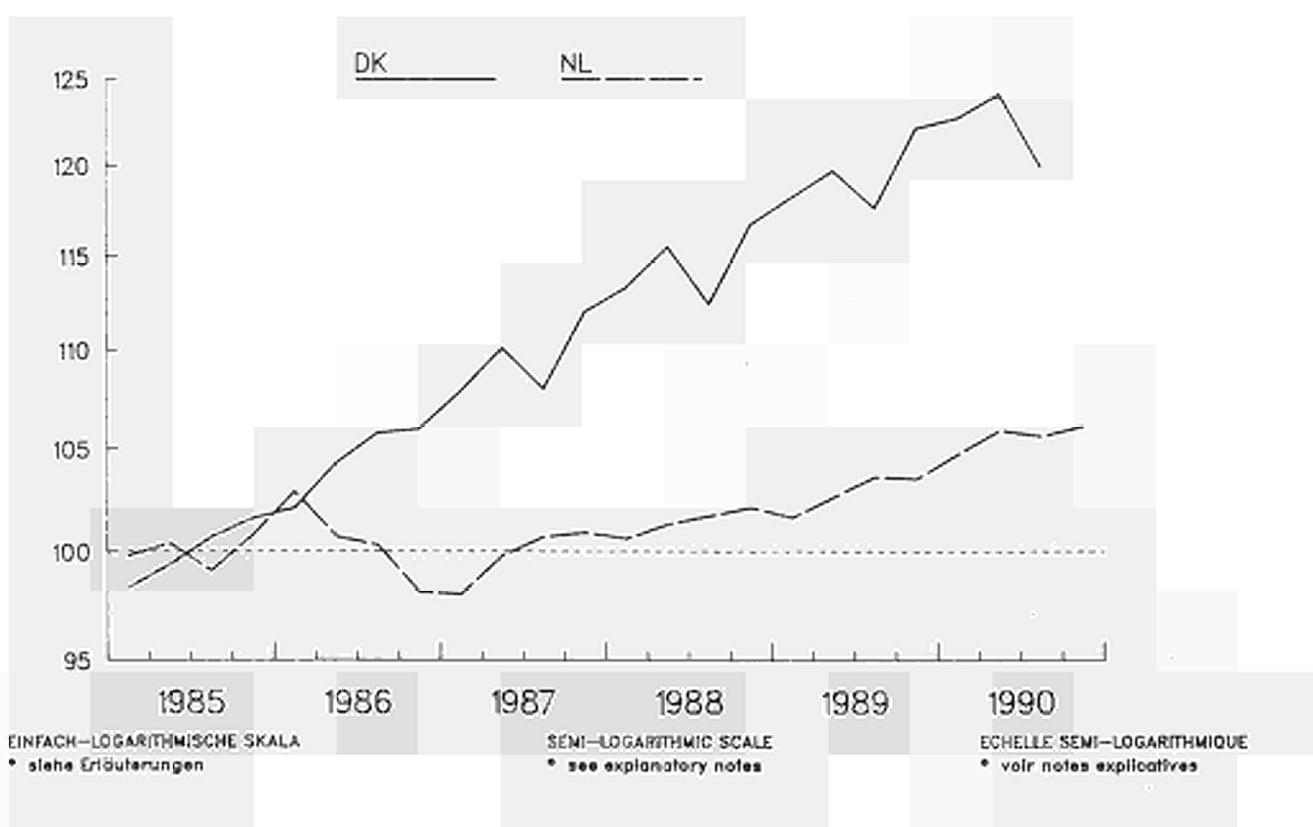
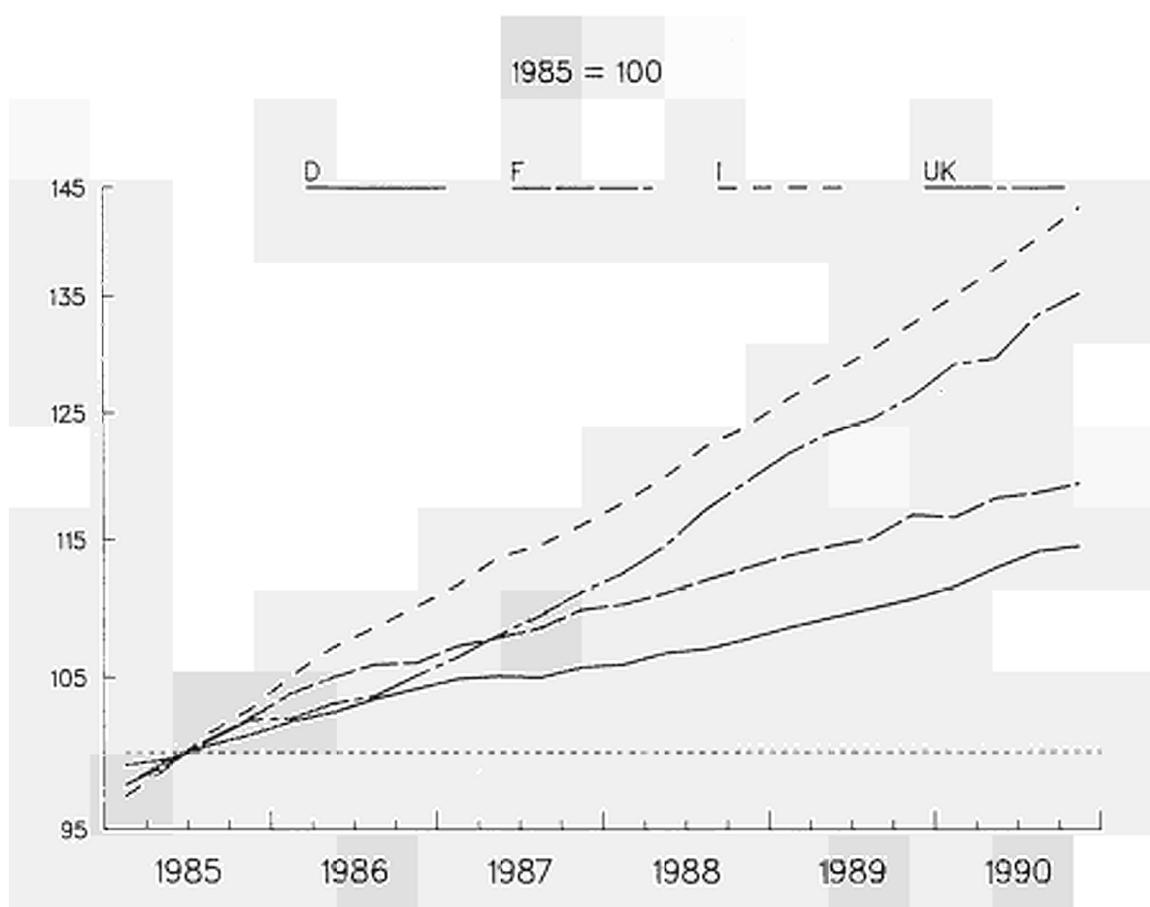
(\*) forecasts



EINFACH-LOGARITHMISCHE SKALA  
\* siehe Erläuterungen

SEMI-LOGARITHMIC SCALE  
\* see explanatory notes

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\* voir notes explicatives



# CHANGE IN PRICE OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

%  
PRICES

|                      | GDP  | Private consumption | Government consumption | Gross fixed cap. format | Domestic demand | Exports | Imports |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| <b>EUR</b>           |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                 | 4.5  | 3.7                 | 4.9                    | 4.1                     | 4.1             | 2.9     | 2.1     |
| 1989                 | 5.1  | 4.9                 | 5.7                    | 4.6                     | 5.0             | 6.2     | 6.0     |
| 1990 (*)             | 5.6  | 5.0                 | 6.7                    | 4.8                     | 5.3             | 1.6     | 0.5     |
| 1991 (*)             | 5.5  | 5.0                 | 6.1                    | 4.6                     | 5.1             | 2.4     | 1.0     |
| 1988 IV              | 1.1  | 0.8                 | 0.7                    | 0.6                     | 0.8             | 0.9     | 0.2     |
| 1989 I               | 1.1  | 1.3                 | 1.5                    | 1.3                     | 1.5             | 1.6     | 3.0     |
| II                   | 1.0  | 1.2                 | 1.0                    | 1.1                     | 1.2             | 1.9     | 2.8     |
| III                  | 0.9  | 0.8                 | 0.9                    | 0.8                     | 0.8             | -0.1    | -0.7    |
| IV                   | 1.3  | 0.9                 | 2.4                    | 0.7                     | 1.3             | 0.2     | 0.4     |
| 1990 I               | 1.0  | 1.1                 | 0.5                    | 1.0                     | 0.9             | -0.3    | -0.9    |
| II                   | 1.3  | 0.5                 | 1.9                    | 1.1                     | 1.0             | 0.0     | -1.1    |
| III                  | 1.1  | 1.4                 | 0.3                    | 1.1                     | 1.4             | -0.3    | 0.3     |
| IV                   | 1.0  |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                 | 3.3  | 4.0                 | 3.9                    | 1.6                     | 3.6             | 3.6     | 3.1     |
| 1989                 | 3.8  | 4.5                 | 4.4                    | 1.3                     | 3.8             | 1.5     | 0.4     |
| 1990 (*)             | 4.1  | 5.0                 |                        |                         |                 | 0.9     | 1.9     |
| 1991 (*)             | 4.0  | 4.5                 |                        |                         |                 | 2.2     | 2.2     |
| 1988 IV              | 1.2  | 1.1                 | 1.1                    | 1.7                     | 1.3             | 0.4     | 1.0     |
| 1989 I               | 0.9  | 1.3                 | 1.7                    | 0.3                     | 1.0             | 0.8     | 1.3     |
| II                   | 1.0  | 1.3                 | 0.4                    | -0.3                    | 1.0             | 0.2     | 0.2     |
| III                  | 0.8  | 0.6                 | 1.1                    | -0.2                    | 0.5             | -0.7    | -2.6    |
| IV                   | 0.9  | 1.2                 | 0.7                    | -0.2                    | 1.0             | -0.2    | 0.3     |
| 1990 I               | 1.2  | 1.7                 | 1.8                    | 1.0                     | 1.4             | 0.2     | 1.3     |
| II                   | 1.2  | 0.9                 | 0.0                    | -0.1                    | 0.9             | 1.0     | -1.1    |
| III                  | 0.9  | 1.3                 | 1.2                    | 0.5                     | 1.2             | 0.3     | 2.4     |
| IV                   | 0.6  | 1.7                 | 1.5                    | -1.5                    | 1.2             | 1.0     | 4.9     |
| <b>JAPAN</b>         |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                 | 0.6  | -0.1                | 1.6                    | -0.3                    | -0.3            | -1.5    | -2.6    |
| 1989                 | 1.5  | 1.7                 | 3.6                    | 0.9                     | 1.4             | 3.6     | 9.9     |
| 1990 (*)             | 1.9  | 2.4                 |                        |                         |                 | 1.8     | 7.3     |
| 1991 (*)             | 2.3  | 2.8                 |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988 IV              | 0.5  | 0.3                 | 0.3                    | 0.2                     | 0.2             | -0.3    | -3.4    |
| 1989 I               | 0.3  | 0.1                 | 1.3                    | -0.1                    | -0.1            | 1.8     | 1.9     |
| II                   | 1.2  | 1.7                 | 0.9                    | 1.4                     | 1.7             | 2.4     | 8.2     |
| III                  | -0.1 | 0.0                 | 0.5                    | 0.4                     | 0.1             | -0.4    | 1.1     |
| IV                   | 1.3  | 0.5                 | 4.0                    | 0.4                     | 0.9             | 1.8     | 0.5     |
| 1990 I               | 0.0  | 0.9                 | -1.5                   | 0.1                     | 0.1             | 1.5     | 2.6     |
| II                   | 0.7  | 0.4                 | 1.4                    | 1.3                     | 1.0             | 1.0     | 4.5     |
| III                  | -0.2 | 0.3                 | 0.0                    | 0.2                     | 0.0             | -3.6    | -3.2    |
| IV                   | 1.2  | 1.2                 | 4.4                    | 0.4                     | 1.6             | -1.9    | 0.1     |
| <b>CANADA</b>        |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                 |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1989                 |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1990 (*)             |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1991 (*)             |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988 IV              | 0.0  | 1.1                 | 1.3                    | 1.5                     | -0.3            | 0.5     | -0.5    |
| 1989 I               | 2.5  | 1.1                 | 0.5                    | 1.2                     | 2.5             | 1.5     | 1.2     |
| II                   | 1.4  | 1.5                 | 2.2                    | 0.2                     | 1.0             | 1.4     | 0.6     |
| III                  | 0.8  | 1.2                 | 0.2                    | 1.7                     | 1.3             | -2.5    | -0.8    |
| IV                   | 0.7  | 0.6                 | 1.0                    | 0.0                     | 0.5             | -0.1    | -0.6    |
| 1990 I               | 0.6  | 1.2                 | 1.1                    | 0.4                     | 1.0             | 1.2     | 2.2     |
| II                   | 0.9  | 0.9                 | 2.5                    | 0.0                     | 1.1             | -1.8    | -1.4    |
| III                  | 0.7  | 1.0                 | 0.3                    | -0.6                    | 0.5             | 1.4     | 0.6     |
| IV                   | 0.9  | 1.3                 | 0.6                    | -1.0                    |                 |         | 2.9     |

% change compared with previous period (for quarters, seasonally adjusted data)

(\*) Forecasts

# CHANGE IN PRICE OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

%  
PRICES

|                        | GDP  | Private consumption | Government consumption | Gross fixed cap. format | Domestic demand | Exports | Imports |
|------------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| <b>DEUTSCHLAND (W)</b> |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                   | 1.6  | 1.3                 | 1.5                    | 1.5                     | 1.4             | 1.9     | 1.5     |
| 1989                   | 2.6  | 3.1                 | 2.5                    | 2.9                     | 3.0             | 2.5     | 4.8     |
| 1990 (*)               | 3.4  | 2.5                 | 3.8                    | 3.8                     | 2.9             | 0.5     | -0.7    |
| 1991 (*)               | 4.4  | 3.5                 | 5.0                    | 5.0                     | 4.2             | 2.1     | 2.1     |
| 1988 IV                | 0.6  | 0.3                 | -0.2                   | 0.4                     | 0.2             | 0.8     | -0.2    |
| 1989 I                 | 0.8  | 1.8                 | 2.1                    | 0.9                     | 1.4             | 0.5     | 2.4     |
| II                     | 0.7  | 0.3                 | -0.3                   | 1.1                     | 0.8             | 1.3     | 2.7     |
| III                    | 0.6  | 0.5                 | 1.4                    | 0.4                     | 0.5             | 0.1     | -1.0    |
| IV                     | 0.6  | 0.5                 | 0.5                    | 0.4                     | 0.0             | -0.2    | -1.3    |
| 1990 I                 | 0.9  | 1.1                 | 2.1                    | 0.9                     | 1.2             | -0.5    | -0.2    |
| II                     | 1.2  | -0.2                | 0.5                    | 1.9                     | 0.9             | 1.2     | 0.5     |
| III                    | 1.1  | 1.6                 | 0.4                    | 0.7                     | 0.9             | 0.1     | -0.5    |
| IV                     | 0.3  | 0.6                 | 0.2                    | 0.6                     | 0.4             | 0.2     | 1.7     |
| <b>FRANCE</b>          |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                   | 3.3  | 2.9                 | 2.5                    | 2.6                     | 3.2             | 2.5     | 2.6     |
| 1989                   | 3.6  | 3.5                 | 4.2                    | 3.2                     | 3.8             | 5.3     | 6.5     |
| 1990 (*)               | 2.7  | 3.0                 | 2.5                    | 1.9                     | 2.5             | -1.2    | -1.4    |
| 1991 (*)               | 3.3  | 3.1                 | 3.1                    | 3.1                     | 3.1             | 1.2     | 0.6     |
| 1988 IV                | 0.8  | 0.7                 | 1.0                    | 0.7                     | 0.8             | 0.6     | 0.8     |
| 1989 I                 | 0.8  | 0.9                 | 0.9                    | 0.6                     | 1.1             | 1.6     | 3.2     |
| II                     | 0.6  | 1.2                 | 0.9                    | 0.7                     | 0.8             | 1.6     | 2.5     |
| III                    | 0.5  | 0.5                 | 0.5                    | 0.4                     | 0.6             | -0.2    | -0.3    |
| IV                     | 1.6  | 0.7                 | 4.7                    | 0.0                     | 1.5             | -0.3    | -0.4    |
| 1990 I                 | -0.1 | 0.7                 | -3.2                   | 0.8                     | -0.2            | -1.0    | -1.1    |
| II                     | 1.3  | 0.7                 | 2.5                    | 0.5                     | 0.8             | -0.5    | -2.2    |
| III                    | 0.3  | 1.0                 | -0.1                   | 0.5                     | 0.6             | -0.6    | 1.3     |
| IV                     | 0.6  | 0.8                 | 0.7                    | 0.5                     | 0.9             | 1.3     | 2.4     |
| <b>ITALIA</b>          |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                   | 6.2  | 5.2                 | 9.2                    | 4.8                     | 5.9             | 5.0     | 4.5     |
| 1989                   | 6.3  | 5.8                 | 7.8                    | 5.5                     | 6.2             | 6.5     | 7.2     |
| 1990 (*)               | 7.5  | 6.2                 | 12.4                   | 6.5                     | 7.4             | 3.0     | 3.0     |
| 1991 (*)               | 6.9  | 6.3                 | 8.2                    | 4.9                     | 6.4             | 3.5     | 1.4     |
| 1988 IV                | 1.3  | 1.7                 | 0.7                    | 1.1                     | 1.3             | 0.8     | 0.7     |
| 1989 I                 | 1.8  | 1.3                 | 1.6                    | 2.5                     | 1.9             | 2.2     | 3.4     |
| II                     | 1.6  | 1.8                 | 2.1                    | 1.0                     | 1.8             | 2.9     | 3.4     |
| III                    | 1.7  | 1.2                 | 0.9                    | 1.2                     | 1.7             | -1.0    | -1.0    |
| IV                     | 1.7  | 1.7                 | 2.8                    | 1.3                     | 2.2             | 0.6     | 2.1     |
| 1990 I                 | 1.8  | 1.4                 | 2.6                    | 1.3                     | 1.0             | 0.5     | -1.8    |
| II                     | 1.9  | 1.6                 | 2.3                    | 0.7                     | 1.7             | -0.8    | -1.8    |
| III                    | 2.0  | 1.6                 | -0.8                   | 2.4                     | 2.6             | -2.0    | 0.8     |
| IV                     | 2.0  |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>  |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988                   | 6.7  | 4.9                 | 7.1                    | 6.4                     | 5.6             | 0.7     | -1.0    |
| 1989                   | 6.9  | 5.9                 | 7.3                    | 6.3                     | 6.2             | 8.9     | 6.4     |
| 1990 (*)               | 7.7  | 7.1                 | 8.0                    | 6.1                     | 7.6             | 4.0     | 2.3     |
| 1991 (*)               | 6.9  | 6.5                 | 7.8                    | 4.5                     | 6.4             | -0.0    | -1.9    |
| 1988 IV                | 1.9  | 1.0                 | 2.2                    | 0.5                     | 1.1             | 1.3     | -0.7    |
| 1989 I                 | 1.8  | 1.4                 | 1.8                    | 1.7                     | 1.6             | 2.9     | 1.6     |
| II                     | 1.4  | 1.5                 | 1.4                    | 2.1                     | 1.6             | 3.3     | 3.6     |
| III                    | 0.9  | 1.4                 | 1.2                    | 2.2                     | 1.5             | 0.7     | 2.5     |
| IV                     | 1.5  | 1.7                 | 1.9                    | 2.0                     | 1.8             | 1.6     | 1.7     |
| 1990 I                 | 2.2  | 1.6                 | 1.5                    | 1.4                     | 1.8             | 0.8     | 0.2     |
| II                     | 0.4  | -0.6                | 2.2                    | 1.1                     | 0.2             | 0.8     | 0.1     |
| III                    | 2.8  | 2.0                 | 3.2                    | 1.4                     | 1.9             | 0.7     | -2.7    |
| IV                     | 1.5  | 1.7                 | 1.6                    | -0.3                    | 1.5             | 0.1     | -0.2    |

% change compared with previous period (for quarters, seasonally adjusted data)

(\*) Forecasts

## CHANGE IN PRICE OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

%  
PRICES

|                  | GDP  | Private consumption | Government consumption | Gross fixed cap. format | Domestic demand | Exports | Imports |
|------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| <b>DANMARK</b>   |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988             | 1.7  | 0.4                 | 0.2                    | 1.4                     | 1.6             | 0.6     | -0.3    |
| 1989             | 1.5  | 2.9                 | 2.8                    | 4.0                     | 0.9             | 6.5     | 6.2     |
| 1990 (*)         | 3.3  | 2.6                 | 3.7                    | 1.9                     | 2.4             | -0.9    | -2.5    |
| 1991 (*)         | 2.8  | 2.8                 | 3.4                    | 1.8                     | 2.5             | 1.2     | 0.7     |
| 1988 IV          | 0.4  | 0.0                 | -2.0                   | -0.1                    | -0.5            | 1.1     | -0.3    |
| 1989 I           | -0.5 | -0.1                | 1.2                    | 0.9                     | 0.4             | 2.1     | 4.3     |
| II               | 1.0  | 1.2                 | 0.5                    | 1.7                     | 1.2             | 1.4     | 1.9     |
| III              | 1.0  | 0.8                 | -0.1                   | 0.0                     | 0.5             | -0.2    | -1.3    |
| IV               | -0.1 | -0.1                | 0.7                    | -0.6                    | -0.3            | 0.4     | 0.1     |
| 1990 I           | 1.1  | 0.8                 | 0.9                    | 0.6                     | 0.9             | -1.0    | -1.3    |
| II               | 1.2  | 0.4                 | 1.4                    | 1.0                     | 0.5             | -1.4    | -2.3    |
| III              | -0.3 | 0.6                 | -0.2                   | 0.0                     | 1.0             | 1.0     | 1.8     |
| IV               | 0.5  | 0.5                 | 7.5                    | -0.9                    | -0.2            | 2.5     | 1.8     |
| <b>NEDERLAND</b> |      |                     |                        |                         |                 |         |         |
| 1988             | 4.2  | 4.0                 | 7.1                    | 5.0                     | 5.2             | 1.0     | 2.6     |
| 1989             | 4.3  | 5.0                 | 4.5                    | 4.7                     | 4.6             | 5.6     | 6.2     |
| 1990 (*)         | 2.8  | 2.6                 | 3.6                    | 3.8                     | 3.2             | -1.6    | -2.0    |
| 1991 (*)         | 2.6  | 2.4                 | 3.6                    | 3.1                     | 2.8             | 2.7     | 2.9     |
| 1988 IV          | 3.8  | 0.8                 | 1.4                    | 0.1                     | 3.9             | 1.0     | 0.4     |
| 1989 I           | 1.3  | 1.8                 | 0.7                    | 1.6                     | 1.5             | 1.4     | 3.2     |
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% change compared with previous period (for quarters, seasonally adjusted data)

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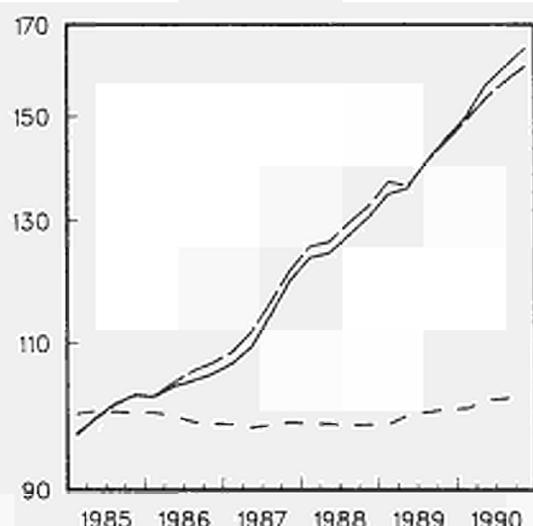
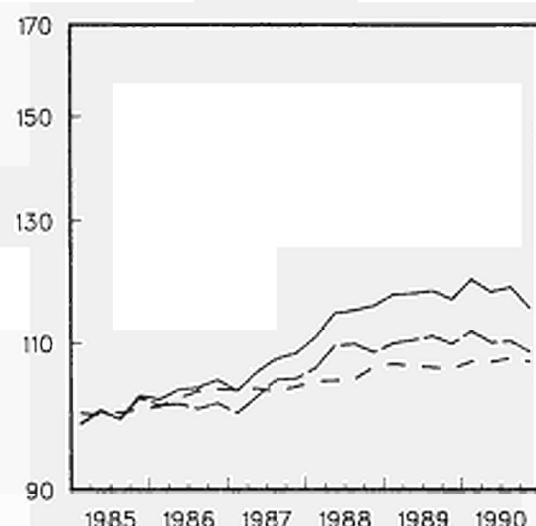
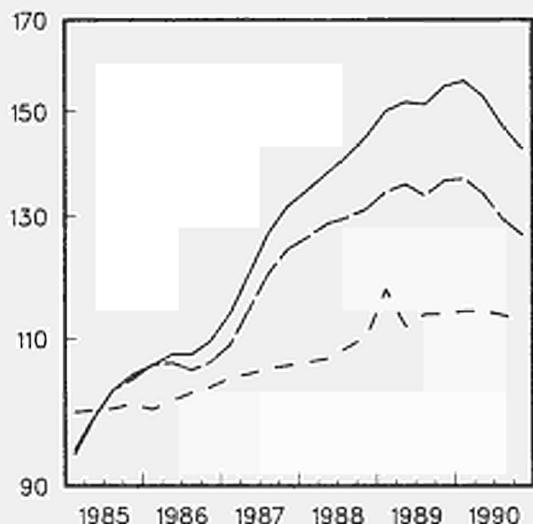
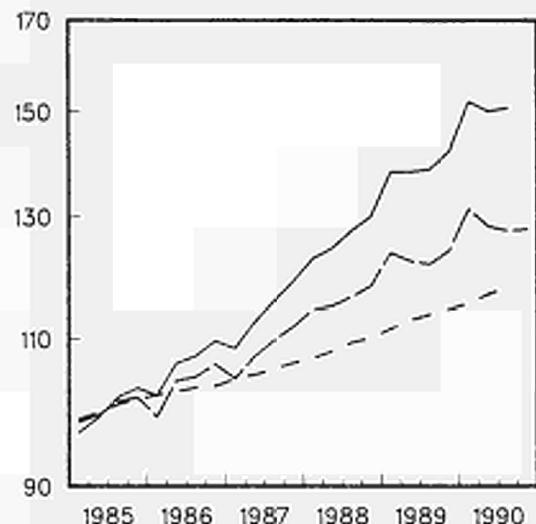
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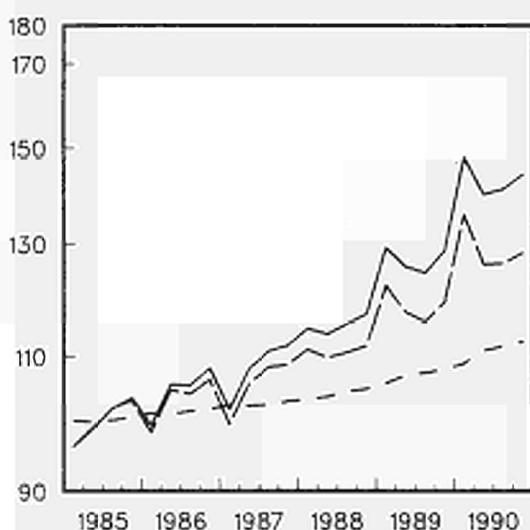
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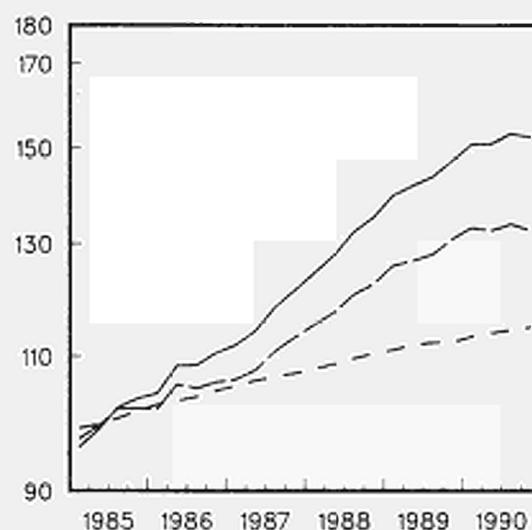
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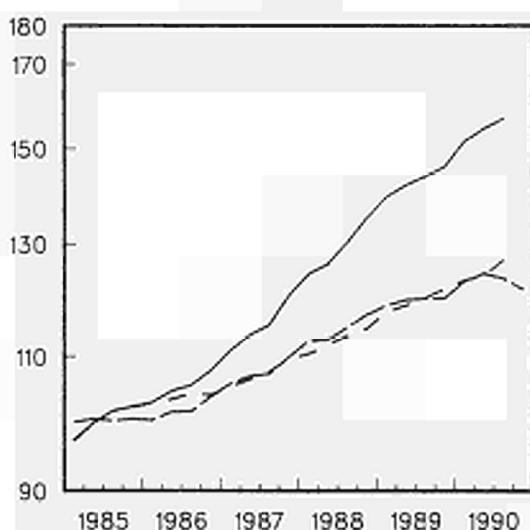
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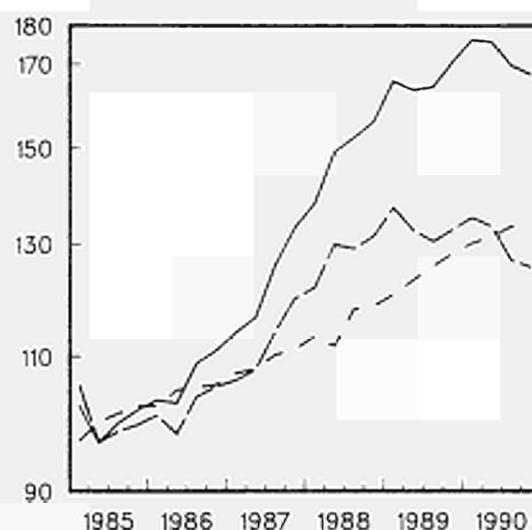
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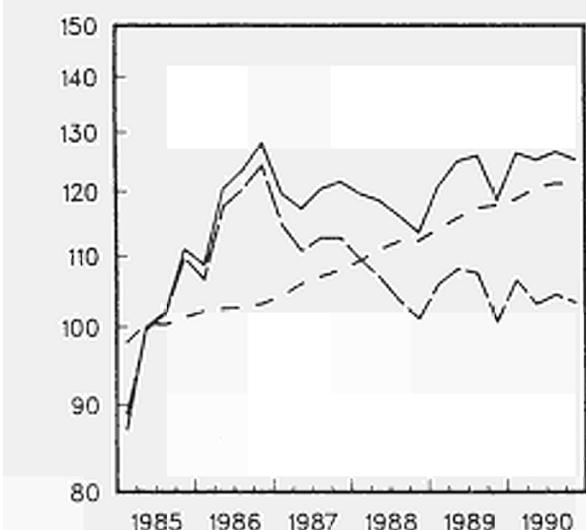
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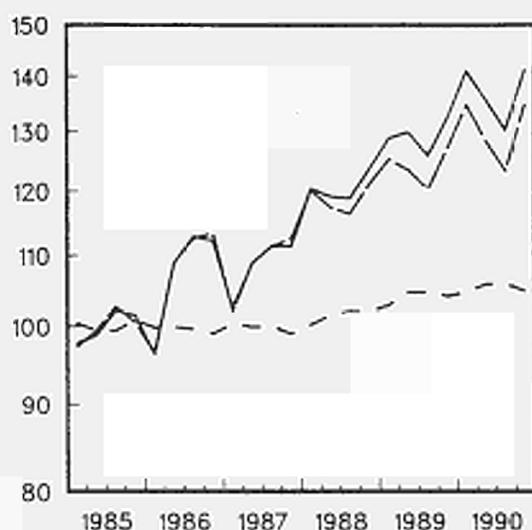
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|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| :            | No data available   |
| -            | Nil   |
| %            | Per cent  |
| 1985 = 100   | Reference year  |
| EUR 12 = 100 | Data for countries expressed as a percentage of the Community of 12 total (= 100) |
| ESA          | European system of integrated economic accounts                                   |

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