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**Cuba**

FORECASTS OF RISK TO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS					
	Turmoil	Financial Transfer	Direct Investment	Export Market	
18-Month:	Low		D-	C	D+
Five-Year:	Moderate		C+	C+	C+

KEY ECONOMIC FORECASTS			
Years	Real GDP Growth %	Inflation %	Current Account
2006-2010(AVG)	4	3.6	-0.33
2011(F)		3.6	-0.15
2012-2016(F)		3.9	-0.45

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A PCC congress held in 2010 to move ahead with economic model based of sector that operates according to existing economic goal non-strategic sectors to increase of a substantial investment, housing, and access government is moving to 50,000 state workers held, as policy-makers in the private sector, which will. Although hundreds of thousands of new private business houses have been issued since the rules for obtaining the permits were relaxed last fall, the government remains firmly in control of the manufacturing sector, and the tiny scale of many of the new businesses, which are concentrated in the clothing, retail, and personal services industries, limits their potential to generate a large number of jobs.

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COUNTRY, REGIONAL AND PROBABILITIES	TURMOIL	FINANCIAL TRANSFER	INVESTMENT	EXPORT	REAL GDP GROWTH	INFLATION	CURRENT ACCOUNT
Algeria 2009-11					2006-2010 2.9	4.3	2006 2006
Algeria 40%	Very High	B	C	B	2011 3.5	4.8	7.50
Algeria 60%	Moderate	B+	B	B	2012-2016 4.1	5.0	8.50
Algeria 80%	Moderate	B	B	B	2006-2010 12.1	16.2	4.27
Algeria 90%	High	B-	B-	B-	2012-2016 6.9	11.1	1.40
Algeria 95%	High	B-	B-	B-	2006-2010 9.8	8.9	2.47
Algeria 100%	High	B-	B-	B-	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
Algeria 100% 2011	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 4.1	8.9	1.20
Algeria 100% 2012-2016	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
Algeria 100% 2017-2021	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
Algeria 100% 2022-2026	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
Algeria 100% 2027-2031	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
Algeria 100% 2032-2036	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
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Algeria 100% 2252-2256	Moderate	C	B	C+	2012-2016 15.0	11.2	3.00
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### Cuba Forecast Summary

SUMMARY OF 18-MONTH FORECAST

REGIME & PROBABILITIES	Raul Castro 70%	Hard-Line Communist 20%	Reform Communist 10%
<b>RISK FACTORS - CURRENT</b>			
Turmoil	Low	Same	MORE
<b>Investment</b>			
Equity	Very High	SLIGHTLY LESS	SLIGHTLY MORE
Operations	Very High	Same	SLIGHTLY LESS
Taxation	High	Same	SLIGHTLY MORE
Repatriation	High	SLIGHTLY MORE	Same
Exchange	Very High	Same	Same
Trade	High	Same	Same
Tariffs	High	Same	SLIGHTLY LESS
Other Barriers	Very High	Same	SLIGHTLY LESS
Payment Delays	Very High	Same	Same
<b>Economic Policy</b>			
Expansion	Very High	Same	Same
Labor Costs	Low	Same	SLIGHTLY MORE
Foreign Debt	Very High	Same	SLIGHTLY LESS
<b>REGIME &amp; PROBABILITIES</b>			
<b>RISK FACTORS - BASE</b>			
Turmoil	Low	Same	SLIGHTLY MORE
<b>Restrictions</b>			
Investment	High	SLIGHTLY LESS	SLIGHTLY MORE
Trade	High	SLIGHTLY LESS	SLIGHTLY MORE
<b>Economic Problems</b>			
Domestic	High	Same	MORE
International	Moderate	Same	MORE

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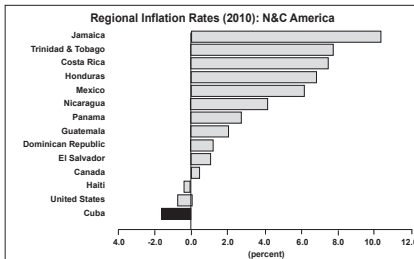
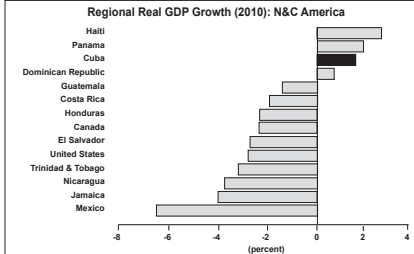
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Comparison: Cuba



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**ICRG Risk**

Countries	Variables	Years	Months
All	All	All	All
Algeria	Bureaucracy Quality (L)	2012	Jan
Angola	Civil Disorder #	2011	Feb
Argentina	Civil War #	2010	Mar
Australia	Composite Risk Rating	2009	Apr
Austria	Consumer Confidence #	2008	May
Azerbaijan	Contract Viability #	2007	Jun
Bangladesh	Corruption (F)	2006	Jul
Belgium	Cross-Border Conflict #	2005	Aug
Bolivia	Democratic Accountability (K)	2004	Sep

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**Economic Indicators**

Countries	Variables	Years
All	All	All
Algeria	Budget Balance as % of GDP	2011
Angola	Capital Investment	2010
Argentina	Change in Real Wages	2009
Australia	Currency Exchange Rate	2008
Austria	Current Account	2007
Azerbaijan	Current Account as % of GDP	2006
Bangladesh	Current Account as % of XGS	2005
Belgium	Debt Service as % of XGS	2004
Bolivia	Exchange Rate Stability	2003

**Coplin-O'Leary PRS Forecasts (current only)**

Countries	Variables
All	All
Algeria	Current Account Forecast
Angola	Direct Investment Risk
Argentina	Domestic Economic Problems
Australia	Equity Restrictions
Austria	Exchange Controls
Azerbaijan	Export Market Risk
Bangladesh	Financial Transfer Risk
Belgium	Fiscal/Monetary Expansion
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### **Turmoil Risk**

### **Direct Investment Risk**

- ✓ Turmoil
- ✓ Equity Restrictions
- ✓ Restrictions on Local Operations
- ✓ Taxation
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Repatriation Restrictions
- ✓ Exchange Controls
- ✓ Labor Costs

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- ✓ Turmoil
- ✓ Exchange Controls
- ✓ Tariffs
- ✓ Other Trade Barriers
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