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PREFACE

This is a modest attempt to evaluate the economic implications of the size of nations, for a sample of eighty countries, on (1) economic stability, (2) concentration in trade, (3) dependence on trade, and (4) economic growth and economic development. Only simple and multiple correlations, and a cross-classificatory scheme interpreted as crude partial correlations, are used to analyze the nature of the relationships between 'size' and the mentioned four aspects. The uneven quality of the data does not, perhaps, justify the use of more rigorous statistical techniques. Lebanon is also singled out as an example of a small country in an attempt to assess the impact of the size of the Lebanese economy on each of these aspects.

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