

TABLE 1
Shares of Intra-regional exports in total merchandise exports of regions, 1986-91
(Percentage)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
North America	39.1	37.8	35.4	34.2	34.3	33.0
Latin America	14.0	13.8	13.4	14.1	13.4	16.0
Western Europe	68.4	70.5	70.6	70.7	72.2	72.4
C./E. Europe and former USSR	53.3	52.7	52.0	48.5	42.8	22.4
Africa	5.9	6.7	7.0	6.6	5.9	6.6
Middle East	7.7	6.9	6.9	6.3	5.8	5.1
Asia	37.0	38.8	41.8	44.1	44.8	46.7

^a Intra-regional shares are affected by the unification of Germany and major changes in the valuation of the trade of Central and Eastern Europe and the former USSR. Source: GATT

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