

Table VI presents comparative data on FDI flows as a percentage of global flows to Canada, the US, and Mexico. The figures reflect the fact that FDI inflow shares are volatile, with substantial changes from year-to-year. Reflecting the size of its economy, the US's share of global FDI flow is significantly higher than those of both Canada and Mexico. The Mexican share of global investment inflows, at least since 1991, is almost as high as that of Canada. Notably, both US and Canadian shares in global FDI inflow have declined since the 1984-89 period.

Although Table VI shows a decline in Canadian and US shares in global FDI flows, this says nothing of the total dollar value of the investment flow into these countries. For the three countries, the total value of FDI inflows increased over the period under survey. This is explained by the fact that the total value of global flows has been increasing very quickly, faster than in North America.

Table VI

*Shares in World FDI Inflow :Canada, US and Mexico
Annual Breakdown 1984-1995 (in percent)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>Mexico</i>
<i>1984-89 Annual Average</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>38.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>
<i>1990</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>1991</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>1992</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>2.6</i>
<i>1993</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>19.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>
<i>1994</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>
<i>1995</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>19.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>

Source: UNCTAD, World Investment Report 1996