

Table I

*Share of FDI Stock in GDP
Canada, the USA & Mexico 1980, 1985, 1990, 1994 & 1995
(Percentage)*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>Mexico</u>
1980	20.4	3.1	4.6
1985	18.4	4.6	10.5
1990	19.7	7.2	13.3
1994	19.2	7.5	14.4
1995	20.6	7.8	24.5

Source: UN, World Investment Report 1996

Table I illustrates that for Canada, the share of FDI stock in the GDP is significantly higher than in the USA. Up to 1994, the share of FDI in Canada's GDP was lower than the 1980 figure. The share then increased in 1995 to slightly more than the 1980 level. Overall, no strong trend in the direction (increase or decrease) in FDI's share in Canada's GDP can be identified in the period. Mexico and the US show different trends, since 1980, the share of FDI stocks in the US's and in Mexico's GDP has increased. Mexico in particular experienced a sharp increase in the share of FDI stock in GDP. The 1995 figure for Mexico shows a significant increase, which partly reflects a real decline in its GDP that year.