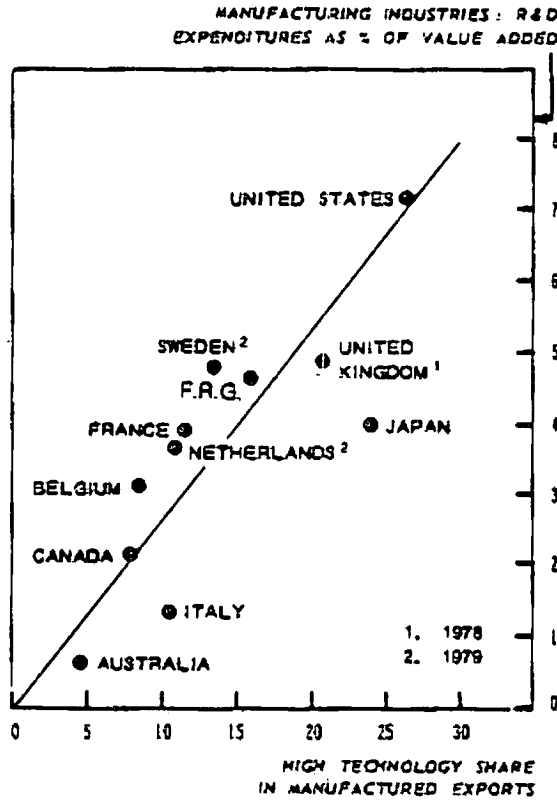


## R&D INTENSITY AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY SHARE IN EXPORTS 1980



Source: OECD

The comparison of R&D intensity of the manufacturing industries (ratio of R&D expenditure/value added) and the ratio of exports in high-technology industries to total manufacturing industries shows that there is a link between these two indicators. The higher the R&D intensity the higher the ratio of high technology to total manufacturing exports.

In a constantly changing international climate where one is witness to the birth of new industries and the progressive decline of the older ones, technology is at the heart of this change.

*New products which, for the most part, incorporate technologies requiring a significant R&D effort, constitute the motivating force for increased industrial production and especially international trade. For this reason, the expansion of high-technology industries is expected to be a topic of great interest for the 1980s.*