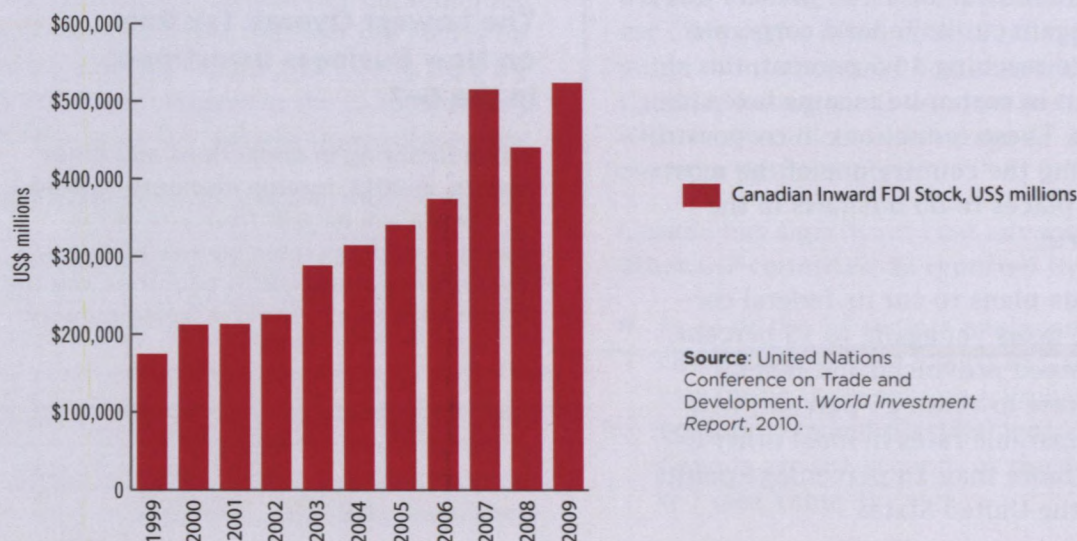


**FIGURE 2: INWARD FDI STOCK INTO CANADA, 1999-2009**



## **GLOBALLY ATTRACTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS**

Global competitiveness rankings have always placed Canada's business climate in the top echelon of investment destinations for foreign investors. Here are some rankings:

- The Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Business Environment Ranking places Canada No. 1 in the G-7 and No. 4 in the world as a country in which to conduct business over the 2010 - 2014 time period;<sup>7</sup>
- The World Bank Group's *Doing Business in 2011* ranks Canada No. 1 in the G-7 and countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for the lowest number of procedures required to establish a new business;<sup>8</sup>
- The International Institute for Management Development (IMD) has also consistently ranked Canada as a leading investment destination. In its *World Competitiveness Report 2010 - 2011*, IMD ranks Canada No. 1 in the G-7 and No. 2 in the OECD on the strength of its investor protection regulations.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Economist Intelligence Unit. *Business Environment Ranking 2010*. <<http://country.eiu.com/article.aspx?articleid=1207440505&Country=Canada&topic=Business&subtopic=Business+environment&subsubtopic=Canada--highlights%3A+Business+environment+outlook>>.

<sup>8</sup> World Bank Group. *Doing Business in 2011*. pp. 154. <<http://www.doingbusiness.org/~media/FDPKM/Doing%20Business/Documents/Annual-Reports/English/DB11-FullReport.pdf>>.

<sup>9</sup> International Institute for Management Development. *World Competitiveness Report 2010*. pp. 1.21. <[http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_GlobalCompetitivenessReport\\_2010-11.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_GlobalCompetitivenessReport_2010-11.pdf)>.