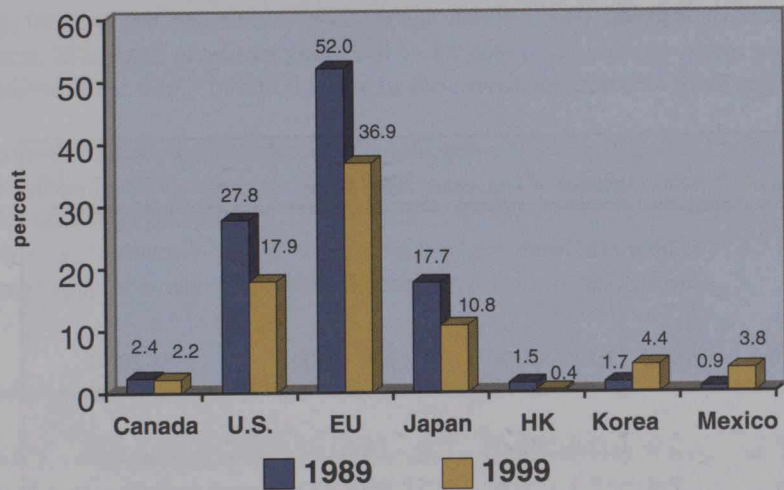


Figure B7: Distribution of Global Exports of High-tech products



Structural developments in import growth

In volume terms, merchandise import growth accelerated to 12.9 percent in 2000, consistent with the acceleration in Canada's output growth to 4.7 percent in 2000 (Table 11). The growth in the value of Canada's imports of goods in 2000 was somewhat smaller, at 11.1 percent, reflecting the impact of steady declines in the price of computers and other M&E.

Table 11: Canada's Merchandise Imports by Sector - Growth (percent) in 2000

Products	Value of imports (\$ billions)	Growth in current dollars	Real growth in 1992 constant dollars
Agriculture and fishing	18.6	5.2	5.9
Energy	17.8	65.8	14.1
Forestry	3.1	11.8	2.7
Industrial goods and materials	70.5	13.4	10.1
Machinery and equipment	122.7	13.5	22.7
Automotive products	77.4	2.0	1.8
Other consumer goods	40.1	8.5	7.6
Total	363.2	11.1	12.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Canadian International Merchandise Trade 2000*. Catalogue no. 65-001-XPB, December 2000.