

REQUIRED PUBLICLY VISIBLE POLICY CONTROL CENTERS.
THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP HAS
CERTAINLY REQUIRED GREATER COHERENCE IN ITS
MANAGEMENT.

IN CANADA, THE KEY EVENT WAS REALLY THE
SO-CALLED "NIXON SHOCK" OF 1971 WHICH SAW THE SUDDEN
IMPOSITION OF A DOMESTIC IMPORT SURCHARGE IN THIS
COUNTRY AND WHICH KICKED OFF THE DEVELOPMENT IN
CANADA OF A POLICY STUDY OF CANADA-US RELATIONS.
ULTIMATELY, THAT STUDY CALLED FOR THE "THIRD OPTION"
IN THOSE RELATIONS, THAT OF BUILDING "A LONG-TERM
COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THE
CANADIAN ECONOMY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR NATIONAL
LIFE AND IN THE PROCESS TO REDUCE THE PRESENT CANADIAN
VULNERABILITY". FIRA AND THE NEP ARE IMPORTANT
ELEMENTS OF THE BASIC DOMESTIC ECONOMIC STRATEGY CALLED
FOR ALONG WITH OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENRICH OUR
RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. TO THE EXTENT THAT
THESE POLICIES HAVE RAISED AMERICAN OBJECTIONS, A
COHERENT CANADIAN APPROACH HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL AND THE
GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY HAS DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSES
OF COORDINATION AND CENTRAL MANAGEMENT.