in fact a strategy and implies an essentially reactive posture to the policies of others.

The second option would involve direct risk to a distinct Canadian identity and to the domestic consensus in Canada.

The third option, while recognizing the trends and limitations of global interdependence, looks to the mutually-reinforcing use of various policy instruments as the proper strategy to achieve greater Canadian distinctness. It acknowledges the realities of the Canada-U.S. relationship and the fundamental community of interests that lie at the root of it.

Whichever option is chosen, it is necessary to maintain harmony with the United States, which is founded on a "broad array of shared interests, perceptions and goals"; and can be served by "a Canada more confident in its identity, stronger in its capacity to satisfy the aspirations of Canadians and better equipped to play its part in the world".

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