

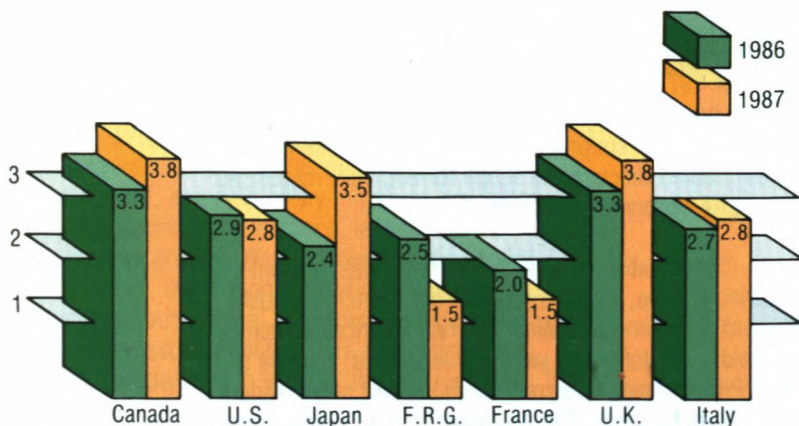
London Summit in 1977. Summits now include separate meetings between member country finance ministers and foreign ministers.

CANADA AND THE SUMMIT PROCESS

A seat at the summit table was an important achievement for Canada. This was a recognition of Canada's global foreign policy approach, its substantial role in the international financial institutions, and its position as a major trading nation. Summit membership allows Canada to help shape international responses to the vital economic and political issues of the day. In spite of its relatively small economic weight in the summit group, Canada has in fact been successful in advancing issues of fundamental concern to Canadians.

At the Tokyo Summit in 1986, Prime Minister Mulroney persuaded other summit leaders that serious problems in agricultural trade had to be more effectively

PERCENTAGE GROWTH OF REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)



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