

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.