- Imports from the EU in 2000 totalled $36.9 billion and included machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral products, transportation equipment, chemicals, and electrical and electronic products.

- In 2000, Canadian imports from the European Union represented 10.3 per cent of Canada's total imports of $356.7 billion and 2.2 per cent of all European Union exports.

- The European Union today rivals the United States for the world's largest gross domestic product (GDP). With its population of 376 million, its enormous market, and its vast and varied output of goods and services, the EU held a 20 per cent share of the world's aggregate GDP in 2000, compared with 22 per cent for the U.S. and 2 per cent for Canada.

- The EU is also the world's largest exporter of goods and services, accounting for 36 per cent of the world total in 2000. The U.S. accounted for 14.2 per cent and Canada for 4.2 per cent. In 2000, the EU had 6.2 per cent of the world's population, the U.S. 4.6 per cent and Canada 0.5 per cent.

- Total EU direct investment in Canada in 2000 was $77.8 billion; total foreign direct investment in Canada was $291.5 billion. The EU provides nearly three-quarters of the non-U.S. foreign direct investment in Canada.

- Total Canadian direct investment in the EU in 2000 was $53.9 billion; total Canadian direct investment abroad was 301.4 billion. The United Kingdom and Ireland account for two-thirds of Canadian investment in the EU.