

goods (10.8%), agricultural and fishing products (6.5%) and energy products (4.6%). The increase of automotive products was 5.2% in 1986, compared with 23.3% in 1985 and 37.2% in 1984. In the period 1982-86, automotive products posted an average annual increase of 17.3%. Machinery and equipment rose at an average of 7.4% annually.

**Exports.** The main export commodity groups in 1986 were: automotive products (28.5% of total exports), industrial goods and materials (19.0%), machinery and equipment (15.6%), forest products (14.6%), energy products (9.4%) and agricultural and fishing products (9.0%). In the 1982-86 period, automotive products recorded the fastest growth, rising at an annual rate of 21.2%. Agricultural and fishing products lagged behind with an increase of 0.9% annually (Table 21.4).

**Principal trading areas.** The principal trading areas shown in some tables include groupings which are defined as follows: other EEC — Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Greece, Portugal and Spain (the UK is also a member of the EEC but is shown

separately because of the importance of its trade with Canada); other OECD — Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand (the EEC countries, United States, Japan and Canada are also members of OECD); other America — defined as all countries and territories of North and South America (other than the United States and Canada) including Greenland, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. (In January 1986, Portugal and Spain joined the EEC.)

21.5.4 Imports and exports by country

**Imports** from the United States were up by 4.3% or \$3.2 billion in 1986 over 1985 (Table 21.5). Imports from other EEC countries and Japan were up 28.7% (or \$2.0 billion) and 24.8% (or \$1.5 billion), respectively. Imports from the United Kingdom increased 16.7% and imports from other countries were up 4.0%.

The United States' share of Canadian imports decreased from 70.5% in 1982 to 69.5% in 1986. Other EEC countries, Japan and the United Kingdom had increased their shares in the period 1982-86, while the share of other countries dropped from 15.6% to 12.2% in 1986.

Chart 21.4  
**Imports and total exports, by major commodity groupings, 1984-86**  
Balance-of-payments basis

