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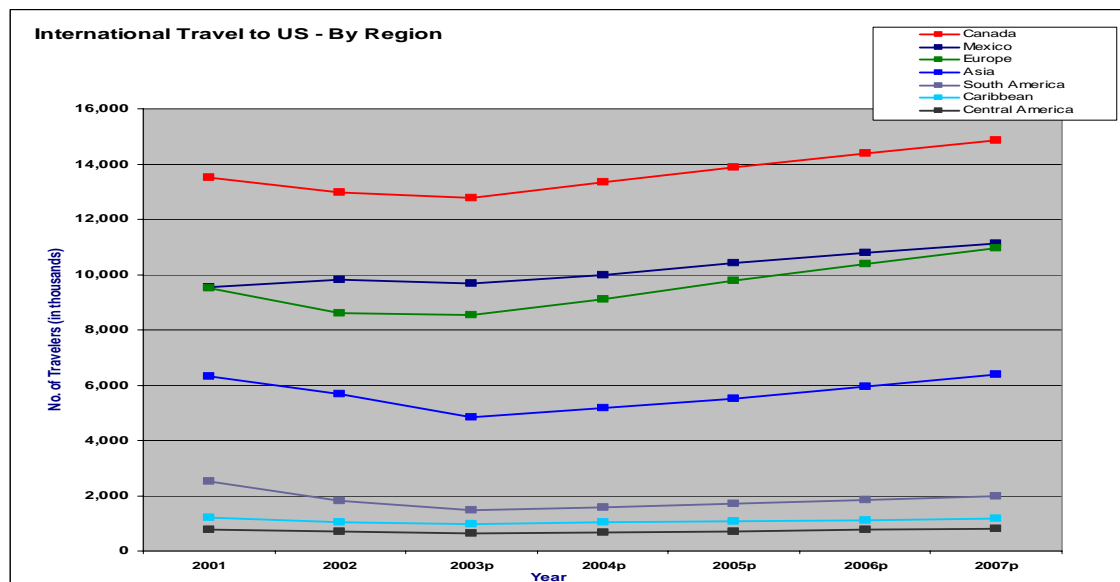
### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE U.S. FORECAST (2005-2007)

MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA – March 12, 2004 – After falling steadily for three years, international inbound arrivals to the U.S. are forecasted to gain strength reaching 49 million visitors by 2007, representing a 16% growth from 2002.

“The Office of Travel and Tourism Industries in the U.S. Department of Commerce projects a five (5%) growth in Canadian arrivals and an eight (8%) growth in UK arrivals in 2004,” explained Ms. Angelone. “ In 2005, projected growth for Canada and the UK are 5% and 7% respectively.

The top two U.S. markets, Canada and Mexico comprise over half of international travelers (54%). However, stronger long-term market growth is expected to come from other overseas markets. Long-term from Europe will outpace the overall rate at 28%, and the U.K will reinforce its top overseas (excluding Canada and Mexico) market position. Asia, the second overseas source region is expected to increase by 12% over the forecast period. For South America, the forecast is a 9% increase between 2003 and 2007 with strong growth expected from Colombia and Argentina.

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