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19	Canadian Association of Mining Equipment and Services for Export (CAMESE) Mr. Jon Baird Managing Director Markham ON	22 Jan. 2001	Association/ Mining industry exporters	For	<i>(General, competition)</i> - Mining is a minor, but growing industry in many of these countries and the Central American industry is of interest to CAMESE members. - Most developing countries don't have the industrial framework to support a modern mining industry. Thus, they benefit from products and services exported by Canada. - Competitors in these countries are from other developed countries. Any advantage over these competitors benefits our exporters and the Canadian economy.
20	Canadian Printing Industries Association Mr. Don N. Gain Chairman of the Board Ottawa ON	25 Jan. 2001	Association/ Printing Industries	For	<i>(NTBs, US examples)</i> - Asks that attention be given to procedural issues that arise from FTAs. - Concerned with non-tariff barriers and protectionist forces in the US that create an unlevel playing field. - Identifies three problem areas: 1) US Customs Compliance Measurement Program, 2) Line Release Program, 3) Border Cargo Selectivity Program. CUSFTA and NAFTA were supposed to open border, not close them. These NTBs are just as pernicious as trade barriers and often worse.
21	Canadian Paraplegic Association Mr. François Bélisle Chief Executive Officer Ottawa ON	23 Jan. 2001	Association	N/A	<i>(Labour, accessibility, technical assistance)</i> - Currently receive funding from CIDA to provide programs and services for persons with disabilities in Central America. - Canada has long been recognized for our "aid" efforts in the region and these should be taken into consideration in any FTA. - FTAs should include standards and realistic quotas for the hiring of people with disabilities by removing existing barriers to employment and ensure that appropriate legislation in the area of accessibility is in place.