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20	Power Measurement Ltd. Mr. Sussex Davis Latin American Sales Manager Victoria, BC	02 Feb. 2001	Manufacturer/ Digital power metering systems	For	(Competitiveness) - Currently doing \$2 million worth of business in Central America and an FTA would add to the competitiveness of their products.
21	Presbyterian World Service & Development Mr. Guy Smagghe Program Coordinator - Central America North York ON	02 Feb. 2001	Development and Relief Agency	N/A	(Human rights, social and development issues) - A recent statement by the Minister of Finance clearly demonstrates that social interests are secondary to trade agreements and that there is always hope for a 'trickle down' effect to the poorest of the population. - FTAs with Central American countries usually exploit cheap labour at the expense of jobs in Canada and at the expense of quality of life for Central Americans. We should ensure that FTAs include provisions to protect the workers in those countries just as we do in Canada. - Put social and human development of the most vulnerable sections of our societies as the first priority. We can not afford to separate trade from human development.