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24	Province of Saskatchewan Mr. Clay Serby Minister of Agriculture and Food	30 Jan. 2001	Province	For	<i>(Market access, agriculture, SPS, state trading enterprises)</i> - Saskatchewan agricultural producers have identified several key objectives: a) FTAs must result in greater market access for our agricultural exports; b) lead to reductions in trade distorting export and subsidies; c) ensure SPS restrictions are science-based; and d) rules regarding state trading enterprises must allow the Canadian Wheat Board to continue operating as an effective marketer of prairie grains.
25	Province of Alberta Ms. Shirley McClellan Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations	30 Jan. 2001	Province	For	<i>(Consultations, agriculture, SPS, services and investment, provincial jurisdiction)</i> - Though Alberta exports to the region are small, there will still be benefits to further trade liberalisation as well as additional benefits for the broader FTAA process in seeking high level commitments from the CA4. - Supports investment and services provisions and enumerates priority sectors for increased market access. - Approach to agricultural negotiations includes: a) elimination of agricultural export subsidies; b) reduction of trade and production-distorting domestic supports; c) elimination of all market access restrictions for agricultural goods. State trading enterprises (i.e. CWB) should be on the table. SPS rules must be science-based. - Highlights issues of provincial jurisdiction (labour and environment) and subnational coverage.
26	Province of Saskatchewan Mr. Jack Hillson Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	01 Feb. 2001	Province	For	<i>(Agriculture, investment, regional strategy)</i> - Apparent lack of policy rationale within the federal government for pursuing these relatively minor bilateral and regional FTAs. - Would not support NAFTA-like investment provisions and public health, education, and social services should be excluded from FTAs. - Potential for exports of grain, potash, specialty crops and malt to the CA4.