

ISSUES LIKELY TO BE TAELED IN PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS

This section deals only with those issues which either country could be expected to raise in very preliminary discussion, that is, those issues which could be regarded as irritants in current trading relations. The Quebec Declaration is not very instructive in this respect, noting only counterfeit goods, cable/satellite retransmission and "other abuses of copyright and patent law" as subjects for discussion. The particular issues raised in this section and characterized as American interests are, therefore, based on information gleaned from U.S. sourced literature on the subject and knowledge of the history of U.S./Canada relations in this area.

U.S. intellectual property rights owners are concerned with what they see as a worldwide epidemic of trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy and are pushing for resolution of this problem on all possible fronts. The problem, from their viewpoint, is two-fold. First, many lesser-developed countries, particularly in the Middle East and the Pacific Rim, provide little or no copyright and trademark protection for U.S. nationals. Within their own domestic laws, therefore, unauthorized reproductions of copyright material and unauthorized use of trademarks are