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41	Canadian Council for the Americas Mr. David S. Winfield Chairman of the Board Toronto ON	12 Feb. 2001	Business organization	For	<i>(Regional strategy, labour and environment, Brazil)</i> - FTA would serve to buttress Canadian economic relations with a region that has not attracted a great deal of attention. - Potential for increased bilateral trade and investment is modest though strategic advantages could be achieved by an FTA in advancing the FTAA. - Deep reservations with FTAs that include labour and environment chapters; these should be addressed in appropriate international fora. - Mindful of limited trade policy resources available to the Government. - Priority is the FTAA, WTO agenda and resolution to the dispute with Brazil.
42	Transcontinental Gourmet Foods Inc. Mr. Robert G. Duncan Vice President Concord ON	15 Jan. 2001	Agri-food	For	<i>(Transparency, trade facilitation)</i> - Transparency: countries should identify correct export documentation and forms.
43	TransFair Canada Ms. Caroline Whitby Managing Director Ottawa ON	01 Feb. 2001	Not-for-profit organization/ Fair Trade Certifiers	For, with concerns	<i>(Market access, sustainable development, fair trading measures)</i> - TransFair seeks to redress some of the negative impacts of FTAs suffered by small producers by ensuring that these receive fair price for crops and by promoting their direct access to international markets and improving their access to pre-financing. - FTA is an opportunity for the Government to manifest its concern for the plight of small agricultural producers and workers in CentAm. - The Government of Canada should develop programmes to support the development and growth of co-ops in CentAm and other regions; provide funding to alternatives such as Fair Trade to expand markets for fairly traded goods; and develop procurement policies for Fair Trade goods.