Parliamentary Committees

Committee on Institutions

General consultation

Examination of the impacts of the proposed free-trade area of the americas

The Committee on Institutions will hold public hearings beginning on 26 September 2000 in pursuance of a general consultation regarding the impacts of the proposed free-trade area of the Americas. The Committee has published a study paper for this occasion entitled: "Le Québec et la zone de libre-échange des Amériques: effets politiques et socio-économiques" (Québec and the free-trade area of the Americas: political and socio-economic consequences). This document is available upon request and can also be consulted in the internet site of the National Assembly (www.assnat.qc.ca).

Individuals and organizations who wish to express their views on this matter must submit a brief to the committees secretariat not later than 8 September 2000. The Committee will select the individuals and organizations it wishes to hear from among those who have submitted a brief. Every brief must be accompanied by a concise summary of its contents, and both documents must be submitted in 25 copies printed on letter-size paper. Those who wish to have their brief forwarded to the press gallery must provide an additional 20 copies.

One may also communicate to the Committee one's views on this subject through the internet site of the National Assembly by using the form that is to be found under the heading "Consultation en ligne sur la Zone de libre-échange des Amériques" at the following internet address:www.assnat.qc.ca. The authors of views so expressed may likewise be invited to be heard by the Committee.

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