Extent

37 folders, approximately 1,733 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). The FTAA was a proposed agreement to eliminate or reduce the trade barriers among all countries in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. The collection includes material from committee meetings and working groups that discuss rules and procedures for FTAA, market access, dispute settlement, standards, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, agriculture, intellectual property rights, and competition policy. The files contain memoranda, correspondence, news clippings and magazine articles, handwritten notes, briefing books, telegrams, brochures and reports.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0400-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA 2017-0400-F consists of memoranda, correspondence, news clippings and magazine articles, handwritten notes, briefing books, telegrams and brochures. The collection contains material from committee meetings and working groups that discuss rules and procedures for FTAA, market access, dispute settlement, standards and technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, agriculture, intellectual property rights, competition policy, qualification of suppliers and the United States position for various meetings of the FTAA. The collection also contains numerous reports such as: Summary Report from Meeting in Miami from April 24-26, 2000; Report to the Trade Negotiations Committee – Negotiating Group on Competition Policy; Report to the Ministers of Commerce on the Activities of the FTAA Working Group on Sanitary and

Phytosanitary Measures; Report of the Negotiating Group on Market Access, Report by the Negotiating Group on Investment and Negotiating Group on Government Procurement: Status of Work and Report to Ministers. The Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) was a proposed agreement to eliminate or reduce the trade barriers among all countries in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. The agreement was to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to include every country in the Americas, except Cuba. FTAA began in December of 1994 at the Summit of the Americas in Miami, Florida where heads of states and governments from 34 countries agreed to work on the FTAA and complete negotiations by 2005. The FTAA was comprised of working groups and negotiating committees that worked on negotiations regarding agriculture, intellectual property rights, investment, government procurement, market access, services, competition policy, and dispute settlement, subsidies and anti-dumping and countervailing duties. The FTAA website, http://www.ftaa-alca.org/View_e.asp is a great resource of information on the FTAA.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collections areas— Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM): Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. FOIA 2017-0400-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: BE Business - Economics CO001-09 Countries: South America – Central and Latin America CO008 Countries: Argentine Republic (Argentina) IT070 International Organizations: Organization of American States SP786 Speeches: Announcing Free Trade Area of the Americas, Miami, FL, 12/10/94 TA Trade.

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