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Subject: Opportunity to provide comments on The first 20 years of NAFTA and the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation: Call for information and comments

Hi Irasema. Wie geht es Dir? I hope the summer reached you up there by now. We just enjoyed a few days of real nice drizzling rain and cooler temperatures. I talked to our group about your message and we would respond, but are a little lost about how we should do this. The feeling is that concerning our environment we had to deal only with local and state offices and never felt that there was any NAFTA help or involvement available. As you know we fought the extension of the loop over the mountains through the park - it looks horrific. We are still fighting to at least get an underpass for traffic to and from the park to make access safer and also wildlife friendlier - very frustrating so far. Then the Orogrande mountains will soon come up for the California guy to just "remove" them and ship them to China. No official word about special, rare plants there. If it was archaeologically of interest, we could have a chance. So we really do not know how NAFTA impacted us or could help us in the future. I guess the visibility of the organization in environmental aspects here are zero. We have so little space left in our area to recharge the river with water and the air with oxygen. And this affects not only El Paso, but also Juarez.

But could you give us some guidelines, how we could structure a response?
Hope to get a chance to see you sometimes soon again. Gertrud