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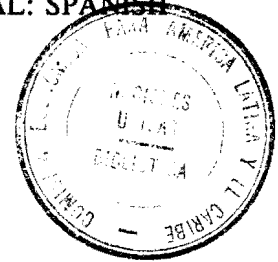
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Assessment of poverty levels and characteristics and poverty reduction efforts

The following documents will be presented on this topic:

- a) An examination of poverty in Latin America in the early 1990s. This study will include poverty profiles for some Latin American countries which incorporate factors relating to employment, education and the satisfaction of basic needs. Indicators referring to children and young people will also be analysed in a way which serves to illustrate group problem-identification methodologies useful for purposes of social-policy targeting.
- b) A brief overview of poverty-reduction activities carried out by the Governments of the region. This summary is based on the Governments' responses to a questionnaire sent out by the secretariat. Particular attention is devoted to recent advances in certain areas (health, nutrition, education, employment in micro-enterprises and housing), changes in social policies at the institutional level, and community participation in the design and evaluation of social programmes and policies.

2. Policies to promote higher productivity among poor rural and urban groups in the region

A brief summary will be given of ten case studies on this topic which were prepared especially for the Conference. Particular emphasis will be placed, *inter alia*, on inter-agency programme coordination, reinforcement of target groups' management capabilities, the development of social management, the comprehensive nature of projects in this field, and the promotion of entrepreneurial rationalization in low-productivity sectors.

3. Targeting of social policies to reduce poverty in the region

Examples of social programme targeting will be presented and analysed, with particular attention being devoted to such subjects as the strategic information needed to target poverty reduction policies, participation by the population in the modernization of social policy, stimulation of social demand in the poorest sectors, and the integrative effects of new modalities of targeted social policy.