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I. GENERAL BACKGROUND

This outline has been prepared in the light of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of the ILPES Technical Sub-Committee and the exchange of ideas with various persons responsible for Planning Bodies.

At the Panama Meeting it was recommended that the Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning should be held at two levels:

- at the level of planning experts;
- at the level of Ministers and Heads of Planning.

II. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ITEMS AT THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS

(15 and 16 November)

Item 1. Activities carried out by ILPES and future programmes

For the discussion of this subject, the technical representatives of Planning Bodies will be presented with a detailed report of the various activities carried out by ILPES in each of the areas of research, training, advisory assistance and cooperation among Planning Bodies. The point is to have a thorough exchange of ideas so as to evaluate the work accomplished and orient future activities.

Item 2. Analysis of national planning experiences

Recent national planning experiences would be analysed, in particular those related to the subjects to be dealt with at the meeting at the level of Ministers and Heads of Planning.

III. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECTS AT THE
LEVEL OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING

(17 and 18 November)

Item 1. Results of the analysis of national experiences

The results of the Meeting at the Level of Technical Experts with respect to the exchange of national planning experiences will be made known.

Item 2. Exchange of experiences on the subjects proposed at the Panama Meeting:

The following main subjects will be discussed:

- (a) Planning and international economic situation;
- (b) Integration of social aspects in planning; and
- (c) Links between long-term, medium-term and short-term plans.

As at the First Conference held at Caracas, the Ministers and Heads of Planning would introduce the subjects and there would then be an exchange of experiences concerning each. They could also discuss other subjects connected with planning.

Item 3. ILPES Programme

The Ministers and Heads of Planning in their capacity as members of ILPES Technical Committee would learn the results of the exchange of ideas that would take place at the Meeting at the Level of Planning Experts and would discuss the main lines of action for the Institute's future activities.

IV. PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

A. Documents provided by the governments

The most important documents for the Second Conference will be those prepared by Planning Bodies, since they will constitute the basis for the exchange of experiences and the adoption of joint action.

These documents will be of two types:

1. Documents prepared by each Planning Body on the present situation and prospects of planning

These documents are especially important since they constitute a basis for the exchange of experience and mutual knowledge of planning situations. They also form part of the substantive material for continuing research on progress in and obstacles to planning and provide the most important source for the ILPES Publications Programme. It is suggested that the documents presented by the countries on this subject at the First Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning held at Caracas in April 1977 should be taken as a reference.

2. Documents prepared by Planning Bodies for discussion of the subjects suggested at the Third Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee:

- (a) Planning and international economic situation;
- (b) Integration of social aspects in planning;
- (c) Links between long-term, medium-term and short-term plans.

These documents will represent a substantive contribution to the exchange of ideas on new planning problems and the methods adopted by the governments for solving them.

3. Reproduction and distribution of documents

Planning Bodies are kindly requested to prepare versions in Spanish and English of the documents referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, and to send them directly to their colleagues in the region. For this purpose, attached to this letter is an up-dated list of the Ministers and Heads of Planning with their respective addresses.

Planning Bodies are also kindly requested to send two copies of each document as soon as it is completed to Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, Executive Secretary of CEPAL and Director of ILPES.

In any case, Planning Bodies are asked to take with them to Lima, Peru, 80 copies of the Spanish version and 30 copies of the English version.

B. Documents prepared by ILPES

ILPES will prepare the following documents:

1. Report on the Institute's activities during Phase IV.
2. Revised document of the ILPES Programme for Phase V.
3. Background of ILPES activities in the development of Programmes of Advisory Assistance, Training, Research and Cooperation among Planning Bodies.
4. Documents prepared by CEPAL and ILPES on planning in Latin America.

ILPES will be dispatching these documents as they are completed.

It will in any case take enough copies to the Meeting in Lima.