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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Proposed institutional actions in follow-up of statistical activities**
 - The international statistical system and recent developments. Proposal for Latin American participation (ECLAC)
 - Presentation of the regional programme of statistical work, 1997-1998 (ECLAC)
 - Proposed activities in the area of statistics for the biennium 1997-1998 (OAS)

2. **Debate by the directors on selected institutional issues**
 - Study of unit costs of the production of statistics (Canada)
 - Autonomy and other legal issues relating to national statistical offices (Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama)
 - Auditing in national statistical offices (Mexico)

3. **International and regional cooperation programmes in the area of statistics, 1997-1998**
 - a) **Subprogramme 1: Adaptation and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (ECLAC)**
 - Proposed actions to continue and extend subprogramme 1 in the biennium 1997-1998
 - Statistics on services (Uruguay and France)

- b) **Subprogramme 2: Environmental statistics and indicators (ECLAC)**
 - Proposed actions to continue and extend subprogramme 2 in the biennium 1997-1998
 - Diagnostic analysis of the present state of environmental statistics (Mexico and ECLAC)
- c) **Subprogramme 3: Social and poverty statistics and indicators (ECLAC)**
 - Proposed actions to continue and extend subprogramme 3 in the biennium 1997-1998 (ECLAC)
 - The informal sector (Peru)
- d) **Subprogramme 4: Dissemination of statistical information (ECLAC)**
 - Proposed actions to continue and extend subprogramme 4 in the biennium 1997-1998 (ECLAC)

4. Special topics selected by the directors for debate

- Effects of globalization on statistical systems (Canada)
- Innovation and competitiveness (Chile)

5. Foreign trade statistics (OAS)

6. Dissemination of statistical information

- Schedule for releasing information (Argentina)
- International Monetary Fund proposal, "Guide to data dissemination standards"

7. Training (Chile, European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (CESD-Madrid) and the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES)

- Chile's proposal for coordinating activities
- CESD-Madrid proposed programmes
- CIENES proposal

8. Review of final report