DECEMBER 2006's Monthly Index of Economic Activity, IMACEC

According to preliminary information, last December the IMACEC increased by 3.6% over the same month the year before. The seasonally-adjusted series rose by 1.3% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series showed an annualized expansion of 5.8%. The result of the month reflected the fact that December 2006 came with two working days less than December 2005.

In accordance with the pre-established public calendar of National Accounts dissemination, the preliminary estimates for 2006’s GDP growth will be published next March 23. These figures will be disclosed on the basis of the new 2003 Reference Compilation presented in November 2006.