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January 2008's monthly index of economic activity Imacec

According to preliminary information, January's Imacec increased 3.4% over the same month a year before. The seasonally-adjusted series rose 0.3% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series recorded an annualized expansion of 4.1%. The month came with the same number of working days as January 2007.

The month's result reflected the fall in value added of electric power generation and mining activity.

In compliance with the pre-established, publicly known schedule of National Accounts disclosure, the preliminary figures for 2007's GDP growth will be released next 24 March.