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**June 2006's monthly index of economic activity, Imacec**

According to preliminary information, last June the Imacec increased by 4.5% over the same month a year before. The seasonally-adjusted series rose by 0.5% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series recorded an annualized increase of 5.3%. The month's result reflected the fact that June this year came with one less working day than June 2005.

In accordance with the publicly known pre-defined calendar of National Accounts disclosure, the preliminary figures for second-quarter GDP, as well as revisions to first-quarter figures, will be published on 23 August 2006.