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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA OF THE
SECOND INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF
MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES ON CULTURE**

I. PREPARATORY SESSION

This session includes: Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs, establishment of the Style Committee, and consideration of the Draft Agenda and Schedule for the Meeting.

II. OPENING SESSION

Words of welcome and presentations by Mexican Government authorities and the Organization of American States.

III. SESSIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES

This meeting revolves around analysis and discussion of the three core issues indicated below. Each of these topics will be presented by ministers and high authorities on culture representing each of the subregions in the Hemisphere and subsequently debated by all those present.

Topic 1: Diagnostic assessment. What part does culture play in the Hemisphere's economic integration efforts?

- *Presentation by five ministers, one for each subregion (the Andean subregion, MERCOSUR, CARICOM, Central America, and North America)*
- *Ministerial dialogue*

Topic 2: New technologies as a tool for promoting cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, and protection of the region's tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

- *Presentation by five ministers, one for each subregion (the Andean subregion, MERCOSUR, CARICOM, Central America, and North America)*
- *Ministerial dialogue*

Topic 3: The outlook for cultural industries and cultural diversity in the framework of hemispheric integration processes.

- *Presentation by five ministers, one for each subregion (the Andean subregion, MERCOSUR, CARICOM, Central America, and North America)*
- *Ministerial dialogue*

IV. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND MINISTERIAL PLAN OF ACTION