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ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (COMCYT)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda for the Fourth Regular Meeting of COMCYT will be presented to the delegations for their consideration and approval.

2. Election of Officers

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, COMCYT officers will be elected for the 4th Regular Meeting and for the 2004-2005 period of activities. Delegates will be reminded that according to the decision taken at the 3rd COMCYT, article 3 of the Agreements of the 3rd COMCYT, OEA/Ser.WXIII.3.3, CIDI/COMCYT/doc.9/00 rev.1, confirmed by the Legal Services of the OAS, officials are elected in a personal basis. As the First Vice President elected in the last COMCYT has left his functions related to Science and Technology in his country, the current Second Vice President will assume the Presidency, always if the same person is appointed as delegate of his/her country. In this case, the 4th COMCYT delegates will elect the First and Second Vice Presidents. If the acting Second Vice President is not a delegate in this meeting, the 4th COMCYT will exceptionally elect all three posts for the next year, President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

3. Composition of the Style Subcommittee

Following article 24 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegates will appoint the members of the Style Subcommittee, each of whom represents one of the four official languages of the OAS.

4. COMCYT Report on the past 3 years of activities presented by the President of COMCYT

As COMCYT President during its third year of work, Dr. Gonzalo Córdoba, from Panama will present a report on the Committee's activities during the past three years.

5. Consolidated Report of the Workshops on Hemispheric Policies in Science and Technology and Innovation for: Increase Competitiveness in the Productive Sector, carried out in Argentina; Social Development, carried out in Jamaica; Scientific and Technological Development in the Americas, carried out in Ecuador; and Popularization of Science and Technology, carried out in Brazil.

The host country will present the final report of each component and the Office of Science and Technology of the OAS will present the consolidated document, which consolidates the discussions and agreements reached on the four workshops listed above. The COMCYT President

will encourage discussion and exchange of views on the presentations and on the consolidated document, and will seek consensus and approval of such document.

6. Process of Preparation for the Meeting of Ministers and High Officials in Science and Technology: Work plan and Methodology; Proposal for the Declaration of Lima; Proposal for the Plan of Action of Lima.

Delegates will agree of the methodology of work for the preparation process for the Meeting of Ministers and High Officials in Science and Technology and will start the discussion on the proposals for the Declaration and Plan of Action of Lima.

7. Strategies of Cooperation with international Organizations and of the Inter-American System.

Delegates of the Inter-American Development Bank, World Bank, Inter-American Committee on Education, Academies of Science in the Hemisphere, and of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations will present possible Strategies for Cooperation with COMCYT.

8. COMCYT Agreements

The President of COMCYT will gather and present the decisions of the Committee that will be summarized in a draft document listing all agreements reached by the delegates attending this Meeting. Delegates will discuss and approve the document

9. Consideration of the date and place for the Fifth Regular Meeting of the COMCYT

The President of COMCYT will promote an exchange of views on possible dates and places for the Fifth Regular Meeting of COMCYT.

10. Other Business

The delegates will be given the opportunity to express any other issue they wish to deal with.

11. Conclusions

A short report will be presented on the results of the 4th Regular Meeting of COMCYT.