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CARTAGENA CONSENSUS MEETING IN URUGUAY

1. THE ELEVEN MEMBER STATES OF THE CARTAGENA CONSENSUS WILL MEET SHORTLY IN MONTEVIDEO. VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PASQUET) IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT A PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO DRAFT A NEW DOCUMENT ON EXTERNAL DEBT TO BE SENT TO NEXT MONTH'S GROUP OF 7 MEETING IN TORONTO. THIS DOCUMENT WOULD BE SENT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS BY PRESIDENT SANGUINETTI AS HEAD OF THE STATE HOLDING THE CARTAGENA CONSENSUS SECRETARIAT TEMPORARILY ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER MEMBERS. IT WOULD CONTAIN CONCRETE PROPOSALS ABOUT QUOTE THE OPENING OF COMPLEMENTARY MECHANISMS UNQUOTE TO SOLVE THE EXTERNAL DEBT PROBLEM.

2. PASQUET IS ALSO REPORTED AS CONFIRMING THAT SECRETARYSHIP OF CARTAGENA GROUP WILL BE PASSED FROM URUGUAYANS TO MEXICANS NEXT MONTH AFTER NEXT MEETING OF GROUP OF EIGHT FOREIGN MINISTERS HOSTED BY MEXICO.

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