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"WHAT PROSPECT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN?"

The economic crisis in Argentina has had ripple effects in some Latin American countries, but what is the outlook for the region as a whole, and for the Caribbean? How varied are the factors affecting the economic performance of the heterogeneous group of countries that stretches from the southern side of the U.S. border to the tip of Patagonia? Will democratic regimes survive where economies are in steep decline? In this edition of **World Chronicle** José Antonio Ocampo, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) discusses current economic trends in the region, and some of their social implications.

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