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SUBJECT: Brazilian Foreign Office inaugurates course on Atomic Energy in collaboration with CNEN

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Foreign Minister Juracy Magalhães inaugurated May 17 a course entitled "Atomic Energy for Diplomats". The principal speaker, after the Foreign Minister, was Professor Luiz Cintra do Prado, Chairman of the Nuclear Energy (CNEN). Invitations were extended to topflight scientists of Brazil, principally officers and heads of departments of the Ministry itself, some foreign embassy representatives, including the Scientific Attaché of the US Embassy, and the press. Other lectures planned for the rest of the week cover various phases of atomic energy and Brazil's position as a developing nation vis-à-vis the status of the science itself today, and Brazil's position in the international theater.

In his opening remarks Minister Magalhães said the purpose of the course was twofold: to accelerate the "nuclearization" of Brazil, by joining forces with the Atomic Energy Commission, and to provide Brazil's diplomats with the background information which they should have in order to understand the importance of Atomic Energy to the nation's development.

This unusual sponsorship by the FONOFF of a course in scientific and technological matters appears to be another example of the increasing interest which the Ministry is taking in such fields today, following as it does, the recent decision to post a Scientific Attaché at the Embassy in Washington.

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