

## **Meeting in Santo Domingo is postponed - April 15, 2008**

The Minister of Energy Mr. Aristides Fernandez Zucco decided to postpone the scheduled visit of April 28-May 2, 2008, to a date after the presidential election that will occur on May 16, in order that the discussions can be conducted in a calm atmosphere. President Leonel Fernandez Reyna personally would like to keep close supervision over the discussions.

## **Lunch Meeting - April 9, 2008**

Ambassador Manuel Morales Lama extended his kind and warm hospitality to Dr. Farhang Sefidvash at a lunch meeting in the capital city Brasilia. They discussed the perspective of the contribution of innovative small nuclear reactor FBNR for electricity production in Dominican Republic. Dr. Sefidvash explained that the Dominican Republic can become a pioneer in deploying such a nuclear reactor and provide it to the rest of the world especially the developing countries with small electric network that can use only small reactors.

He emphasized that the FBNR project will bring high technology and great financial benefits to the Dominican Republic.

He said that these are not just wishful thinking remembering how a small country can contribute to the development of nuclear energy. He explained that there are important contributions that Dominican Republic can make to the project, namely through:



- The well management of the numerous international investments that will flow into Dominican Republic as the host country for the project where the FBNR reactor will be deployed, and
- Providing friendly national nuclear laws and regulations while being compatible with the standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) but without additional unnecessary complications.