

The Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center invites you to:

A Breakfast Discussion

CONGRESSMAN ARLINDO CHINAGLIA

President of Brazil's Chamber of Deputies

On Thursday, January 24, 2008 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 6th Floor Board Room

Please RSVP to Alan.Wright@wilsoncenter.org

A founder of the Workers Party (PT) and a medical doctor, Arlindo Chinaglia is a congressional representative from the state of São Paulo serving his fourth-term. The position of President of the Chamber of Deputies is equivalent to the Speaker of the House in the U.S. system. In February 2007, Chinaglia was selected to head the lower chamber of Brazil's Congress, the *Câmara dos Deputados*. A well-respected politician, Chinaglia has served as secretary general of the PT from 2004-2005, president of the state of São Paulo's Doctor's Union, and president of the Congressional Financial Oversight Commission.

In the midst of various setbacks to President Lula's legislative agenda, Chinaglia is deeply involved in the negotiations of controversial government's fiscal and budgetary proposals, among other challenges. The discussion will focus on Brazil-United States relations, President Lula's legislative agenda, and Brazil's October 2008 municipal elections—elections which will set the stage for the 2010 presidential race.