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On Aug. 21, Foreign Minister Francisco Rezek announced that Carlos Chiarelli had been appointed minister without portfolio for economic integration affairs. Chiarelli's post as Education Minister is to be filled by Jose Goldemberg, currently serving as National Secretary of Science and Technology. Rezek said that in addition to topics related to MERCOSUR (Southern Cone Common Market, comprised of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), Chiarelli will be responsible for all matters related to integration processes in the Americas. An unidentified Foreign Ministry source cited by the Agence France-Presse said Brazilian officials plan to explore possibilities for integration between MERCOSUR and the Andean Pact when Colombian President Cesar Gaviria visits Brasilia early next month. (Basic data from EFE, AFP, 08/21/91)

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