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**Opening Remarks****JULIO FERRY BORGES**

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I am most pleased and honoured to co-chair this first part of the Seminar on Safety Concepts.

The papers to be presented cover both the problems of theoretical probabilistic reliability and of quality assurance applied to structural engineering.

I do hope we shall have a fruitful discussion.

Although at present probabilistic reliability and quality assurance are two distinct disciplines, their fundamental aims are the same and they use several similar concepts. As a step for their unification it is important that they are dealt with jointly. Furthermore, all these activities should be viewed under the general framework of the organization of the construction industry.

I welcome the initiative of IABSE of dealing with these subjects in its Anniversary Congress.