



## U.S.-Brazil CEO Forum

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Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim  
Ministro das Relações Exteriores  
República Federativa do Brasil

The Honorable Ron Kirk  
United States Trade Representative  
United States of America

Dear Minister Amorim and Ambassador Kirk:

As the co-chairs of the United States – Brazil CEO Forum chartered by our two governments, we write to support timely negotiation of a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) to regularize bilateral consultations. Having reviewed similar agreements that our respective governments have made with other countries, we believe that the United States and Brazil should work to have a TIFA ready to sign at the next CEO Forum meeting in early March 2010.

Signing a formal agreement for consultation on critical trade and commercial matters would provide tangible evidence of the strong relationship between Brazil and the United States. It would formalize consultations on key issues and send a strong signal that economic collaboration is a key strategy for economic recovery and growth.

If we are to realize the full potential of more structured consultation on key trade and commercial matters, we recommend that the Statement of Priorities of the IV Meeting of the US – Brazil CEOs Forum to be considered.

Thank you for your leadership and support. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to expedite this agreement so that we may celebrate and commemorate its adoption at the March 2010 meeting of the US-Brazil CEO Forum in Brazil.

Sincerely,



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