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Joint Statement

In preparation for the visit of
U.S. Vice President Joe Biden to Brazil in
June 2014

The Soccer World Cup has long been emblematic of the power of sports to bridge cultural divides and increase understanding between people around the world. In this spirit, we applaud the planned visit of Vice President Joe Biden to Brazil to attend the World Cup in June 2014.

For many years, the U.S. and Brazilian private sectors have worked to expand trade and investment between the United States and Brazil. The size, global influence, and shared values of both our economies suggest the need for broad and strategic engagement to unleash the untapped potential of our partnership. On the occasion of Vice President Biden's visit to Brazil, we reaffirm our commitment to the bilateral relationship and our wish to advance an agenda of mutual benefit to Americans and Brazilians.

In this context, we understand this to be an excellent opportunity to support meaningful progress in the bilateral relationship through the signature of three bilateral reciprocal agreements that have already been negotiated by the two countries and that may only require endorsement by their respective political leadership:

- The implementation of a trusted traveler program between the two countries modeled after the U.S. Global Entry Program as a first step towards the future inclusion of Brazil in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program with reciprocal action by Brazil.
- The establishment of cooperation between the two countries' patent offices through a patent agreement similar to the U.S. Patent Prosecution Highway Agreement, a bilateral mechanism to expedite patent application and approval.
- The signing of a U.S.-Brazil social security agreement that will coordinate the U.S. Social Security program with Brazil's public pension program for the benefit of American and Brazilian professionals who are subject to dual social security-related taxation.

We believe that these three accomplishments would represent a positive sign in Brazil-U.S. relations and reflect dynamism in the bilateral dialogue whose agenda is as extensive as it is promising.

Respectfully,

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