

Top policy recommendations of

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In preparation for the visit of U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden to Brazil

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- (1) We support a state visit with President Rousseff during the planned October presidential summit that includes an opportunity for the Brazilian president to speak to the U.S. Congress. We also support a robust business component during President Rousseff's trip similar to the 2011 U.S.-Brazil Business Summit and the 2012 Brazil-U.S.: Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference.
- (2) We urge the White House to support launching the U.S.-Brazil Global Entry Pilot this year, and in the short-term, to fully include Brazil in the Global Entry and Visa Waiver programs and secure Brazilian reciprocity. Entry-facilitated visa-free travel is a key priority for both sections of BUSBC and for the U.S.-Brazil business community.
- (3) We also support the implementation of the proposed U.S.-Brazil "Green Lane" pilot project on air cargo transportation as a building block toward a full program of mutual recognition of authorized economic operators.
- (4) We seek the establishment of a public-private project-based U.S.-Brazil Information Technology Partnership similar to the successful 2012 U.S.-Brazil Aviation Partnership. These are key mechanisms to boost deeper cooperation and business opportunities between the two countries.
- (5) We kindly request that the White House work with Casa Civil and the Ministry of External Relations in Brazil to build support for and secure the approval by the Brazilian National Congress of key bilateral agreements already signed by the two countries, including the:

- a. 2010 Defense Cooperation Agreement
  - b. 2010 General Security of Military Information Agreement
  - c. 2011 Air Transport Agreement
  - d. 2012 Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
- (6) We seek support in formally securing a U.S.-Brazil Patent Prosecution Highway Agreement to fast track patent application and approval in both countries.
- (7) We also seek support in formally launching negotiations toward a new U.S.-Brazil Technology Safeguards Agreement (TSA) to protect launching operation technologies, which offers a unique opportunity to foster business opportunities between the two countries.
- (8) Acknowledging the great progress in improving Brazil-U.S. tax cooperation through the recent approval of the Tax Information Exchange Agreement, the recent Brazilian update to its transfer pricing legislation and the pending Brazilian implementation of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, we ask both countries to initiate negotiations toward a Brazil-U.S. Bilateral Tax Treaty.
- (9) We encourage the U.S. Congress to pass a 2013 Farm Bill that brings the U.S. into compliance with its WTO commitments regarding subsidies to U.S. cotton farmers – demonstrating U.S. leadership and definitively removing the risk of WTO-sanctioned trade retaliation against U.S. exports and intellectual property. We encourage the Obama administration to maintain the temporarily negotiated framework agreement until the Farm Bill is passed – noting the pending expiry of funds due to the sequester.
- (10) We urge the U.S. and Brazilian governments to strengthen their joint efforts and demonstrate leadership securing a package of deliverables during the World Trade Organization’s 9th Ministerial Conference in Bali, in December. The package should include substantial commitments on agriculture and trade facilitation.