

JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL ON GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

The United States Department of Homeland Security and the Ministry of Finance of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"),

Acknowledging their strong partnership, rooted in mutual respect, for regional security, economic prosperity and protecting the global systems that connect our nations;

Considering sharing information and best practices to build a common understanding of vulnerabilities between the Participants is paramount to expedite the flow of trade;

Recognizing the high risk posed by illegal use of air, maritime, and land transportation networks, that threaten supply chains inherently intermodal and encompass goods, conveyances, facilities and hubs;

Acknowledging the need to strengthen the supply chain by working together to encourage regional partners and international organizations to enhance security standards; and

Taking into account existing bilateral and multilateral agreements that affirm cooperation on security and efficiency of global supply chain between the two countries;

Have come to the following understanding and intend to:

1. Increase multilateral collaboration to expedite trade, enhance international standards and utilize technology to enhance supply chain connectivity;
2. Support the development of human capacity and other resources which operate within or use the global supply chain to enhance and facilitate trade; and
3. Work collaboratively to enhance the standards and recommended practices of the World Customs Organization to strengthen the global supply chain.

Signed in Brasilia, Brazil, on the eleventh (11) of July of two thousand and twelve (2012), in duplicate in the English and Portuguese languages.

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