

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ADVANCE COOPERATION ON BIOFUELS**

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

The Government of the United States of America  
(henceforth referred to as the "Participants"),

Recognizing the common interests shared by the Participants toward the development of affordable, clean, and sustainable energy sources;

Considering the strategic importance of biofuels to be a transformative force in the region to diversify energy supplies, bolster economic growth, advance social agendas, and improve the environment;

Aware of the benefits of forging a Brazil-U.S. partnership to leverage our collective public and private sector resources toward the advancement of biofuels and related technologies;

Taking into account the existing mechanisms and ongoing cooperation in the fields of energy, agriculture, environment, and science and technology regarding biofuels;

Bearing in mind that this Memorandum is intended to provide a general framework and express the cooperative intent of the Governments;

Noting that issues relating to domestic trade or tariffs should be raised in other multilateral, regional or bilateral fora,

Hereby express their intention to cooperate on the development and deployment of biofuels through a three-pronged approach (bilateral, third countries, and global):

I. **Bilateral:** The Participants intend to advance the research and development of next generation biofuels technology leveraging - wherever possible - work being done in the framework of the Brazil-U.S. Commercial Dialogue (2006), the Consultative Committee on Agriculture (2003), the Consultative Group on Energy (2003), the Brazil/U.S. Common Agenda for the Environment (1995), and the Joint Commission on Cooperation in Science and Technology (1984) - amended and extended by the Protocol signed on March 21, 1994.

II. **Third Countries:** The Participants intend to work jointly to bring the benefits of biofuels to select third countries through feasibility studies and technical assistance aimed at stimulating private sector investment in biofuels. The Participants intend to begin work in Central America and the Caribbean to encourage local production and consumption of biofuels, with a view to continue joint work in key regions across the globe.

III. Global: The Participants desire to expand the biofuels marketplace through cooperation on the establishment of uniform standards and codes. To achieve this goal, the Participants intend to cooperate through the International Biofuels Forum (IBF), leveraging existing work being carried out between the National Institute of Meteorology, Standards and Industrial Quality of Brazil (INMETRO) and the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and coordinating with existing and complementary international fora.

The Participants intend to establish a Steering Group to oversee the work being carried out under this MOU so that proper coordination is maintained across each of the three areas of cooperation.

The Government of the United States appoints the Under Secretary of Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, as its primary representative for implementation of this MOU.

The Government of Brazil appoints the Under Secretary General for Political Affairs I of the Ministry of External Relations as its primary representative for implementation of this MOU.

Each representative, or their designees, are responsible to provide information regarding actions taken by the Government that designated him or her.

This Memorandum is to take effect on the date of signature.

Signed at São Paulo, in the Portuguese and English languages, on the 9th day of March, 2007.