

Your Excellency  
Mr. Thomas Shannon  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America

Brasilia, March 19th, 2011.

Note N. 1

Mr. Ambassador,

Considering that the Agreement on the Employment of Dependents of Diplomatic and Consular Personnel, signed on July 8, 1987 between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America ("the Agreement"), stipulates in paragraph 8 that the Agreement is valid for a period of 6 (six) years and can be renewed for an equal period of time, by an understanding between both parties.

2. Considering that the mentioned Agreement was extended on July 8, 2005 for 6 (six) years, until July 8, 2011.

3. Considering the positive results that the Agreement has provided to both countries, I have the honor to propose that the first sentence of paragraph 8 be amended by deleting the existing sentence and replacing it with the following: "The present agreement will remain in force for an indefinite period of time."

4. Furthermore, considering the importance of this Agreement to the families of the employees from our respective countries, I have the honor to propose to Your Excellency an amendment to paragraph 3 of the Agreement to add the following: ";(e) accredited domestic partners" following the phrase "physical or mental handicaps".

5. If the Government of the United States agrees with this proposal, this Note and a Note of response by Your Excellency, which expresses your agreement with the proposal, will constitute an amendment to the Agreement which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's Note in reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

ANTONIO DE AGUIAR PATRIOTA  
Minister of External Relations  
of the Federative Republic of Brazil