





TAX & INVESTMENT POLICY AGENDA


The Brazil Council's Tax & Investment Task Force aims to enhance bilateral investment between Brazil and the United States by facilitating cross-border investment and reducing cost of doing business for foreign companies. To that end, the Council proposes the following agenda:




Support tax simplification reforms to reduce the complexity and cumulative nature of federal, state and municipal tax systems to reduce costs for enterprises and improve legal certainty.




Support reform of the current PIS/COFINS legislation.




Endorse the resumption of formal negotiations between Brazil and the United States on a bilateral tax treaty that would eliminate double taxation and/or taxes on royalties, interest and dividends.




Endorse the termination of the uncertainty of the "tax war" among states with new legislation that ensures predictability, protects past benefits already granted for the industry, and provides clarity on the concession of benefits.



Promote efforts to harmonize value-added tax (VAT), known in Brazil as the Tax on Operations Related to the Circulation of Goods and Services of Inter-municipal Interstate Transportation and Communication (*Imposto Sobre Operações Relativas à Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços de Transporte Interestadual de Intermunicipal e de Comunicações – ICMS*).



Support Brazil's adoption of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Investment Principles.



Support Congressional action to loosen restrictions on rural land ownership as a means to economic growth.