

**PROTOCOL OF INTENTIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT
ACTIVITIES OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE
REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS**

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil,
The Government of the Republic of Honduras, and
The Government of the United States of America
(hereinafter referred to as “the Governments”)

WHEREAS

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America share a long history of technical cooperation, established by the Agreement on Technical Cooperation, effected by an exchange of notes on December 19, 1950, as amended; and a tradition of cooperation in trilateral development, most recently established by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Implementation of Technical Cooperation Activities in Third Countries, signed in Brasilia on March 3, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the “General Memorandum of Understanding on Trilateral Cooperation”);

The Government of the United States and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concluded a Protocol of Intentions for the Expansion of Technical Cooperation Activities In Third Countries, signed in Brasilia on March 18, 2011, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States and the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Implementation of Technical

Cooperation Activities in Third Countries to Improve Food Security, signed in Washington on April 9, 2012;

The General Memorandum of Understanding on Trilateral Cooperation designates the United States Agency for International Development and the Brazilian Agency for Cooperation of the Ministry of External Relations as the coordinating agencies for development cooperation in third countries;

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the Republic of Honduras share a long history of technical cooperation, established under the terms of the Basic Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation, signed in Brasilia on June, 11, 1976; and the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Honduras have had a partnership for the economic development of Honduras for over fifty years;

The experience and expertise of the Brazilian Agency for Cooperation of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Government of Honduras in implementing development cooperation is well established, and;

Noting that joint exploration and establishment of opportunities for cooperation and collaboration in areas of mutual interest will make their respective activities more effective and beneficial;

The Governments have expressed the following intentions:

SECTION 1

Objective

Establish through activities under this Protocol a non-exclusive framework of trilateral cooperation between the Governments in order to promote, among other areas, the economic development of the agriculture sector, to coordinate efforts to promote joint technical cooperation activities in the Republic of Honduras, and to jointly and adequately publicize the results of cooperation under this Protocol.

SECTION 2

Areas of Cooperation

1. The Governments intend to coordinate efforts to promote joint technical cooperation activities in the Republic of Honduras, including, but not limited to, improving agricultural competitiveness, nutrition and health, and renewable energy.
2. The activities to be developed may include:
 - a) Preparation of sectorial studies for the development of technical cooperation projects;
 - b) Sending technical experts from Brazil and the United States to develop proposals for technical cooperation, training, and certification, as well as to monitor the activities under this Protocol and their results;
 - c) Implementation of best practices and the exchange of information on food assistance programs and food security (under the rubric of local economic recovery, increasing agricultural productivity, generating added value, establishing linkages between producers and markets, as well as with other actors in the value chain, and improving nutrition, income generation, and employment for rural households);
 - d) Training of specialists of Honduras in the United States, Brazil, and other countries to develop the activities under this Protocol; and
 - e) Other activities of mutual interest.

SECTION 3

Field Actions

The Governments intend to establish a joint technical committee to promote the achievement of the intentions expressed in this Protocol, to identify opportunities, to consider requests for cooperation, and for other mutually established purposes.

SECTION 4

Limitations

The Governments intend to bear their own costs related to this Protocol. This Protocol does not replace or interfere with any agreements or contracts in force between the Governments, either before or after the signing of this Protocol. This Protocol is not legally binding under international law.

SECTION 5

Publicity

In order to promote the most appropriate dissemination of information about cooperation under this Protocol, the Governments intend for their cooperative activities to be presented equitably and in a favorable light, and in accord with the communications policies and procedures of the Governments.

SECTION 6

Institutions and Notification

To facilitate the implementation of this Protocol of Intentions, the Governments designate the following institutions as coordinators of the activities that may result from this Protocol:

For the Government of Honduras:
The Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation
The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

For the Government of the United States of America:
The United States Agency for International Development

For the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil:
The Brazilian Agency for Cooperation of the Ministry of External Relations

Any Government may, by written notice to the other Governments through their designated institutions, designate additional institutions or replace with others those designated in this Protocol as they see fit.

SECTION 7

Effective Date, Discontinuation, Modifications, and Other Matters

1. This Protocol of Intentions is effective on the date of signature of all Governments for an indefinite period until any of the Governments states its intention to discontinue it by written notice to the other Governments through diplomatic channels. In such case, cooperative activities already underway may continue.
2. This Protocol does not create any form of legal entity or person.

Signed at Teguciglapa in three (3) originals in the languages of Portuguese, Spanish, and English, on this eleventh day of September, 2012. In case of ambiguity of interpretation of the text, the English version will prevail.

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THE FEDERATIVE
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