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To: Interested Parties

Re: Trump-Lula Call Reopens a Path for U.S.-Brazil Trade Talks

Date: September 4, 2026

What Happened

- On August 21, Presidents Donald Trump and Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva spoke for 80 minutes about bilateral relations and global issues, including tariffs, organized crime, Ukraine, and the Middle East.
- President Lula challenged the basis for the new U.S. tariffs and argued that both countries should remain at the negotiating table. President Trump agreed on the importance of strong trade ties and proposed that the two governments meet again as soon as possible.
- No concrete tariff relief was announced. The immediate result is a renewed channel for discussions, as U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and Brazilian Minister of Development, Industry, Commerce, and Services Márcio Fernando Elias Rosa held a virtual meeting on August 31 and agreed to hold further discussions on tariffs in the coming weeks.

Why the Call Matters

- The call is a positive development because it restarted direct engagement and created a path for the two governments to move quickly into follow-on discussions. That is the necessary first step toward reducing tariffs that increase costs and strain an important commercial relationship.
- The leaders' shared interest in preserving strong trade ties gives both governments a basis for pursuing a practical, mutually beneficial resolution. Congress should support continued engagement and encourage both sides to keep an active negotiating channel focused on measurable progress.
- The scheduled meeting between Ambassador Greer and Minister Rosa is an encouraging sign that the conversation is moving from presidential engagement to working-level follow-up. It does not itself amount to tariff relief, but it creates an opportunity to address the dispute and reach a resolution.

What Congress Should Take Away

- The call changed the trajectory by restoring dialogue and establishing a route for additional negotiations. The immediate priority should be translating that engagement into concrete steps to reduce tariffs.
- Continued congressional attention can reinforce the importance of keeping both governments at the table and pursuing a negotiated outcome that protects U.S.-Brazil trade and avoids further escalation.

TSG Advocates is available to brief congressional offices on the implications of the call, the status of bilateral tariff discussions, and the outlook for next steps. If interested, please contact Chase Kroll (Kroll@tsgadvocates.com).