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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
BRAZIL**

**Memorandum of Understanding concerning consultations  
on matters of mutual interest. Signed at Brasília on  
21 February 1976**

*Authentic texts: English and Portuguese.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 19 May 1977.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
BRÉSIL**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif aux consultations concernant  
les questions d'intérêt mutuel. Signé à Brasília le 21 fé-  
vrier 1976**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et portugais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 19 mai 1977.*

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup> CONCERNING CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil,

Inspired by the long tradition of friendship and cooperation between their two peoples;

Reaffirming the need to give wider expression to the solidarity of the Western World and the benefits to be derived from a constructive interpretation of the concept of interdependence among all nations;

Recognizing the responsibility of their two countries to pursue their shared goal of a just and enduring solution to international problems;

Convinced of the importance to the sound development of their respective policies of close and frequent consultations on matters of common interest;

And believing that these considerations call for the establishment of a flexible mechanism permitting open and active communication at the cabinet level, have arrived at the following understanding:

1. The two Governments will normally hold consultations semi-annually, on the full range of foreign policy matters including any specific issue that may be raised by either side. Economic, political, security, cultural, legal, educational and technological subjects, whether bilateral or multilateral, may be discussed within the political framework afforded by the consultations.

2. These consultations will normally be held alternately in the United States and Brazil on dates to be mutually determined. Special meetings may be called by mutual agreement.

3. The consultations will be conducted by the Secretary of State on the part of the United States of America and by the Minister of Foreign Relations on the part of the Federative Republic of Brazil. The Chairman of the meeting will be the chief of the delegation of the host country.

4. Each delegation will be composed of such other high-ranking officials, including cabinet members, as may be appropriate to the agenda to be discussed.

5. After review of matters of common interest by the delegations, the chiefs of the delegations may propose to their respective governments measures deemed pertinent and appropriate.

6. By joint decision, study groups or working groups may be established to examine particular questions of current interest or to help carry forward special projects.

7. Each party will establish such internal arrangements as it deems appropriate to follow through on the agreed conclusions and recommendations that may arise from the consultations.

8. In addition to these consultations at the cabinet level, consultations will be carried forward on an on-going basis through normal diplomatic channels.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 February 1976 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 10.

These channels will be used for the preparation of a mutually acceptable agenda for the consultations.

9. The foregoing arrangements will complement and in no way replace or detract from the existing channels for transacting business.

10. This memorandum will come into operation upon signature by the Secretary of State of the United States of America and of the Foreign Minister of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

SIGNED in duplicate at Brasília this twenty-first day of February, 1976, in the English and Portuguese languages.

For the Government  
of the United States of America:  
[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Federative Republic of Brazil:  
[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Henry A. Kissinger — Signé par Henry A. Kissinger.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by A. F. Azeredo da Silveira — Signé par A. F. Azeredo da Silveira.