



Brasília, 29 May 2017

To His Excellency
Angel Gurría
Secretary-General
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
Paris, France

Dear Secretary-General,

We are pleased to communicate Brazil's formal request for initiating an accession process to the Organization.

The relationship of Brazil with the OECD dates back to 1994 and has been gradually deepening. During the last two decades our country has benefited from this partnership in many policy areas. We have signed a Cooperation Agreement and have a Work Program in place. We have been participating actively in numerous committees and working parties. Examples include being Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of PISA, Associate of both the OECD Steel Committee and the BEPS Project, and Member of the Global Forum on Exchange of Information and Transparency for Tax Purposes.

As one of the five key partners of the OECD, Brazil has found great value in the policy standards developed by the Organization. During these years we have become adherents to 31 OECD legal instruments, including the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business, and the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises, among others.

The approach to OECD is part of a wider strategy of the Brazilian government to consolidate a path for sustainable and inclusive development.

The recent letter announcing Brazil's interest in adhering to the Code of Liberalization of Capital Movements is a concrete example of our intention to move towards full membership in the OECD. We consider that acceding to the Organization



would not only be a natural next step in our fruitful cooperation, but also an instrumental tool in the reforms that our country is currently sustaining.

We take this opportunity to express our distinguished consideration and personal appreciation.