

UNITED STATES – CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile, resolved to:

STRENGTHEN the special bonds of friendship and cooperation between their nations;

CONTRIBUTE to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade and provide a catalyst to broader international cooperation;

CREATE an expanded and secure market for the goods and services produced in their territories;

AVOID distortions in their reciprocal trade;

ESTABLISH clear and mutually advantageous rules governing their trade;

ENSURE a predictable commercial framework for business planning and investment;

BUILD on their respective rights and obligations under the *Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization* and other multilateral and bilateral instruments of cooperation;

ENHANCE the competitiveness of their firms in global markets;

FOSTER creativity and innovation, and promote trade in goods and services that are the subject of intellectual property rights;

CREATE new employment opportunities and improve working conditions and living standards in their respective territories;

BUILD on their respective international commitments and strengthen their cooperation on labor matters;

PROTECT, enhance, and enforce basic workers' rights;

IMPLEMENT this Agreement in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation;

PROMOTE sustainable development;

CONSERVE, protect, and improve the environment, including through managing natural resources in their respective territories and through multilateral environmental agreements to which they are both parties;

PRESERVE their flexibility to safeguard the public welfare; and

CONTRIBUTE to hemispheric integration and the fulfillment of the objectives of the *Free Trade Area of the Americas*;

HAVE AGREED as follows: