

**Joint Statement on the Establishment of the
U.S.-Brazil Critical Minerals Working Group**

On November 10, 2020, following a meeting between Francis R. Fannon, Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) at the U.S Department of State, and Bruno Eustáquio de Carvalho, Ministry of Mines and Energy Assistant Executive Secretary, and Alexandre Vidigal de Oliveira, Secretary of Mining, the two parties released the following joint statement:

Noting the United States-Brazil Science and Technology Agreement, which came into force in 1986 and was renewed indefinitely in 2001;

Taking into account the excellent state of bilateral Brazil-United States relations;

Noting the existence of a wide range of reciprocal interests in the mining sector;

And building on recently announced mining sector technical cooperation between the United States and Brazil:

The Department of State of the United States of America and the Ministry of Mines and Energy of the Federative Republic of Brazil announce the establishment of a U.S.-Brazil Critical Minerals Working Group to advance bilateral cooperation on critical minerals essential to our mutual security, sustainable development and future prosperity.

The working group intends to support the advancement of bilateral diplomatic engagement and technical cooperation on critical minerals, including: improving critical minerals security in the United States and Brazil, promoting economically viable mining and production streams, stimulating investments, promoting technological innovation and increasing U.S.-Brazil interconnectivity throughout supply chains for critical minerals.
