

Industry Leaders Hand Lula Minimal Agenda to Avoid Brazil's Paralysis

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Brazil's National Confederation of Industry (CNI) delivered a proposal it calls a "minimal work agenda" for the country to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who received representatives of national confederations in the Planalto Palace this morning.

The proposal includes over 20 items dealing with projects that are under consideration in the executive and legislative branches in the areas of political reform, reform of the State and public administration, regulatory benchmarks, infrastructure, taxation, and innovation, according to a note issued by the CNI.

The agenda was prepared yesterday, August 4, by the National Industrial Forum, an CNI advisory body formed by 61 industrial leaders.

"The 'Minimal Agenda' contains a series of projects regarded by the entrepreneurial sector as fundamental in order for Brazil's economy and development not to be paralyzed by the political crisis the country is facing," the note says.

The matter of infrastructure is one of the most highlighted themes in the agenda. The industrial sector hopes for passage by the end of the year of the bills on regulatory agencies, investments in the transportation field, the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) guarantee fund, and the utilization of natural gas in the Brazilian energy matrix.

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