

**Collaborative Framework on Supply Chains Resilience between  
the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada  
and  
the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei**

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada (TECO) and the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei (CTOT), hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Participants”,

**RECALLING** the intentions expressed by the Participants’ representatives to enhance bilateral supply chain resilience at the Canada-Taiwan Economic Consultations (CTEC) held on November 20, 2022;

**RECOGNIZING** the benefits of partnering to build resilient supply chains for both Participants' economies and to provide mutual economic benefits and deepen economic relations based on shared democratic values;

**ENDEAVOURING** to promote the inclusion of under-represented groups, including women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities throughout the research and innovation continuum, in order to share the ensuing opportunities and economic benefits in both economies;

**SEEKING** to strengthen supply chain resilience for both Participants' economies by leveraging complementarities between these economies;

**AFFIRMING** their shared commitment to coordinate approaches to key commercial and investment issues, to strengthen supply chain resilience and their ecosystems for the mutual benefit of both Participants' economies, to promote transparent, secure, sustainable, resilient, and diverse supply chains, to expand trade within each of the Areas of Interest, and to cooperate in a manner which allows each Participant's economy to continue developing domestic value chains for the Areas of Interest;

**AFFIRMING** their shared commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, to ensure the energy transition is sustainable and inclusive, and to enhance collaboration between the Participants in advancing the technologies required for the clean energy transition and their mutual energy security;

**INTENDING** to enhance both Participants' economic competitiveness in the global supply chains in ways that support their collective prosperity, while leveraging the Participants' respective strengths in research and development, advanced manufacturing, education and training, labour standards, and inclusion of under-represented groups;

**HAVE REACHED** the following understanding:

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Collaborative Framework is to foster a stronger, more comprehensive and strategic partnership between the Participants' economies. This purpose aims to achieve the Participants' shared ambitions to contribute to the development of secure, reliable, resilient, and mutually beneficial supply chains in the Areas of Interest (including integrated value-added investments in upstream, midstream, and manufacturing sectors), as well as in building diversified, secure, and healthy ecosystems based on shared democratic values.

### **2. AREAS OF INTEREST**

(a) For the purpose of this Collaborative Framework, the Participants aim to build cooperation in the priority "Areas of Interest" that will fall under, but will not be limited to, the following:

- (i) critical minerals value chains;
- (ii) clean fuels and renewable energy;
- (iii) green and resilient transportation;
- (iv) advanced manufacturing, research and development, talent cultivation, and innovation.

(b) The Participants may re-examine this list of "Areas of Interest" on an annual basis.

### **3. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION**

The Participants understand that their collaboration under this Framework may include the following:

- a. Support an inclusive, innovative and resilient supply chain ecosystem;

- b. Promote trade and investment opportunities in the Areas of Interest which support the development of advanced manufacturing, midstream, or upstream segments of the value chain eco-systems in both Participants' economies;
- c. Facilitate industry-to-industry connections and partnerships, including industry engagement within the Areas of Interest;
- d. Advance the inclusion of under-represented groups, including women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities throughout the research and innovation continuum;
- e. Foster research and development partnerships; and
- f. Identify any other areas of collaboration.

#### **4. FORMS OF COLLABORATION**

The Participants understand that collaboration under this Collaborative Framework may take the following forms:

- a. Encouraging collaboration and dialogue between the various levels of administrative bodies, industry, research and academic institutions, and organizations in the Participants' economies;
- b. Promoting transparency and information sharing, including best practices, technical and industry standards, to foster sectoral innovation and market competitiveness;
- c. Conducting joint workshops, studies, seminars, conferences, and/or symposia, where appropriate;
- d. Organizing business-to-business missions to expand trade and investment opportunities, in line with each Participant's priorities; and
- e. Encouraging any other form of collaboration they may jointly decide upon.

#### **5. COLLABORATION MECHANISM AND APPLICATION**

The Participants will pursue the following actions to facilitate the application of this Collaborative Framework:

- a. Develop a joint action plan for collaboration within the Areas of Interest, to be reviewed

and endorsed annually at the CTEC, and, where applicable, continue to work through existing collaboration mechanisms, which may already be facilitating relevant efforts between the Participants;

- b. Share information where relevant and appropriate upon request;
- c. Where jointly decided by the Participants, convene new sectoral working groups, or other collaboration mechanisms;
- d. Either Participant may invite companies, research institutions, financial organizations and other relevant groups, where applicable, to contribute to the aforementioned collaboration mechanisms; and
- e. Any additional actions jointly determined in advance between the Participants in writing.

## **6. APPLICATION OF LAW**

The Participants understand that all cooperative activities conducted under this Collaborative Framework will be carried out in accordance with applicable law.

## **7. FUNDING**

- a. The Participants understand that they will pay for the costs they will respectively incur in carrying out the joint activities under this Collaborative Framework, and that there will be no exchange of funds between them.
- b. The Participants understand that their joint activities are related to the availability of their respective funds and resources.

## **8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

If any intellectual property matters arise from the applications of this Framework, the Participants will address them in separate appropriate instruments. .

## **9. DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION**

The Participants will resolve any difference in the interpretation and the application of this Collaborative Framework through consultations.

## **10. STATUS**

This Collaborative Framework is not legally binding.

## **11. FINAL DISPOSITIONS**

- a. This Collaborative Framework is intended to become operative on December 7, 2023.
- b. The Participants will jointly review this Collaborative Framework five years after it becomes operative.