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## Message of support from the EPO

Dear Mr Moreira,

The management and staff of the EPO were profoundly shocked to receive news of the floods that are afflicting southern Brazil and are deeply saddened by the devastating loss of lives and livelihoods in the affected communities.

On behalf of the EPO, I would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to our colleagues at INPI, and to all the people of Brazil for their loss. As a small gesture of support, rest assured that affected applicants will be able to make use of the general legal remedies provided for under the European Patent Convention in cases of non-observance of time limits.

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

António Campinos