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Mr. Júlio César Castelo Branco Reis Moreira  
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Dear Mr. Júlio César Castelo Branco Reis Moreira,

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to you and the people of Brazil for the tragic loss of lives and injury arising from the floods that struck Rio Grande do Sul at the end of April, 2024.

As you may be aware, the JPO has a system to enable extension of a procedure period when unavoidable situations such as natural disasters arise. We have published information regarding the relief measure for designated time limits and statutory time limits on our website, linked below. I sincerely hope that this measure is of assistance to those applicants who have been affected.

<https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/laws/rule/other/remedial-measures.html>

We would also like to express our gratitude for your leniency toward Japanese applicants affected by the earthquakes and tsunami that occurred in the Noto Peninsula area of Japan on January 1st of this year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost their loved ones during this difficult time, and we wish those injured a speedy recovery. I am confident that Brazil will recover from this tragedy rapidly and emerge stronger.

Sincerely yours,

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