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To
TIM MOSS
Chief Executive Officer and Comptroller General
United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (IPO)
Concept House
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Newport
South Wales NP 10 8QQ

Subject: **Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with INPI Brazil**

Dear Chief Executive Officer and Comptroller General,

1. We make reference to the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot programme signed with UKIPO on March 28th, 2018 through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
2. In this context, according to the Paragraph 7 regarding its duration, the Offices may suspend or terminate the Pilot Programme before the end of the pilot period, by sending a written communication at least 30 days prior to the date of suspension or termination.
3. Considering the information above and that INPI has a new approach to the PPH, as mentioned on the letter sent August 16th, 2019, we would like to communicate our interest on terminating the said MoU on November 30th, 2019.
4. As for this new INPI PPH Pilot Project model, we confirm that it will begin on December 1st, 2019 for all the interested partners with whom we have signed a new memorandum of understanding. Besides that, unlike to what we have informed before, it will accept divisional patent applications, as long as the originals and all divisional have a request for fast-track and reach the requirements to be prioritized.
5. Should you have any doubt, we will be pleased to share any further clarification.
6. Yours sincerely,


Cláudio Vilar Furtado
President



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