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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

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

Dear Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO,

1. We make reference to the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot project signed with USPTO on May 4th, 2018 through a Memorandum of Understanding.
2. In this context, according to the Section 5 regarding its duration, the Offices may suspend or discontinue 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 discontinuance.
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 MoU. 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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