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Subject: Establishes the criteria for receiving the PPH Pilot Project applications.

The **DIRECTOR OF PATENTS, COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND TOPOGRAPHIES OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS** of the **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**, in the use of the duties provided for in Article 93 of MDIC Ordinance No. 11 of January 27th, 2017,

WHEREAS, the provisions of art. 5, paragraph 3, and in art. 7, item IV, of INPI/PR Resolution No. 252, of October 18th, 2019, published in RPI No. 2546, of October 22th, 2019,

RESOLVES:

Art. 1º This Ordinance establishes the criteria for receiving the *Patent Prosecution Highway* (PPH) pilot project applications.

Art. 2º Up to 100 (one hundred) applications may be made to participate in the PPH Pilot Project for patent processes classified in the same Section of the International Patent Classification (IPC) per annual cycle.

§ 1º The annual cycle provided for in the caput of the article begins on the 1st day and ends on the last day of the year, and no extension is allowed.

§ 2º All applications made, regardless of the Office of Earlier Examination (OEE), are counted.

§ 3º The main classification of the patent application filed in Brazil or, in the case of an international application, being processed at the national stage in Brazil will be considered.

Art. 3º In the event that the limit indicated in art. 2 is reached, the receipt of PPH applications shall be suspended for patent proceedings whose main IPC classification belongs to the same Section until the end of the annual cycle.

Art. 4º The Responsible Unit will disclose, at least monthly, the sum of the number of PPH applications filed on the current year for patent proceedings of the same IPC Section on the *Patent Prosecution Highway* Pilot Project website.

Art. 5 This Ordinance takes effect on December 1st, 2019.

Rio de Janeiro, October 25th, 2019.

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