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Due to an array of initiatives from the Brazilian PTO, we gladly inform you that the backlog has shrunk in the first semester of 2020, in spite of restrictions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Progress Report has been issued recently, addressing the performance achieved until last June, as well as the second revision of the 2020 Action Plan, with the keeping of basically all the goals foreseen for this year.

The technical examination decisions reached 20,675 patent applications, an amount equivalent to 51.6% of the planned for this year (40,092 applications) and 87.6% of all 2019 production (23,592 applications). The reduction of backlog hit 30.4% by June, indicating the great possibility of attaining the 52% forecast for 2020 and the final target of 80% reduction of the backlog in 2021. These results are a direct byproduct of one of the main strategies devised by the Brazilian PTO known as "Preliminary Office Actions".

With a drop from 18 months, as seen in 2019, to 12.4 months in June 2020, the time indicator of the decision of technical examination of applications for priority examination of patents also showed satisfying results.

Lastly, for more information, please refer to the table beneath:

INDICATOR	2019 RESULTS	2020 GOAL	JUNE 2020
The decision on technical examination of patent applications	23,592	40,092	20,675
Time for first technical examination of patent applications*	5.9 years	3.6 years	5.8 years
Decision time for technical examination of patent applications*	6.0 years	4.5 years	5.7 years
Decision time for technical examination of patent applications**	18 months	12 months	13.4 months
Patents granted percentage with the incidence of the sole paragraph of art. 40 of the IPL	48.9%	28.3%	33.5%
Backlog reduction of patent applications filed until 12/31/2016 (with application to the BRPTO)***	18.5%****	52%	30.4%
* Counted from the date of the request for examination. ** Counted from the priority request. *** Excludes cases specified in the Brazilian PTO Resolutions 240/2019 and 241/2019 **** Result of five months of project implementation in 2019, from 08/01/2019 to 12/31/2019			