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Subject: Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and their Patent Advisors

Mr. Francis Gurry,

With reference to your letter of 28.06.2011, C. 7999, concerning national and regional practices on the topic of Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and their Patent Advisors, I hereby inform you that in Portugal there is no specific legislation on this matter.

The patent agents who belong to the Portuguese Association of Industrial Property Agents (ACPI) are required to comply with the ethical rules of that association and also with the rules of the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI). Those who are simultaneously attorneys are also required to observe the ethical rules established by the Portuguese Bar Association.

Nevertheless, in the near future we hope to have specific legislation on such an important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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