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In accordance with the decision made by the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) during its Sixth Session and based on the proposal made by the Delegation of the United States of America based on document SCP6/7 regarding the need for immediate and long term relief for those patent applicants and patentees affected by the terrorist attack in the United States of America as used in other “force majeure” type circumstances.

Noting that the circumstances and delays resulting from the terrorists attacks of the 11th September 2001 are beyond the applicant’s or patentees control, and aware that a considerable number of ARIPO applications are of US origin or of US priority, the Office hereby undertakes to invoke instruction 13(i) of the Administrative instructions under the regulations for implementing the protocol on patents, industrial designs and utility models which states that “ the times or periods prescribed by the Regulations and these Administrative Instructions for doing any act or taking any proceeding thereunder may be extended by the Director General if he thinks fit, upon such terms as he may direct, and such extension may be granted although the time or period for doing such act or taking such proceeding has already expired”.