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In response to the proposal made by the Delegation of the United States of America during the 6th Session of the Standing Committee (SCP/6/7) Portugal have the pleasure to inform the following:

- The present Portuguese Law – Dec-Lei 16/95 of the 24th January – don't contain provisions on *restitutio in integrum*. Only, in the case of failure the payment of renewal fees, the restoration of the title of patent may be applied for, not latter than the date of the anniversary of application which follows the date of publication of the notice of forfeiture, added by three months (article 281 of Portuguese Law).
- The new Portuguese Law, not yet in force, contains provisions on *restitutio in integrum*. A request may be submitted when the applicant has missed a time limit for performing any act in relation to the application, and the motive couldn't be directly imputed to him. This request shall only be admissible within one year of the time limit not complied.

The present law don't provide any special provisions for war, revolution, civil disorder, terrorist attacks or other circumstance beyond their control. The new law, although don't provide special provisions could, perhaps, to enclose these situations.