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The President

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Dear Mr. Nicolás Posse,

The French Academy of sciences is deeply concerned about the challenging situation facing our CONICET colleagues in Argentina due to severe budget restrictions. We express our solidarity with the Argentine scientific community.

Current budget plans in Argentina will have a significant impact on public institutions and are already affecting vital planned activities. For example, CONICET has suspended the announcement of winners of the annual competition for doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships; this support is essential for nurturing the next generation of world-class scientists. Likewise, promotions of investigators have not been communicated. The non-renewal of contracts for administrators has also hindered the ability of Argentine scientists to continue their groundbreaking work.

The French Academy of sciences acknowledges that Argentina faces a challenging economic situation, but we hope that government leaders will consider the short-term and long-term consequences of dismantling Argentina's superb scientific enterprise. The country stands to gain significantly from supporting its outstanding scientists.

Best regards

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