



Brno, 13 March 2024

Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Engineer Nicolás Posse

Cc: President of CONICET, Dr. Daniel Salamone

Cc: Members of the Board of Directors of CONICET

Dear Engineer Nicolás Posse,

I am writing to you to express my profound concern regarding the recent changes in Argentina's science and technology policies, which are bringing the Argentinian national research system to standstill. The most basic functioning of the Argentinian scientific and technological ecosystem is threatened by the actions and inactions of your government.

Stopping PhD fellowships and promotions, ceasing the transfer of already committed funds to ongoing research projects, and the dismissal of administrative employees in research institutions are going to have a devastating and long-term effect. These actions stifle the advancement of knowledge and discourage talented young individuals from pursuing careers in scientific research. The consequences of these actions are far-reaching and dire: they jeopardize the ability to compete on a global scale and inhibit the capacity to address critical societal challenges through innovation and research. The loss of skilled and experienced individuals due to these detrimental actions will deprive Argentina of valuable intellectual capital, weaken the foundation of its scientific and technological infrastructure, and hinder education of future generations of personnel skilled in modern technologies.

I wish to express my unwavering support for the Argentinian scientific community. I urge you to listen to their demands and to collaborate with them towards restoring a system that fosters an environment where science can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Král'.

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