



19 February, 2024

Mr. Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Engineer Nicols Posse
c.c. Mr. President of CONICET, Dr. Daniel Salamone
c.c. Members of the Board of Directors of CONICET

Dear Mr. Posse and Mr. Salamone,

I am appalled by the worrying news coming out of Argentina day after day of how the prestigious Argentine national science and technology system has been brought to a standstill due to the actions and inactions of your government. Stopping the disclosure of the list of approved PhD fellowships, canceling approved new appointments and researcher promotions, ceasing the transfer of already committed funds to ongoing research projects and firing administrative employees in research institutions are all having a devastating effect on the national scientific and technology system of Argentina. I write to express my support to the Argentine scientific community in these trying times, to ask you to listen to their demands and to work with them towards restoring a system that once again allows your very talented scientists and technologists to thrive and keep up the good work and the important scientific advances they have been producing. Having a flourishing national system for science and technology is key for the development of nations.

Sincerely,

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