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

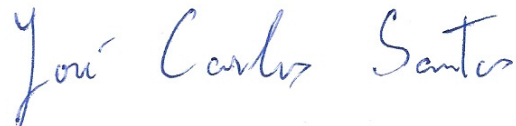
The Portuguese Mathematical Society is deeply disturbed by the worrying news coming out of Argentina on how Argentine's national science and technology system has been brought to a standstill and risks to be dismantled.

Recent actions, such as, among many others, ceasing the transfer of already committed funds to approved ongoing research projects, the cancellation of research appointments, or the firing of administrative personnel in research institutions, are bound to have a devastating effect on the national scientific and technology system of Argentina.

A modern day strong scientific and technological system needs a committed and predictable long-term State support, and the existence of such a system is a *sine qua non* condition for a prosperous and dynamic national Economy. The current series of appalling news coming out of Argentina, if they are not halted and reversed, will destroy such system forcing researchers to leave the country for research institutions in neighbouring countries like Brazil or Chile, for Europe, the United States, or elsewhere, or simply to leave research altogether. This will be tragic for Argentina's science, education, industry, and for the national economy as a whole, and will have serious repercussions for many decades as History has repeatedly shown that a strong science and technological research system, although it can be quickly dismantled by a few ill directed political decisions, takes generations to (re)build.

As President of the Portuguese Mathematical Society I write this letter to express our support to the Argentine mathematicians and, more generally, to the Argentine scientific community in these trying times, and 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 with the research work and the important scientific advances they have been producing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "José Carlos Santos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

(President of the Portuguese Mathematical Society)