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President of the Federative Republic of Brazil  
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Mr. President,

The L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science recognizes outstanding women researchers who have contributed to scientific progress. Each year 5 women scientists along different continents are chosen by an international jury to receive this distinction. Brazilian scientists have been chosen 6 times since 1998, a significant score among all countries. As we see it, this level of excellence in Brazilian Science is now threatened by progressive cuts in Science budget in the country.

It is our understanding that the Brazilian government investment in C&T dropped by 44% from last year, and an additional cut of 15% is expected for next year, adding up to a loss around 50% in a two-year period. As recipients of the L'Oreal-UNESCO award, we feel that it is our responsibility to alert you on the damages resulting of this asphyxiating drop.

In the history of humanity, wealthy, developed and independent nations are those that invest in Science and technology. The future of a country depends on its investment in Science and technology. If such support is postponed the gap between Brazil and developed countries may be irreversible.

Mr. President, we count on your urgent and meaningful steps in this direction.

Thank you very much for your attention

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