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Mr. President of The Argentine Republic, Javier Milei

Mr. Chief of Ministries' Cabinet, Nicolás Posse

Mr. President of CONICET, Dr. Daniel Salamone

Honorable Senators and Deputies of the National Congress

The Brazilian Physical Society (Sociedade Brasileira de Física - SBF) would like to express its concern about the pressing situation facing scientific research in Argentina. As it is publicly known, and as has been expressed by several researchers in the journals Science and Nature, your government has decided to abolish the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation and to freeze the funds of the country's main research organization, CONICET (National Scientific and Technical Research Council) amidst public attacks by the authorities on the organization's usefulness and the quality of Argentine science. The budget paralysis means, in concrete terms, the interruption of promising lines of research and a very real risk of "brain drain" as the country has experienced on several occasions in the past.

Our Society would like to express its support to the Argentine colleagues and to ratify the extraordinary quality of the scientific research developed in the country, which -with three Nobel prizes in science- is undoubtedly at the forefront in Latin America. The CONICET, Argentina's leading scientific institution, encompasses various fields including Agronomy, Engineering, Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, and Exact and Natural Sciences. The ongoing studies conducted by CONICET scientists across all areas of Physics, with significant applications, are just a few examples of the enormous potential of Argentine science, which would be compromised in the event of continued defunding.



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