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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

As board of the Belgian Mathematical Society, we are very concerned about the present situation in Argentina. Several of our board members have received disturbing news from various colleagues in your country.

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, these are but some of the alarming stories we received via our colleagues. It appears as if the whole prestigious Argentine national science and technology system has been brought to a standstill due to the actions (and inactions) of your government.

Speaking on behalf of the whole mathematical community in Belgium, we must say that we are deeply worried about these developments and their consequences. Such reckless hampering of your country's scientific capabilities will tragically and inevitably have a devastating effect not only on the whole educational system, but very soon on the Argentine Society and Economy as a whole.

Therefore, the Belgian Mathematical Society wishes to express in the strongest possible terms its support to the Argentine scientific community in these trying times. We request that you listen to their demands and 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,

Joost Vercruysse,

President of the Belgian Mathematical Society,

on behalf of the board of the Belgian Mathematical Society.