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Argentina notes that technological advances are evolving at a rapid pace, particularly in the areas of transhumanism and artificial intelligence (AI) in the health sector in 2030. These developments raise major ethical questions, particularly regarding human identity, autonomy and equality. The Argentine delegation supports the development and implementation of international regulations to ensure that these advances do not compromise the fundamental values that characterize humanity.

The Argentine State considers it urgent to set ethical limits regarding the improvement of human well-being and genome editing. Although advances in Al and technologies such as CRISPR-Cas9 offer promising solutions for certain diseases, they can also modify the genome in a reckless manner. In 2005, Argentina signed the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UNESCO, 2005), affirming that any intervention in human biology must first and foremost respect the dignity and autonomy of the person.

Furthermore, Argentina emphasizes the importance of ensuring equitable access to medical innovations, including vaccines. The inequalities observed during the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the need for mechanisms such as COVAX, to ensure that new technologies, such as mRNA vaccines, are accessible to all countries, including countries with limited resources. Argentina has supported and continues to support the 2030 Vaccination Agenda (IA2030), as a model for global cooperation in vaccination efforts.

Argentina has long advocated for bioethical regulation in international forums and is committed to ensuring transparency and public consent regarding the use of new health technologies. The National Commission on Ethics in Science and Technology ensures that medical advances meet ethical and equitable standards, following international rules. In the past, vaccination campaigns against diseases such as measles and polio illustrate the country's commitment to public health and international cooperation. Argentina will continue to be actively involved in global health initiatives, promoting the equitable distribution of medical technologies, including vaccines, while maintaining high ethical standards to protect the population.

In conclusion, Argentina supports technological advances in the field of health, but insists that their development and use must have strict ethical principles. The Argentine delegation will continue to collaborate with international organizations such as the WHO to ensure that medical innovations promote global equity while respecting ethical standards.