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As we slowly approach a new decade, the country of Argentina will be exposed to a multitude of challenges and advancements, particularly in the sector of artificial intelligence (known as A.I) and the overall technological sector. The automation of labor is inevitable, and with the growing and unstoppable force that is technological innovation, it is our duty to ensure that our country evades any disruption this may cause to our current labor market. As the Argentinian economy is dependent on agriculture and manufacturing, we address the dangers of job displacement, and as a result, will ensure a workplace that is prepared to take the leap in integrating all possible advancements by training and occupational education. All these steps will provide a workforce that is inclusive and equal, preventing income inequality and wage gaps, and ensuring economic prosperity.

To begin, we have plans to become the largest hub for artificial intelligence in Latin America, and in order to do so, Argentina has already set many regulations in place to ensure this smooth transition towards automation. Our country has already been acquainted with an incredibly powerful electricity capacity, allowing us to house many different machines and models without any financial stress. Additionally, we also have a highly motivated workforce, ready to adjust and reform their skills for any advancement that is implemented. In 2023, our AI index was 54.7, the 4th highest in Latin America. Though this is a slow index in comparison to our Latin counterparts like Chile, our gradual descent into automation is for a reason (Chile had an index of 73.2). These progresses do not occur overnight, and require time, availability and the involvement of not only the government but powerful companies who are willing to adapt to said change and welcome automation and the introduction to the force of A.I.

Argentina introduced the National Plan for AI, a plan defined as the National Challenge of the STI Strategy Argentina Innovadora 2030. Our primary focus for implementation is for deliberate efforts from all economic agents, as the linkage of AI can affect all bodies if not introduced smoothly. Economic prosperity remains one of our main priorities and therefore the presence of risk management and careful transition is an obligation in order to protect every Argentinian citizen and company from potential economic threat.

In relation to existing dangers, we have already made strong efforts to disclose the existing wage gap between gender and people from different socio-economic backgrounds. Over the past decade (2010-2020), the “National Contract of Employment law” has been adapted and overruled to enforce laws that create a gender-neutral salary, unaffected by prejudices against any individual who is either from a different gender or economic background. As a continent, it is our obligation to ensure a safe and equal workforce for all, before we introduce massive and drastic infrastructural and employment changes.

Lastly, Argentina has continuously supported international cooperation with other nations on AI and automation to share our resources and knowledge. Our country affirms our cohesion to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (known as SDG 8), spending 6,8 million pesos a year, that is a continuous effort to enforce technological advancements and as a result foster inclusive growth and social equity.

Argentina overall strives for innovation and advancement, while still recognizing the rights and pre-existing inequalities present in our economy and society. We hope that our gradual introduction and guidance towards automation will prevent any risk and ensure economic and social prosperity for all.