

*Argentinean president says  
coercive measures are holding  
back technological progress*

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United Nations, September 19 (RHC)-- The president of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez, ratified this Monday that the application of unilateral coercive measures hinders the technological progress of nations, by specifying that scientific and technological development faces several objective difficulties, both internally and externally.

During his speech at the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit held at the United Nations (UN), the President of the South American country stressed that these obstacles also include the existence of technological monopolies and the laxity of commitments regarding the transfer of technologies on favorable terms. He also said that science and technology is one of the sectors that

suffer most from political, economic and institutional instability.

"When policies for development are dismantled, let's think of satellite development as an example, the country unlearns and goes backwards. Placing science as an adjustment variable is what leads to economic backwardness, talent drain and underdevelopment in general," he stressed.

Fernández also specified that the positioning of science, technology and innovation, as well as capacity building to undertake the development of this area, constitutes one of the seven areas of action to achieve the SDGs, while it has been essential to manage the health crisis that caused Covid-19 and the subsequent recovery.

"The transformation required by the SDGs will not be possible without a sustained effort to close the technological gaps between developed and developing countries," said the Argentine president.

The leader of the South American country also emphasized the role of the State as a driver of investment in science and technology in the early stages, while stressing his interest in the generation of decent jobs with rights, both in his country and in the world.

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