

# *Argentinean president renews commitment to fight poverty*

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Buenos Aires, March 3 (RHC)-- The President of Argentina, Alberto Fernández, renewed his government's fight against poverty and unemployment so that they can rebuild the income of those who have less, in addition to strengthening policies to protect women, announcing he will send to congress a project to legalize abortion.

In his speech at the opening of ordinary sessions of the Argentinean Congress, the president presented a series of achievements of his administration, which began last December 10 and advanced the next steps that his Government will take in social, economic, financial, judicial matters and foreign policy.

Fernández presented a negative diagnosis on the inheritance he received from the government of Mauricio Macri, tracing a "dramatic, destructive" situation on the economy and the National State. In that sense, he highlighted the enormous challenges facing his administration for this year 2020 and the efforts his administration will make to strengthen social rights and move forward in recovering the economy.

He proposed measures to reform the judicial system in several areas aimed at improving and strengthening the delivery of justice in an impartial manner. The head of state also ruled in favor of tightening security policies in order to deal with organized crime and drug trafficking.

"The fight against our hunger is a priority because eating cannot be a privilege," said the president.

Alberto Fernández announced that he will send to Congress a bill to legalize abortion, along with an initiative to give assistance to two low-income women who decide to give birth to their children for two years. "Within the next ten days, I will present a bill for voluntary termination of pregnancy," Fernandez said.

A project to legalize abortion had already been discussed in 2018, during the Government of Mauricio Macri, when the Chamber of Deputies endorsed it but the Senate rejected it, amid massive mobilizations for and against the initiative.

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