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On December 2019, the Argentine Congress enacted Law no. 27,541 on Social Solidarity and Productive Reactivation, declaring an economic, financial, fiscal, administrative, pension, tariff, energy, health, and social public emergency in Argentina. In addition, the Argentine Congress empowered the Executive Power to take the necessary steps and actions to recover and ensure the sustainability of the public debt of the Argentine Republic, seeking to safeguard the recovery of economic activity and the improvement of basic social indicators.

In this regard, Law No. 27,544 on Restoration of Foreign-Law Public Debt Sustainability declared the restoration of the sustainability of the foreign law-governed public debt a priority for the interest of Argentina and to this end authorized the Executive Power to carry out a series of operations to achieve this objective.

In this context, since the end of last year, the Argentine Ministry of Economy established channels of dialogue with creditors and financial institutions to begin talks to achieve a new maturity profile and thus restore the sustainability of public debt.

In addition, the Ministry of Economy prepared the Sustainability Framework for the Argentine Debt and the Guidelines for Debt Sustainability, which were published on March 20 and March 31, respectively.

As a culmination of this valuable process of interaction with the different market participants, the Ministry of Economy made a Restructuring Proposal through an exchange offer that was published yesterday after the registration of the offered securities with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The objective of the Restructuring Proposal is to carry out a debt exchange operation that will be effective to restore the sustainability of foreign currency public debt.

It is within the framework of the launching of this offer, whose terms expire on May 8 2020, that the Republic decided to use the grace periods contemplated for the interest services corresponding to the "INTERNATIONAL BONDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN US DOLLAR 6.875% 2021", "INTERNATIONAL BONDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN US DOLLARS 7,50% 2026" and "INTERNATIONAL BONDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN US DOLLARS 7,625% 2046".

The Republic of Argentina ratifies its willingness to pay, even in the challenging international context generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to seek within the framework of its existing agreements a sustainable debt profile that does not threaten the principle of public debt sustainability restoration and that is compatible with a sustainable growth path in the medium- and long-term, improving future repayment capacity and basic social indicators.