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Preparation of the final report

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ATTENDANCE

Chair : Legislator Rodrigo Goñi (Ad Hoc Chair)

Members: Legislators Verónica Mato and Gloria Rodriguez; and Legislators Gustavo Olmos and Álvaro Viviano

Guest: Ms. Lydia Garrido

Secretary: Mr. Vladimir De Bellis

Deputy Secretaries: Ms. Joseline Rattaro and Ms. Sofía Martorano

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE

(Meeting held on May 29, 2024)

(Adviser Lydia Garrido is present)

THE CHAIR (Rodrigo Goñi Reyes).— A quorum being present, the meeting is called to order.

(The time is 3:05 p.m.)

—This will be a brief meeting because we will address just one item on the agenda, which it was very important to bring before the Committee for the Future today.

The purpose is to comply with the law governing this Committee, Law No. 19.509, Declaring the Day of the Future. Article 2º requires a report to be produced in each legislature, to be entitled “Report on the Future,” focusing on areas such as environmental sustainability and so on. It will be presented at the ceremony for the Day of the Future in the final legislative period, which is this year, 2024. The last Monday of September each year is the Day of the Future, which would fall this year on September 30.

To that end, this Committee is working to produce that Report on the Future, which is the main output that committees for the future elsewhere in the world have to present.

As you know, our adviser, Lydia Garrido, has been working on all the activities we have undertaken in this Committee. She prepared the preliminary document for the report on Work of the Future that we presented in 2022, and had already worked on compiling and organizing the first report, “Parliament Brings the Future into the Present,” in 2021. She also worked on and prepared the summary of the results of the 2023 Summit of the Future.

Now, Vladimir, from the Secretariat, will circulate Lydia’s proposal, which she will briefly explain, on how to develop the “Final Report on the Future of Work and Work of the Future.” Of course, she proposes a methodology, taking on most of the workload, and would present a draft to us during August. We have the whole of September for exchanges, changes and comments, so that by September 30 we can have a good publication and a good event for Parliament and society as a whole, because this report is for society as a whole.

We therefore ask Lydia to summarize her proposal for this final report. The Secretariat is circulating the proposal summary.

MS. GARRIDO (Lydia).— Good afternoon.

Basically, the report will bring together the areas of work in which we have been developing different kinds of activities and what we call knowledge co-creation.

We have added two further areas that were initially cross-cutting, but it would be interesting for them at least to be identified or included in this proposal. One concerns climate change and its relationship with sustainable modes of production, and the other concerns the major dichotomy

that arises between the digital economy and the zero-emission conditions to which we have committed ourselves by 2050.

It is a reflection on that condition in relation to the transformations we are already experiencing amid this proliferation of the digital world.

There is also a seventh area which, ultimately, is cross-cutting, but which we have placed in focus here: the relationship between what we might call human intelligence and artificial intelligence. This tandem also needs to be made visible. Of course, this includes the qualifications concerning what we mean by “intelligence.” Ultimately, we have adopted this concept of artificial intelligence in a sense in which artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are permeating virtually all our activities through unprecedented transformations, particularly in relation to the focus of this report, “The Future of Work and Work of the Future.”

That is why we have included artificial intelligence in its evolving nature: we have to think about it beyond what we know today and the forms we know today. We are all very aware of the transformation brought about by generative artificial intelligence over the past year, but we must not lose sight of the fact that this report takes a future-oriented perspective. We therefore need to look a little further ahead in time to rethink the future of work and work of the future. Basically, in methodological terms, we would draw on the outputs already produced by the Special Committee for the Future, the CEF; by outputs, I mean publications. I have made a list so that we can recall them and add two that are in progress: one concerning a methodological guide for parliamentary committees for the future, and the other primarily concerning the compilation and organization of material from the Summit of the Future.

To these materials, this body of literature and outputs produced by the Special Committee for the Future, we can add a review of the extensive international literature on the future of work and the transformations brought about above all by technology.

A third component would be a series of interviews—we have proposed between ten and fifteen—with our national experts, together with a somewhat more extensive online questionnaire to validate it with experts both nationally and internationally.

As for the list of possible interviewees, over these three and a half years, the wider group of experts who have supported the CEF has comprised more than seventy people. Therefore, the ten or fifteen interviews will be selected according to how this work is structured and what you decide.

THE CHAIR.— If there are no objections, we would ask Lydia to begin preparing that final report using the inputs this Committee has been producing. She would also conduct those interviews with the experts who have contributed most on this subject of work of the future and the future of work, and would provide us with progress updates so that we can analyze the work and propose any changes, comments or additions we consider

appropriate. We would have that draft document for August, allowing us enough time to give it formal approval within the Committee and publish it. If there are no objections, that is how we would proceed.

Of course, Lydia is always available to address our concerns, specifically also for this work, which she began preparing some time ago or has kept continuously under development. We would therefore continue along those lines.

If there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

(The time is 3:16 p.m.)

