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Preparation of final report

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ATTENDANCE

: Mr. Legislator Rodrigo Goñi (President ad hoc)

Members : Ladies Legislators Verónica Mato and Gloria Rodriguez; and gentlemen

Legislators Gustavo Olmos and Alvaro Viviano

Guest : Mrs. Lydia Garrido

Secretary : Mr. Vladimir De Bellis

Deputy Secretaries: Mrs. Joseline Rattaro and Mrs. Sofia Martorano

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON FUTURES

(Meeting on May 29, 2024)

(Advisor Lydia Garrido attends)

MR. PRESIDENT (Rodrigo Goñi Reyes).-If there is a quorum, the meeting is open.

(It's 5:30 p.m.)

— — This meeting will be brief because we will discuss only one item on the agenda that was very important to bring to the Futures Committee today.

This is about complying with the law that regulates this Commission, Law No. 19,509, on the Declaration of Future Day, which in its Article 2 mandates the preparation of a report in each legislature that will be called "Report on the Future" and that will focus on areas such as environmental sustainability, etc. It will be presented at the ceremony corresponding to Future Day of the last legislative period, which is this year 2024. The last Monday of September of each year, which is Future Day, would be next September 30.

In this regard, this Commission is working to comply with this Future Report, which is the report that Future Commissions in other parts of the world have as their main product to show.

So, as you know, our advisor, Lydia Garrido, has been working on all the activities we have had in this Commission; she prepared the preliminary document for the report on Future Work that we presented in 2022, and had already worked on the systematization of the first report, "Parliament brings the future to the present", from 2021. In addition, she worked on and prepared the summary of the results of the Future Summit 2023.

Now, from the Secretariat, Vladimir will pass on to you the proposal that Lydia brought, which she will now briefly explain, on how to prepare the "Final Report on the Future of Work and Work of the Future." Of course, she proposes a methodology, assuming most of the workload, and she would present us with a draft during the month of August. We have the whole month of September to make exchanges, modifications, observations and arrive at September 30 with a good publication, a good event at the parliamentary level and for society as a whole, because this report is for society as a whole.

We therefore asked Lydia to summarise her proposal for this final report. The Secretariat is sending you the summary of the proposal.

MRS. GARRIDO (Lydia).-Good afternoon.

Basically, the report will collect the axes of work in which different types of activities and co-creations of knowledge, as we call it, have been generated.

We have added two more axes that, in principle, were transversal, but it would be interesting if at least in this proposal they were identified or included. One has to do with climate change and the relationship with sustainable production methods, and the other, with the great dichotomy.

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

This is a reflection on the condition that places the transformations we are already experiencing with all this profusion of the digital world.

In addition, there is a seventh axis that is ultimately transversal, but here We have placed it in the spotlight that has to do with the relationships between what we could call human intelligence and artificial intelligence. We must also make this tandem visible. Of course, there are some qualifications aside regarding what we understand by "intelligence." In short, we have assumed this concept of artificial intelligence in a sense where artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are permeating practically all our activities, mainly, in what has to do with the focus of this report, "The future of work and the work of the future", in unprecedented transformations.

So, that's why we've integrated artificial intelligence in its evolutionary nature, because we have to think about it not only in terms of what we know today and in the forms we know today. We're all very aware of the transformation that generative artificial intelligence has brought about in this last year, but we must not forget that this is a report with a future focus. So, we need to go a little further out in time to rethink the future of work, the work of the future.

Basically, in terms of methodology, we would rely on the productions that the Special Commission on Futures, the CEF, already has, and by productions I mean publications. I made a list so that we can remember them and add two that are in progress, which have to do with a methodological guide for futures commissions in parliaments and with the systematization mainly of the Future Summit.

To these materials, to this bibliographical base and to the productions generated by the Special Commission on Futures, we have to add the review of bibliography at an international level - which is profuse - on the future of work and the transformations that technologies imply, above all.

A third component would be a series of interviews – we have proposed between ten and fifteen – with our national experts, together with a slightly more extensive online questionnaire to validate it with experts both at national and international level.

As for the list of those possible interviewees, in these three and a half years the expanded group of experts who have been supporting the CEF is more than seventy. Therefore, according to how this work is planned and what you decide, those ten or fifteen interviews will be selected.

MR. PRESIDENT.-If there are no objections, we would ask Lydia to begin preparing the final report with the input that this Commission has been providing. In turn, she would conduct interviews with the experts who have contributed the most to this issue of the work of the future, the future of work, and she would give us advances on that work so that we can analyze it and propose the modifications, observations or additions that we understand.

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We should have that draft document by August, in order to have sufficient time to give it formal approval within the Commission and publish it. If there are no objections, we will leave it at that.

Of course, Lydia is always available to answer any questions we may have, and specifically for this work that she has already begun to develop some time ago or has kept in constant development. So, we will continue along that path.

If there are no further matters, the meeting is adjourned. (It is 3:16 p.m.)