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ARGENTINA DONATES EGYPT 1 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINES AGAINST COVID-19

This Thursday, January 13, 1,000,000 doses of vaccines from the AstraZeneca Laboratory against COVID-19 arrived in Cairo as a result of a direct donation from the Argentine Republic to Egypt. The vaccines were received at the Cairo International Airport by the Argentine Ambassador to Egypt, Eduardo Varela, the Deputy Assistant Minister for Latin America of Egypt, Ambassador Ashraf Mounir, and representatives of the Ministry of Health.

The donation is part of an strategy of reciprocity and international solidarity aimed at enabling equitable access to vaccines to reduce the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the recognition of the excellent relations between Argentina and Egypt, countries that in 2022 celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The donation is the result of a joint effort between Argentina and Egypt and will allow greater resources to be provided to the successful vaccination campaign in the country. On the occasion, the Argentine Ambassador stressed that *"in the face of the global challenge posed by the current Pandemic, we must aspire to solidarity between countries and equitable access to vaccines that allow us to develop an ever-increasing immunity in the population and thus limit the loss of life and the economic and health effects of this unfortunate situation."*

Argentina is part of a global system of reciprocity related to the donation of vaccines that during the last G20 Summit was claimed as a supportive and effective global response against the pandemic. In this context, Argentina has made donations of more than 4,200,000 Astrazeneca vaccines, in addition to Egypt, to Mozambique, Vietnam, Angola, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, Barbados, Kenya, the Philippines and Bolivia.

This donation will also involve the exchange of experiences between both countries on the management of the pandemic and vaccination strategies, which on the Argentine side will be in charge of the White Helmets Commission, an organization of the Argentine Foreign Ministry in charge of designing and executing international humanitarian assistance.