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Mr Frank La Rue
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Dear Mr La Rue,

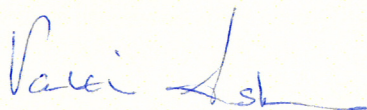
"I have read with concern the letter sent to you on 11 August by the American Statistical Association (ASA) about statisticians in Argentina.

The Council of the Royal Statistical Society, a body with over 6,000 members from the United Kingdom and around the world, including Argentina, has discussed this matter. The Royal Statistical Society supports the right of all professional statisticians, subject to any legal terms of their employment, to publish the results of their investigations, conducted using scientific principles, without fear of punishment or persecution. The concerns raised in the ASA letter, are therefore deeply troubling to us.

I urge you to use your good offices to investigate this matter.

I am copying this letter to Ali bin Mahboob Al-Rais, Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to Professor Paul Cheung, the Director of the UN Statistics Division and to Jae C. Lee, President of the International Statistical Institute"

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Isham".

Valerie Isham
President, RSS