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I am thrilled to embark on a Princeton in Latin America fellowship this year in Buenos Aires, Argentina. There, I will be working both at Human Rights Watch and at the Center for Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, a legal clinic at the University of Palermo Law School. During my fellowship, I will directly support the Americas director of Human Rights Watch with research and media monitoring activities related to human rights abuses in the region. I will be responsible for conducting interviews and investigating current events connected to human rights developments in Latin America, and I will also contribute to Human Rights Watch publications that address evolving issues in the region.

In addition, I will be working as a fellow at the Center for Freedom of Expression and Access to Information at the University of Palermo Law School. There, I will support the law school's faculty and senior researches at the center by investigating and reporting on topics related to freedom of expression and access to information in Argentina and in Latin America more broadly. Through collaboration with law students from the University as well as legal experts, I will study specific cases and themes related to censorship of information published on the internet, and access to information as a fundamental human right and critical component in the fight against corruption. I will also examine the importance of maintaining access to information in free and open democratic societies, the distinctions between the classifications of public and private information, and the legal conflicts that have arisen in Latin America on the statuses of these rights. After my fellowship in Argentina, I plan to pursue a degree in law.