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President Alberto Fernández and United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry.

PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT ALBERTO FERNÁNDEZ IN THE MAJOR ECONOMIES FORUM ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE

President Alberto Fernández participated in the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, invited by President Joe Biden. This virtual meeting took place on June 17 and brought together leaders from more than 20 countries, as well as the UN Secretary General and the President of the European Commission.

The main objective of the meeting was to promote a high-

level discussion to share the steps that each country is adopting with the aim of consolidating the progress achieved at COP 26 in Glasgow, while at the same time contributing to the success of COP 27, to be held next November in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

President Fernandez's participation in the Forum comes after being invited by President Biden to a similar meeting



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article on the participation of President Alberto Fernández in the Forum of the Major Economies on Energy and Climate, invited by the President Joseph Biden.

In this edition we also include an article on the a working meeting with the Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment of the Department of State, José Fernández.

Finally, an article about the visit of young participants of the Young Leaders Argentina Program of the Fulbright Commission.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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of the group held in September 2021, the year in which the Argentine Republic was one of the host countries of the “High-Level Dialogue on Climate Action in the Americas”.

In his speech, the President highlighted Argentina’s commitment to the Paris Agreement, as reflected both in the increase of its climate ambition and in the determination of innovative ways to fulfill this. That is why, despite the difficulties generated by the inherited unsustainable indebtedness, compounded by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, our country increased its Nationally Determined Contribution by 27.7% compared to its previous ambition. Likewise, the National Climate Change Cabinet is working to fulfill commitments made, and including all sectors and the citizens as a whole in the definition of objectives, strategies and plans.

On the other hand, after recalling that Argentina adhered to and promoted initiatives such as the Global Methane Pledge Energy Pathway and the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use, the Argentine President emphasized that the transition must be fair, and that enabling conditions must be created to advance towards a clean, diverse and sustainable production matrix.

In his speech, the Argentine president pointed out that the war in Ukraine has demonstrated once again the

importance of energy and food security. Our country has the natural resources, capabilities and the scientific and technological systems required to tackle this crisis through innovation, and this combination provides privileged conditions to produce food, generate renewable energy and develop lithium and hydrogen value chains. However, he also pointed out that the deployment of these capacities requires time and resources that are not always readily available, and called to boost investments and financing for the implementation of climate action, including re-designing the international financial architecture.

President Fernández announced that at the next Conference of the Parties in Egypt Argentina will present a National Plan for Adaptation and Mitigation to climate change, including sectorial and cross-cutting measures and specific objectives to fulfill the commitments assumed toward 2030, as well as an energy transition plan that aims to include 30% renewable energy in the electricity generation matrix, and 20% of vehicles with low-emission fuels, besides promoting sustainable management of food systems, optimizing the use of inputs and fertilizers, the conservation of biodiversity and common goods, in order to progressively continue to provide the food and environmental services the world needs.

He added: “Currently, the greatest ambition is to move forward firmly to implement concrete actions to address climate change”; then the Head of State outlined some of the policies Argentina will promote to limit methane emissions, such its commitment to the efficiency and diversification of livestock sector production, actions executed regarding waste and effluent management to avoid final disposal, promote energy recovery and use by capturing methane and biogas, and reporting and controlling venting in the oil and gas sector, together with specific emission reduction plans for each company as part of regulations in force. ■

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WITH UNDER SECRETARY JOSÉ FERNÁNDEZ

Ambassador Jorge Argüello held a working meeting with the Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment, José Fernández. Both officials, accompanied by their work teams, discussed the bilateral relations between Argentina and the United States and reviewed initiatives to deepen ties between both countries. Under Secretary Fernández emphasized that Argentina is a priority for the United States government, and attached particular importance to their cooperation in digital connectivity, renewable energy and mining. For his part, Ambassador Argüello especially appreciated the invitation made by President Biden to President Fernández to meet in Washington DC at the end of July, and made reference to the areas to focus on in the weeks prior to that encounter. At the working meeting, both parties gave a positive

assessment of the IX Summit of the Americas, which took place in Los Angeles. In this regard, they analyzed the proposal for the “Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity”, which includes cross-cutting issues such as economic growth, innovation, and climate crisis, and invites countries to work on the following five pillars: i) revitalize bilateral economic institutions; ii) invest in a new social contract; iii) build resilient and secure supply chains; iv) promote decarbonization, biodiversity and clean energy jobs; and v) promote a sustainable and inclusive trade system.

The Agriculture Producers Declaration was also considered; it had Argentina’s support, and countries in our hemisphere agreed to work together to help mitigate

Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Left) and Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment, José Fernández (Right).



UNDER SECRETARY FERNÁNDEZ EMPHASIZED THAT ARGENTINA IS A PRIORITY FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THEIR COOPERATION IN DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINING.

further restrictions on food exports, provide humanitarian assistance to our most vulnerable populations, promote an increase in fertilizer production, encourage innovation and optimize the use of fertilizers and water. These efforts are in line with the United Nations' Roadmap for Global Food Security Call to Action.

Finally, the work teams exchanged their points of view on initiatives such as the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP), which seek to bolster critical mineral supply chains so as to, among others: catalyze investment by governments and the sector private for strategic opportunities throughout the value chain that adhere to the highest environmental, social and governance standards. ■

the effects of the global food security crisis, highlighting ways to promote practices to boost production yields and improve food transportation, maximize sustainable supply chains, limit the impact caused by the war in Ukraine on trade in agricultural commodities, avoid

(From L to R) Michael Grant, Nestor Foster, Brian A. Nichols, Jorge Argüello and Esteban Moctezuma at the Summit of the Americas.





Ambassador Jorge Argüello with participants of the Young Leaders Argentina Program of the Fulbright Commission.

A DELEGATION FROM THE FULBRIGHT YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM VISITED OUR EMBASSY

On Thursday, June 16, Ambassador Jorge Argüello received young Argentine men and women participating in the Young Leaders Argentina Program of the Fulbright Commission. During the conversation, the Ambassador answered questions that led to a joint and deep reflection on the strengths and challenges facing Argentina in the current international context. In addition to the conversation with the Ambassador, the group met for a class in one of the Embassy's rooms with prestigious Professor Paul Musgrave, member of the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts.

The Young Leaders Program is funded by Fulbright, and is divided into two stages. The first consists of a series of meetings held at the University of San Andrés in Argentina; 45 young people with leadership skills participated. The

second stage takes place at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute at Amherst.

The meeting held last Thursday is part of a series of events organized by the Argentine Embassy with different groups of Fulbright students, in the framework of the 65th Anniversary celebration of its implementation in our country. Fulbright began its work in Argentina in 1956 with the mission of training students and professors from various disciplines, using a transparent and open selection method based on merit, leadership capacity and commitment.

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artists and entrepreneurs. Many of the scholarships granted by this program are co-financed by the Argentine Ministry of Education or specialized institutions such as the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET), or the National Institute of Agricultural Technologies (INTA), which contribute funds for training programs for their professionals.

Most of these Master's or PhD scholarships last one or two years, and are aimed at graduates of Higher Education in Argentina. These study opportunities abroad foster the continuity of public policies aimed at the ongoing training of professionals committed to the country's development. In addition to these programs, the Fulbright Commission also funds short research/training for young people with leadership abilities in their fields.

We celebrate this Program's commitment, which together with different Argentine institutions, has collaborated for more than 65 years to train Argentine professionals. ■