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(From L.to R.) Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Consul Beatriz Vivas, World Business CEO, Michael Fassnacht, Deputy Mayor Samir Mayekar.

AMBASSADOR JORGE ARGÜELLO OPENED AN IMPRESSIVE SPACE IN CHICAGO THAT PROMOTES ARGENTINE PRODUCTS

The Argentine ambassador in the United States, Jorge Argüello, together with the Deputy Mayor for Economic & Neighborhood Development in Chicago, Samir Mayekar, launched “Argentine Connection”, a space to promote Argentine products, which is located in the iconic Wrigley building, in one of the most popular tourist areas of Chicago’s “Magnificent Mile”. It will support regional

products from Salta, such as leather and handicrafts, gastronomy and clothing.

“One of the key tasks of our Embassy and the six consulates is to add value to Argentine products among consumers in the United States. This initiative fulfills that objective since it not only promotes the specific products, but also



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the opening of the store for the promotion of Argentine products, Argentine Connection, in one of the tourist areas of the “Magnificent Mile” of Chicago in which the Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development, Samir Mayekar, participated.

In this edition we also include an article about the work agenda of Ambassador Federico Villegas Beltrán in the framework of the Argentine Presidency of the Human Rights Council, which included meetings with local authorities and other relevant actors in Washington, DC and New York.

Finally, an article on the event organized on November 8 by the Embassy which brought together personalities from the political sphere of our country, who traveled to Washington DC to observe the development of the mid-term elections.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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builds up the Argentine brand in general, because the new location will also be a center for cultural activities,” said the Ambassador during the launch, accompanied by the Consul General, Beatriz Vivas.

Argentine Connection is a project of the Argentine Consulate in Chicago that was selected by the city's “Consular Pop-ups” program. The invitation to participate in it was made to the 87 Consulates in the city, and the Argentine project was the only one approved. This program is funded by World Business Chicago, the city's business promotion entity, as part of the recovery efforts from the effects of the pandemic. It aims to increase retail activity in the emblematic North Michigan Avenue.

Chicago offers these 380 m2 premises to the winning project, together with the design and layout, while the Argentine companies showcase their most representative products. Argentine Connection will also function as a “House of Argentina” that will include the selected companies’ products, and will also be a center to disseminate the culture, tourism and trade offerings of our country. Cultural events, shows and tourism promotion activities will be held there.

This is the first time that Argentina opens a retail space in which tourism is directly promoted, in one of the most prestigious and high-traffic areas. Chicago is among the

U.S. cities most visited by both domestic and international tourists.

The companies participating in Argentine-Connection are Paxci-Trisquel, with products from Salta Province, such as leather, handmade rugs and handicrafts; 5411, an Argentine chain of empanadas and alfajores that has five gourmet stores in Chicago and two in Houston; and Juana de Arco, an Argentine leisure and sports clothing brand.

“This is a great opportunity to acknowledge the Argentine community that makes significant contributions in Chicago as well as in Illinois: Argentines that stand out in the local scientific community, in academia, medicine, and gastronomy, among other sectors. Today I visited many well-known fellow citizens in Chicago”, said the Ambassador. ■

THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL PRESIDENCY: VISIT TO WASHINGTON DC BY AMBASSADOR VILLEGAS BELTRÁN

As part of his trip to the United States, the Argentine President of the UN Human Rights Council, Ambassador Federico Villegas Beltrán, carried out a busy work agenda in Washington DC on October 27 and 28, where he held meetings with local authorities and other relevant players.

As the current Permanent Representative of our country at international organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Villegas Beltrán is the first Argentine diplomatic official to chair the Human Rights Council since its creation in 2006, a position for which he was elected in December 2021 with the support of the entire region of Latin America and the Caribbean, and by acclamation; that is, with the consensus of its 47 members.

During his stay in the US capital, Ambassador Villegas Beltrán met at the State Department with the Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Ambassador Michele Sison, as well as with Deputy Assistant Secretaries Allison Lombardo and Kara McDonald, with whom he exchanged points of view on the Argentine presidency, as well as on the Council's important role in the United Nations system, as the agency responsible for the promotion and protection of global human rights.

During his visit, the Argentine Embassy co-organized an event with the Atlantic Council, in which in his opening remarks Ambassador Jorge Argüello highlighted our country's historic commitment to multilateralism and the

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promotion and protection of human rights. The meeting continued with a dialogue between the President of the Council and Gissou Nia, Director of the Strategic Litigation Project of this prestigious think tank.

Throughout the conversation, which took place at the Atlantic Council and was broadcast live, Villegas Beltrán and Nia reviewed the growing relevance that the Human Rights Council has acquired in light of the current international context, mainly due to the many crises that required their attention throughout this year. During the conversation, the attendees, both present and virtual, had the opportunity to ask questions that were answered by the diplomat.

Once the scheduled agenda in Washington DC was completed, the Argentine Permanent Representative in Geneva traveled to New York City, where, among other activities, he presented the Council's Annual Report to the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly, in which he described the work undertaken by the organization throughout 2022. ■



Mid-Term elections 2022.

THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HOSTED A DELEGATION ON MID-TERM ELECTION NIGHT

The Argentine Embassy held a reception on the night of November 8 to observe the provisional vote counts, together with important members of political parties from our country, who traveled to Washington DC to witness the mid-term elections.

The visit by high ranking Argentine political officials to the Embassy is one more example, as has happened in past elections, of the genuine interest generated by the elections in what is the longest-running democracy of the modern era.

In this regard, the Center for US Studies, the Argentine-US Dialogue, and the United States Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), are three of the institutions that accompanied us at the embassy on election night, and once again

made their contribution to strengthen bilateral relations between Argentina and the United States at all levels.

On the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, November 8, a delegation of fifty high ranking visitors from different areas of our political arena and civil society, such as legislators from different party backgrounds, officials, legislative advisers, journalists, union members, businessmen, among others, followed live coverage of results by the main media specialized in political analysis at the Embassy, and held an open dialogue with Embassy authorities and officials.

Thus, after the welcoming speech, the guests at the reception shared broadcasts of the first results, within the framework of a day in which US political players competed

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for the 435 seats in the House of Representatives, and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate, as well as 36 governorships.

Once the counting of the votes has been completed, and mediating for the second consecutive time a second round election to be held on December 6 to elect the senator for the state of Georgia, a new Congress will be configured after another highly disputed election at which, in all likelihood, will maintain the interest of the observers of this important electoral process in the coming days and weeks. ■