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(Front. From Left to Right) Daniel Erikson and Francisco Cafiero led their respective delegations.

XX MEETING OF THE BILATERAL DEFENSE GROUP

On November 15 and 16, the XX Meeting of the Argentina-United States Bilateral Defense Working Group was held in Buenos Aires.

The Secretary of International Affairs for Defense, Francisco Cafiero, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs of the US Department of Defense, Daniel Erikson, led their respective delegations.

During these two days, both delegations discussed different relevant topics, among which the following can be highlighted: diverse projects for defense modernization (mainly in equipment), and the role of the Argentine National Defense Fund; the Defense Policy in Science and Technology; the possibility of exchanges in Peacekeeping Operations, as well as in cyber defense; Gender Policies; Military Training and Education; and Regional and



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the XX Meeting of the Argentina-United States Bilateral Defense Working Group in which the Secretary Francisco Cafiero, and the Deputy Assistant Daniel Erikson, participated.

In this edition we also include an article on the presentation of the National Plan for Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change to 2030 and the Strategy for resilient development with low emissions in the long term to 2050, led by President Alberto Fernández at the Casa Rosada.

Finally, an article on the "Argentina-United States Business Forum: Rethinking Value Chains" headed by Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero and the US Ambassador to Argentina, Marc Stanley.

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“The bilateral agenda with the United States in defense matters is important and we believe that it is having a good moment. There are 20 instances of different levels of bilateral cooperation. We concurred in the diagnosis that the world is undergoing a complex, uncertain, insecure and unfair time, and faces an unprecedented inflationary process. That is why a strong role for bilateral cooperation and commitment to multilateralism is unavoidable. As Pope Francis said, no one can be saved alone, and that is why it is important to take into account the diverse realities that we are going through”, said Secretary Cafiero in his closing speech.

Erikson’s stay in Buenos Aires also included a meeting with Minister Jorge Taiana, a visit to the Argentine Joint Training Center for Peacekeeping Operations (CAECOPAZ) and a lecture on National Security Strategies and US National Defense at the National Defense University (UNDEF).

The Chief of Staff, Héctor Mazzei; and the Secretaries of Strategy and Military Affairs, Sergio Rossi; Research, Industrial Policy, and Defense Production, Daniela Castro; the Under Secretary of Operational Planning and Defense Logistics Service, Lucía Kersul; the Under Secretaries of International Affairs, Diego Mazzoccone; Cyber Defense,

Oscar Niss; the Directors of Cooperation for Peacekeeping, Juan López Chorne; for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, Eduardo Jozami; and Training, Sergio Eissa; for Gender Policies, Laura Masson, as well as other authorities.

The Bilateral Working Group, established in 1999, meets annually in alternate venues; the XIX meeting took place last November 2021 in Washington DC. ■

ARGENTINA PRESENTS ITS NATIONAL PLAN FOR ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE BY 2030

On November 1, the Argentine Republic presented its National Plan for Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change by 2030 and the Long-Term Low Emission Resilient Development Strategy to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, in a ceremony led by President Alberto Fernández at Casa Rosada, an opportunity in which the Head of State stated that “facing the climate problem is our duty; it is a moral and ethical imperative, to be able to live in a better world and to end inequality.”

This event, held at Government House Bicentennial Museum, was also attended by the Chief of Staff Juan Manzur, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Juan Cabandié, and the Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation, Cecilia

Nicolini.

This National Plan, whose adoption reaffirms our country’s commitment to turn climate action into a true State policy, sum up the measures to be implemented in the coming years, both to limit greenhouse gas emissions and to generate coordinated responses to adapt all the territories, ecosystems, sectors and communities that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

As it is vital that a strong articulation exists between the different areas of the national government in order to achieve these objectives, drawing up the Plan comprised the participation of all the national ministries, through the meetings of ministers, as well as the focal points

(Ctr. From L. to R.) Juan Cabandié, Alberto Fernández, Juan Manzur, Cecilia Nicolini and officials from the Government. Photo Credit: Casa Rosada.



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of the National Climate Change Cabinet, created in December 2019 by Law 27,520. On the other hand, the aforementioned Cabinet also includes a Provincial Coordination Board that called for contributions from the country's 24 jurisdictions, specifically regarding the adaptation component and regional development priorities. In turn, through the Expanded Bureau and an External Advisory Council, it received input from the scientific community, environmental organizations, universities, academic entities, companies, political parties, unions and indigenous peoples.

Among the key objectives of the Plan, based on four transversal approaches and a set of 250 measures, is to meet the goals set forth in Argentina's Second National Determined Contribution and its update, it also seeks that our country does not exceed a net emission of 349 equivalent metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2030, considering all sectors of the national economy. In addition, it promotes the building of capacities, the strengthening of resilience and the reduction of vulnerability to climate change in the different local governments and sectors, particularly through measures that prioritize communities and social groups in vulnerable situations. , incorporating a perspective of gender and intergenerational equity.

The Plan sets out six strategic lines that seek to achieve development with low emissions and is resilient to the effects of climate change, thereby fulfilling national commitments based on lines of action and specific

measures of adaptation and mitigation: energy transition, productive transition, sustainable mobility, sustainable and resilient territories, conservation of biodiversity and common goods, and a sustainable management of food systems and forests.

The National Plan for Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change by 2030 and the Long-Term Low Emission Resilient Development Strategy to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 were presented by the Argentine delegation at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Climate (COP27) held in the city of Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, between November 6 and 18 of this year. ■



(From L. to R.) Cecilia Todesca Bocco , Marc Stanley, Santiago Cafiero, Pablo Tetamanti and Facundo Gómez Minujin. Photo Credit: MOFA.

BUSINESS FORUM DURING THE III MEETING OF THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero and the US Ambassador to Argentina, Marc Stanley, headed the “Argentina-United States Business Forum: Rethinking Value Chains” at the San Martín Palace, organized jointly with the American Chamber of Commerce in Argentina (AmCham Argentina). This business forum was held in the framework of the III Meeting of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, co-chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). Its objective was to address existing opportunities in trade and investment in sectors considered strategic for both countries.

Cafiero highlighted the intention “to advance steadily and strengthen the relationship between Argentina and the United States, and determine the existing possibilities and

difficulties in our economic development and potential investments.”

“Our bilateral relationship is instrumental and we can discuss strategic issues such as: how to generate greater agricultural production; how to have a more powerful export offer at this global time of uncertainty; and how we can play a joint role in the energy sector,” said Cafiero, while highlighting the need to insert talent, added value and Argentine know-how in these regional value chains, as well as in safe and fair supply chains, from the development of nuclear technology to regional economies, as happened yesterday with the shipment of cherries and blueberries to the United States.

Among the presentations made during the opening

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session, the Argentine ambassador to the United States, Jorge Argüello, did so virtually, while the Secretary for International Economic Relations, Cecilia Todesca Bocco, explained that this Business Forum is comprised of “four specific sectors in which we see great bilateral opportunities.” For his part, Argüello described the event as “a genuine demonstration of the close bilateral relationship between Argentina and the United States,” adding that “the public-private dialogue nurtures and enriches the bond between both countries. Our country is determined to expand its participation in regional value chains, generate employment for its workers, by taking advantage of the potential of its professionals’ technical knowledge.”

The four topics discussed throughout the day were addressed in panels moderated by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also brought together leading representatives of companies from both countries. The event was attended by high-level officials and prominent entrepreneurs who spoke about issues related to energy security, electromobility, knowledge economy and agribusiness. Among the officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that participated in the Forum were Secretary Pablo Tettamanti; Under Secretary for Trade and Investment Promotion, Guillermo Merediz, and Under Secretary for Multilateral and Bilateral Economic Negotiations, Ramiro Ordoqui.

The Assistant United States Trade Representative for the

Western Hemisphere (USTR), Daniel Watson, traveled from Washington together with officials from this agency. AmCham Argentina’s President, Facundo Gómez Minujin, also had an active participation.

The presentations were made in four round tables, dealing with energy security, electromobility, the knowledge economy and agribusiness. Senior managers from the following companies addressed the audience: Exxon Mobil, Excelebrate Energy, YPF, Grupo LCV, General Motors, Y-TEC Lithium, Inquinat, Microsoft, Google, Globant, Baufest, Corteva, Adecoagro and Vetanco.

The first panel on “Energy security as an industrializing mission in Argentina” included the participation of Daniel de Nigris, CEO of Exxon Mobil Argentina; Gabriela Aguilar, General Manager at Argentina Excelebrate Energy; Pablo Iuliano, CEO of YPF; and Claudia Aguirre, Managing Partner of the LCV Group. The debate focused on Vaca Muerta’s

Ambassador Jorge Argüello. Photo Credit: MOFA.



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for the Southern Cone; Mario Imbrosciano, Business Vice President of Adecoagro, and Jorge Winokur, President of Vetanco. They shared their reflections on strategies to increase productivity and become more sustainable. ■

prospects for development and economic growth in the short and medium term, and technological cooperation with the US in the field of fracking.

In the second panel on “Electromobility: regional lithium-based value chains”, Federico Ovejero, Vice President of General Motors for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay; Laura Andino, Coordinator of Y-TEC Lithium, and David Granoski, President of Inquinat S.A. were among the panelists.

“The knowledge economy as a platform of Argentine talent for exporting services” was the subject of the third panel, with the participation of Fernando López Iervasi, General Manager of Microsoft Argentina; Víctor Valle, Representative of Google Argentina; Néstor Nocetti, co-founder of Globant, and Adrián Lasso, Vice President of Baufest. In their presentations, the entrepreneurs analyzed the competitive and comparative advantages that Argentina offers today in the region, and how to increase its capacity in the coming years.

The fourth panel, “The new agribusiness: environmental challenges, quality food and technological opportunities” included the participation of Juan Lariguat, CEO of Corteva