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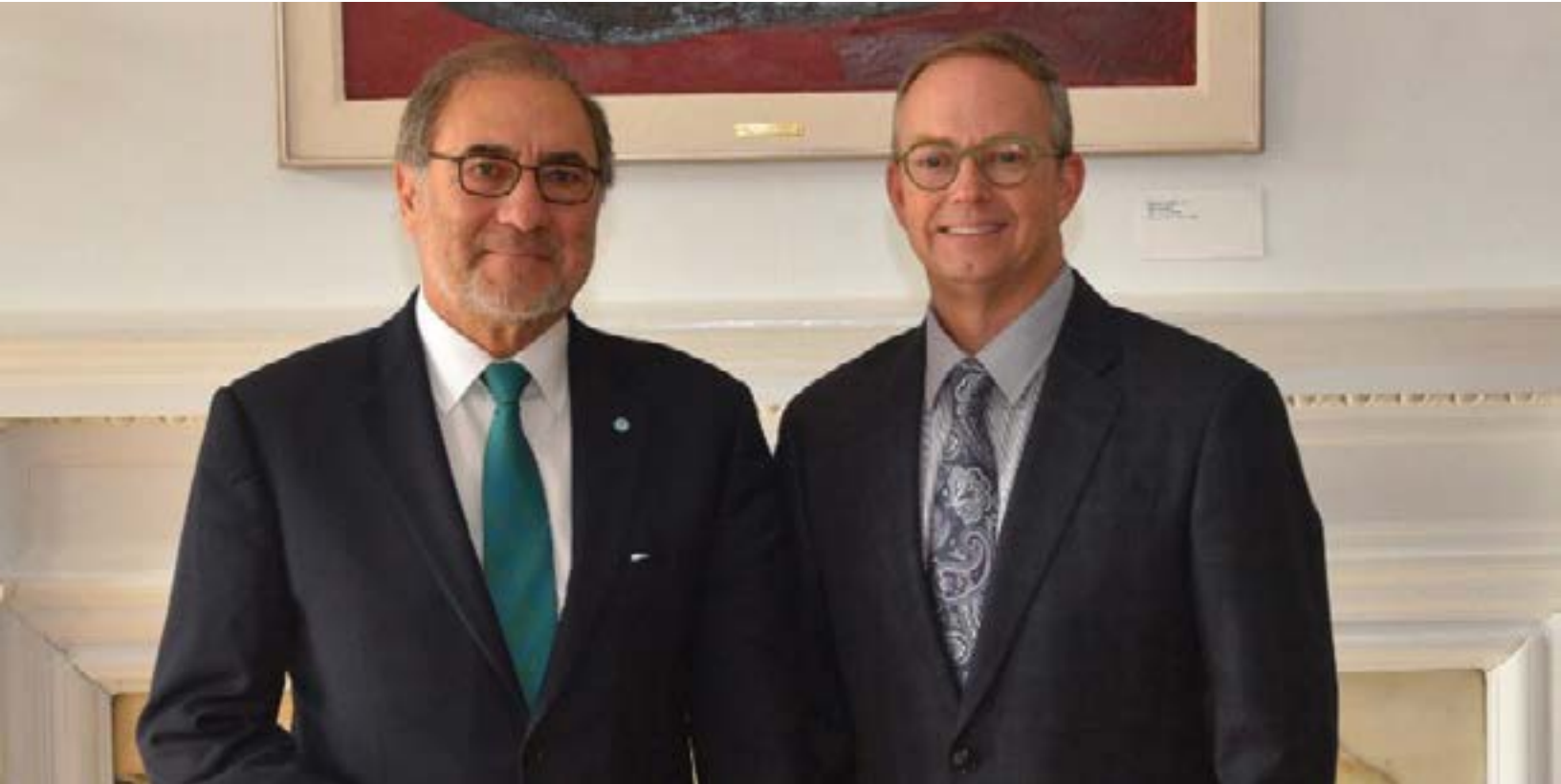
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Ambassador Jorge Argüello (left) with Dan Frakes (right).

MEETING WITH GENERAL MOTORS AT THE EMBASSY

Together with the Economic Section team at the Embassy, Ambassador Jorge Argüello received the new Vice President of International Affairs at General Motors, Dan Frakes.

During the meeting, one of the topics discussed was the trip the President of General Motors International, Shilpan Amin, plans to make to Argentina at the end of the month to meet with the Minister of Economy, Sergio Massa.

This is a follow up to the meeting that President Alberto Fernández held last June on the sidelines of the IX Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, along with Minister Massa and Ambassador Argüello. There, Shilpan Amin shared the company's plans to increase investments in Argentina with President Fernández, and also highlighted the company's announcement regarding the production of the Chevrolet Tracker SUV at the GM Alvear plant in the Province of Santa Fe, in July this year, after an investment of \$350 million.



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about our meeting with the Vice President of International Affairs of General Motors, Dan Frakes, in which we discussed issues related to the company's investments in Argentina.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting with Carol Miller, Republican Representative from West Virginia and member of the Argentina Caucus, due to her participation in a Regional Legislative Exchange to Advance Women's Political Leadership.

Finally, an article on the 80th Golden Globes the 80th edition of the Golden Globes, in which Santiago Mitre's film, "Argentina, 1985" won the Best Motion Picture - Non-English Language Award.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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The company's objective is to export 80% of these vehicles built in Argentina to Latin American countries, mainly Brazil and Colombia.

The automotive industry is a key element for Argentina's economic development. Vehicle manufacturing in our country represents an important component of GDP; it also contributes significantly to employment, technological innovation, and the generation of foreign currency.

Likewise, the automotive sector offers opportunities to diversify Argentine exports and expand local demand for industrial products, contributing to improve its trade balance. In addition, it is directly related to other sectors, such as the agro-industrial and manufacturing sectors.

Since 2020 Argentina has implemented an electromobility strategy to increase the development of electric vehicles. This initiative aims to make significant contributions to the Argentine economy and reduce CO2 emissions generated by the use of fossil fuels.

In addition, there are projects underway to promote innovative technologies related to green and sustainable energy to power our future, among which are current regulations for all vehicles adapted to 100% renewable energy can avoid extra costs and obstacles on roads.

Finally, actions are also planned to support large companies in the automotive sector in their quest to build environmentally friendly vehicles and optimize the regional industry through local technological and digital development. These actions target local consumers, to motivate them through educational programs focused on the benefits offered by the new electromobility technologies in the immediate future.

The automotive sector has great investment prospects thanks to the fundamentals that international companies, including GM, identified in Argentina, where they have invested and generated value for many years. ■

VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVE CAROL MILLER TO ARGENTINA

On January 10, Ambassador Jorge Argüello met with Carol Miller, Republican Representative for West Virginia and a member of the Argentine Caucus, at her office in the Cannon Building, after the legislator's recent trip to our country.

The main purpose of her trip to Buenos Aires at the end of October last year, was related to her participation in a Regional Legislative Exchange to Advance Women's Political Leadership, organized by the House Democracy Partnership of the House of Representatives and the Women's Democracy Network of the International Republican Institute. This event brought together more than 40 parliamentarians from various countries in the region such as Argentina, the United States, Bolivia,

Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Peru.

The Women's Democracy Network, an organization that focuses on the creation of the next generation of women leaders, has active members in more than 80 countries, as well as chapters in 14 nations, including the one in the Argentine Republic, established in 2006. The founder and current Executive Director of the Argentine chapter, Ms. Raquel Munt, visited Washington DC in December 2022 and held a meeting with officials from the Argentine Embassy.

During her conversation with Ambassador Argüello, Representative Miller conveyed her positive experience in the framework of the regional meeting and mentioned

Ambassador Jorge Argüello (left) with Representative Carol Miller (right).



THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR
HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE
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some of the topics they discussed, such as best practices, shared challenges, mutual learning regarding the functioning of the commissions in each of congresses in the region, citizen participation, legislative drafting and how to establish and activate effective women's caucuses.

The Argentine Ambassador highlighted the importance of 2023 for the bilateral relationship, as the bicentennial of diplomatic relations between both countries will be celebrated. The agenda of activities is focused on this milestone, which is expected to include government authorities, members of the U.S. Congress, especially through the platform comprised of both the Argentine Caucus in the House of Representatives as well as their counterparts in the Chambers of Deputies and the Senate of the Argentine Congress.

Likewise, given the congresswoman's interest in trade issues, and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, they also exchanged views on the bilateral trade relationship, particularly as to the important role played by Argentina as a supplier of lithium to the United States (our country is the main supplier to the local market), and the shared objectives of guaranteeing exports of this mineral from our country, while at the same time increasing and encouraging US investment in this key sector of Argentina's Northwest regional economy. ■



"Argentina, 1985", Golden Globe for best foreign film. Ricardo Darín, starring, and Santiago Mitre, the director / Photo: AFP. TELAM SE 2022.

"ARGENTINA, 1985" WON GOLDEN GLOBE AWARD FOR BEST MOTION PICTURE - NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Tuesday, January 10, marked another milestone for the film "Argentina, 1985", directed by Santiago Mitre, and starring Ricardo Darín and Peter Lanzani. This time it won the Best Motion Picture, Non-English Language (formerly known as foreign language film) at the 80th edition of the Golden Globes, which rewards the best of cinema and television in the United States. It was the second Argentine film, after "La historia oficial", by Luis Puenzo, with Norma Aleandro and Héctor Alterio, to win this prize.

"Argentina, 1985", which recounts the historic trial of the military junta, with prosecutors Julio César Strassera and Luis Moreno Ocampo, competed with "RRR" (India), "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Germany), "Close" (Netherlands, France, Belgium) and "Decision to Leave"

(South Korea).

"I want to share this with all of the people who, since the dictatorship, has been fighting to build a better democracy in Argentina," said Mitre in his acceptance speech, in a year when four decades of democracy are being celebrated in Argentina. It was precisely after president Raúl Alfonsín came to power that Decree No. 158/83 was passed, ordering the prosecution of nine of the ten officers from the three forces that comprised the Juntas that led the country from the March 24, 1976 military coup until the Malvinas War in 1982.

This is the first Argentine original film from Amazon Studios and its world premiere was at the 79th Venice

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Film Festival, where it was a nominee for the Golden Lion, and where it received the critics' award (FIPRESCI). That same month, this historical drama marked the beginning of the 33rd edition of the AFI Latin American Film Festival, which had the support of the Argentine Embassy and where Ambassador Jorge Argüello was in charge of its presentation to the audience.

On that occasion, the ambassador not only highlighted the international importance of the Argentine film industry, but also emphasized that the value of the film goes beyond its magnificent billing.

"The real story that inspires it is truly unique," he emphasized. "You will see a prosecutor and a team of young lawyers bring the Military Junta to justice. The most brutal military dictatorship that has ever existed in our country, infamous for torturing, murdering and making people disappear, had ended two years earlier. Democracy was still threatened and fragile. However, this became the first major process against military commanders for mass crimes since Nuremberg. But this time the trial, unlike anywhere else, was carried out by civil authorities and civil

courts."

The ambassador added "The trial was a cornerstone for the role played by civil society in building its own path forward. It is the story of how a country that suffered decades of recurring dictatorships and impunity started forging a new national consensus on remembrance, truth, and justice, a policy that still remains exemplary."

In 2022, "Argentina, 1985" was shown at several international festivals, and won awards at the San Sebastian Festival, the National Board of Review ("Freedom of Expression Award"), the Forqués and the International Film Festival of La Roche-sur-Yon.

It won three Coral Awards for Best Actor (Ricardo Darín), Best Art Direction (Micaela Saiegh) and Best Screenplay (Mariano Llinás and Santiago Mitre), at the closing gala of the 43rd International Festival of New Latin American Cinema in Havana, Cuba. Miter also received a Signis Award for "articulating from a significant aesthetic with a convincing script, and his accurate approximation of the past," according to the World Catholic Association of Communication that grants this prize.

As to the future, "Argentina, 1985" was shortlisted to compete for the 2023 Oscar in the Best Foreign Film category. The feature film is among the fifteen finalists in its category, as announced by the Hollywood Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. ■