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Argentine Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero and Secretary Antony Blinken at the G20 Foreign Ministers meeting, India.

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Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Center (RBCC) in New Delhi on March 1 and 2.

The Argentine Foreign Minister participated together with his counterparts from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan,

Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and the European Union, as well as representatives of the invited countries: Spain, Netherlands, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria and Oman, as well as the invited regional organizations ASEAN (Cambodia), African Union (Senegal) and NEPAD (Rwanda).



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the participation of Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting, held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Center in New Delhi on March 1 and 2.

In this edition we also include an article on the working meetings with Representative Adrian Smith and Senator Ben Cardin in which we discussed both political and trade issues.

Finally, an article on the International Women of Courage Award granted by the Department of State to the Special Representative on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Alba Rueda.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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While always keeping in mind the geopolitical tensions and the war in Ukraine, the meeting focused its discussions on multilateralism and the need for reform, food and energy security, development cooperation, the fight against terrorism and humanitarian assistance in response to global disasters.

Regarding the war due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine,

Foreign Minister Cafiero regretted that “the policy of escalation prevailed over the desire for universal peace” and advocated abandoning “war determinism” to instead embrace a “harmonious possibilism”.

In this regard, Mr. Cafiero stressed that “since 2010 it has been impossible to reach a consensus on the revision of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the cornerstone of multilateralism to counter the arms race, and today more than ever, in a world marked by war and tensions, we need to enforce this instrument which the international community decided to abide by since 1970”.

Likewise, Cafiero stated that “international security cannot be achieved alone; the challenges we are facing require immediate and collective action.

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is the only possible way to advance in a world that is predictable and safe for humankind.”

He also emphasized that “diplomacy and negotiation are the only option for the resolution of all conflicts and the maintenance of international peace and security. The UN is the main forum from which to work and overcome the triple crisis arising from the pandemic, climate change and foreign debt, exacerbated by war. Promote and ensure respect for human rights, disarmament and security, and accelerate the fulfillment of the Agenda 2023 objectives for a sustainable development.”

“Argentina encourages cooperation in all its forms. And it appeals to the nuclear-weapon states’ responsibility to move towards disarmament and fulfill their commitments,” said Cafiero.

The Argentine Foreign Minister also pointed out that “a new paradigm of international cooperation must be created for development, one that does not exclude middle-income countries.” He warned about the impact of anti-inflationary policies in the main world economies on the financing capacity of developing economies.

Mr. Cafiero also referred to the importance of “facing global threats such as international terrorism, drug problems, human trafficking, cybercrime, crimes against the environment, money laundering, and the illicit arms manufacturing and trafficking of small arms.

Finally, in view of the tragedies created as a result of climate change, the head of the San Martín Palace stressed “the humanitarian dimension of international policy” and “Argentina’s solidarity vocation, its resources and instruments at the disposal of the international community”, through the Argentine Agency for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance - White Helmets, which reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cafiero was held various bilateral conversations with his counterparts, among them Secretary Blinken, with whom he spoke on the sidelines of the Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi. ■

WORKING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN SMITH AND SENATOR BEN CARDIN

On March 2nd, Ambassador Jorge Argüello held working meetings in the U.S. Congress with the Democratic Senator from Maryland Ben Cardin and the Republican Representative from Nebraska Adrian Smith to discuss several issues of mutual interest related to the bilateral relation.

In both meetings, which took place in the legislators' offices attached to the Capitol, they addressed a wide range of political and commercial topics, taking into account the different interests and the committees in which Senator Cardin and Representative Smith serve, including in the case of the former his participation in the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, and in the case of the latter, as Trade Subcommittee Chair.

On the other hand, it is important to highlight that these meetings with members of Congress underscore the prominent role of parliamentary diplomacy in the Argentine Embassy's agenda, since it represents a crucial tool to increase travel and exchanges between members of Congress, a fundamental aspect of the bilateral relationship that is also complementary to the well-established link between both administrations.

During the meeting with Senator Cardin, which took place as a follow-up to his recent visit to our country as a member of a congressional delegation, the Democratic legislator and Ambassador Argüello made an assessment of the positive meeting held on that occasion by U.S. senators with President Alberto Fernández at the Casa Rosada, the

Representative from Nebraska Adrian Smith and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.



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seat of the Argentine Executive, which was also attended by the- then-Cabinet Chief Juan Manzur, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero and U.S. Ambassador Marc Stanley.

Likewise, during the conversation, they reviewed the top current regional and international issues, and both agreed on the friendly relationship between the Argentine Republic

and the United States. During the meeting, Senator Cardin emphasized his appreciation for the position adopted by the Argentine government with respect to the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

As for the conversation with Representative Smith, the Nebraska congressman and Ambassador Argüello jointly analyzed the bilateral trade agenda, and exchanged views on the future renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences. This mechanism, which has not been reestablished since the end of 2020, is of great relevance for Argentina, since our country used to export more than \$300 million through this system, thus benefiting our regional economies and generating employment where it is most needed. ■

Ambassador Jorge Argüello and Senator from Maryland Ben Cardin.





(From L. to R.) Ambassador Alba Rueda, First Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ALBA RUEDA RECEIVES THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE AWARD

In a ceremony on March 8, International Women’s Day, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and First Lady Jill Biden presented the International Women of Courage Award to the Special Representative on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Alba Rueda. She was recognized along with ten other women from different countries for her exceptional leadership in defending gender equity and equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity.

The ceremony, which took place at the White House and included the participation of Ambassador Jorge Argüello, marked the 17th edition of this important recognition. Through the International Women of Courage Awards, the

Department of State has honored more than 180 women in more than 80 countries since March 2007. This process begins with a nomination made by diplomatic missions of the United States abroad, and final candidates are selected by senior officials at the Department of State in Washington DC.

In May 2022, Ambassador Rueda was appointed by President Alberto Fernandez as Special Representative on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. She thus became the first trans woman to occupy that position and at the same time, ratified the leadership that Argentina has been exercising over the last decades in the protection and promotion of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people.

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Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism, the agency in which she achieved the recognition of her self-perceived identity, after which in 2010 and 2011, she participated in the filing of collective appeals that allowed her to obtain her National Identity Card, with a change of name and gender. ■

As a result of her extensive activism, the Special Representative became a recognized activist for LGBTIQ+ rights in Argentina, a trajectory that later led to her nomination as Undersecretary of Diversity Policies at the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity. She was also the first trans woman to hold a public position of that rank. In carrying out her functions, she played a key role in promoting important public policies implemented by the government of President Fernández, such as the National Plan of Action against Gender-Based Violence 2020-2022; the National Plan for Equality in Diversity 2021-2023; Decree 721/2020 on Labor Quota for Transvestites, Transsexuals and Transgender Persons in the National Public Sector; and Law 27.636 on the Promotion of Access to Formal Employment for Transvestites, Transsexuals and Transgender Persons Diana Sacayán - Lohana Berkins.

Alba Rueda is also the president of Mujeres Trans Argentina, is a member of the research team of the Gender and Communications Department of the Floreal Gorini Cooperation Center, and is on the advisory board of the Gender in Justice Observatory, in addition to participating in the first trans magazine in Argentine history.

Previously, she worked at the National Institute against

(From L. to R.) Jessica Stern, Alba Rueda and Jorge Argüello.

