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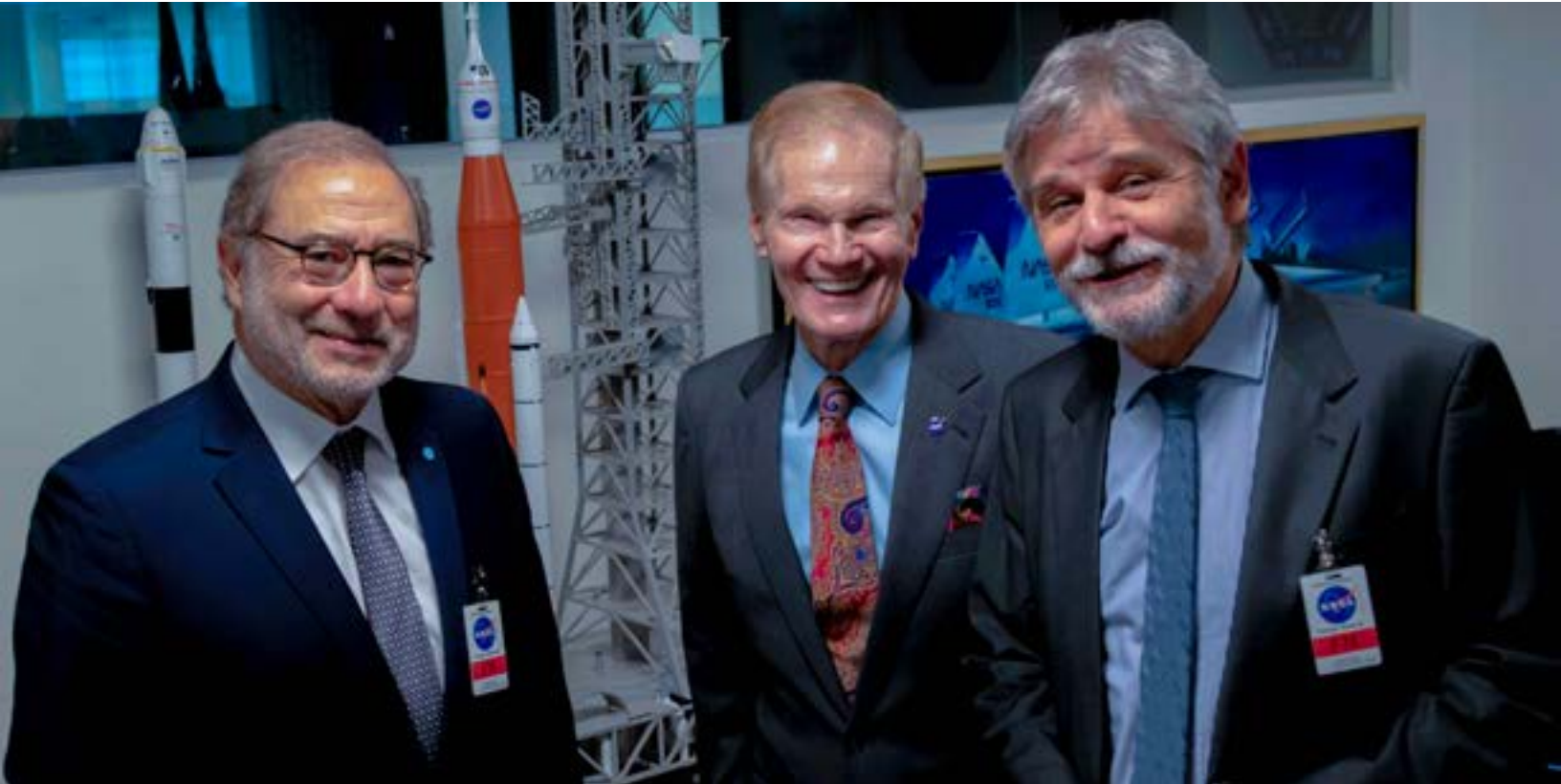
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Ambassador Jorge Argüello, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and Minister Daniel Filmus.

MINISTER DANIEL FILMUS AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND NASA

On April 4- 5, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, visited Washington DC to meet with NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, and the director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Arati Prabhakar.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello accompanied Minister Filmus at these meetings, in which potential cooperation agreements in the field of satellites were assessed,

in particular in the development of four SAC earth observation satellites by Argentina, for the study of the terrestrial and marine biosphere. The Minister expressed his willingness to strengthen the relationship between our country's National Atomic Energy Commission (CONAE) and NASA in the design and launch of satellites into space.

This meeting, as a continuation of the one held by the same officials in March 2022 during Minister Filmus' previous



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the visit of the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, to meet with NASA Administrator General Bill Nelson and the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Arati Prabhakar.

In this edition we also include an article on my visit to Salt Lake City, Utah, where I met with Lieutenant Governor Deidre M. Henderson and well-known personalities from religious and educational organizations.

Finally, an article on the participation of the Secretary of Mining, Dr. Fernanda Ávila, keynote speaker in a virtual panel focused on critical minerals and social governance in Latin America, organized by the Inter-American Dialogue.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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visit to Washington DC, also enabled them to share details about the current development of Argentine space technology and the manufacture of three geostationary satellites and one for earth observation.

The NASA General Administrator confirmed that he will visit Argentina next July, together with a delegation from the US space agency.

Likewise, the Minister visited the Eisenhower building of the White House to hold a working meeting with the director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and assistant to President Joe Biden, Dr. Arati Prabhakar.

On this occasion, Filmus made a brief presentation of Argentina's scientific, technological and innovation policy, as well as the substantial investment that is being made in science, the diverse advances achieved in priority sectors such as vaccines, biotechnology and nanotechnology, and the energy transition, highlighting lithium, hydrogen and agribusiness. Likewise, regarding biotechnology, he pointed out Argentina's pioneering role in developments related to the energy transition, and agrotechnology, particularly with regard to genetics applied to seeds and plants.

The White House official shared the Biden administration's priorities and both agreed on a significant number of priority areas in which progress can be made in

cooperation projects. For his part, Ambassador Argüello considered that the deepening of cooperation in the Science, Technology and Innovation agenda is an excellent way to celebrate 200 years of bilateral relations between both countries.

Lastly, the head of the Science, Technology and Innovation portfolio took advantage of the opportunity provided by this visit to meet with Argentine researchers working at different universities and scientific agencies in the U.S., and also gave a conference on Argentina's national innovation system at John Hopkins University in Baltimore. ■

Director Arati Prabhakar and Minister Daniel Filmus at the White.



AMBASSADOR JORGE ARGÜELLO'S AGENDA DURING HIS VISIT TO UTAH

This week Ambassador Jorge Argüello made a working visit to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello first met with the Utah Lieutenant Governor, Deidre M. Henderson, with whom he discussed the growth of subnational diplomacy and the emergence of states and cities as global actors with local responsibility. Likewise, they extensively addressed the human rights agenda, in particular regarding indigenous peoples and women.

He was then welcomed to a working luncheon hosted by the World Trade Center Utah, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and the Salt Lake Chamber, where

they exchanged points of view about the current economic and political situation in Argentina, the growth of industry and employment, and the growing opportunities in terms of bilateral trade and investment, especially in energy, food, minerals, aerospace industry and software, among others.

The Ambassador also held a meeting with the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days, Russell m. Nelson, visited emblematic places of the Church and spoke with other prominent members of its community.

Finally, to continue deepening educational ties, he visited Brigham Young University, where he toured the campus,

Utah Lieutenant Governor, Deidre M. Henderson, with Ambassador Jorge Argüello.



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held a dialogue with administrators and teachers, and gave a conference titled “An Overview of the Argentina-US Relationship”. The Ambassador highlighted the progress and consolidation of this bond in recent years, denoted by the many high-level bilateral meetings, and the visit of the Argentine President, Alberto Fernández, to President Joe Biden at the White House. ■



Secretary of Mining, Fernanda Ávila.

SECRETARY FERNANDA ÁVILA SPOKE ABOUT CRITICAL MINERALS AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE AT THE INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE

In the framework of the 200 years of diplomatic relations between Argentina and the United States, the Secretary of Mining, Fernanda Ávila, was the keynote speaker in a panel focused on critical minerals and social governance in Latin America. This event was organized by the Inter-American Dialogue, which together with the Argentine Embassy in the United States, coordinated her participation as part of the permanent cooperation between both entities.

The event analyzed the impact of the demand for critical minerals, and the objectives of combating climate change in local communities.

Secretary Ávila was introduced by Daniela Stevens, Program Director, Energy, Climate Change & Extractive

Industries at the Inter-American Dialogue, and by Juan Manuel Cortelletti, Head of the Economic and Commercial Section of the Argentine Embassy in the United States.

While the prominent role of critical mining in guaranteeing a clean energy supply chain has been widely addressed, the coordination with provincial, municipal and local actors with the aim of achieving local development and the participation of the residents near the extraction sites of minerals has received less attention.

In this context, the Secretary shared with the audience the task carried out by the federal government for the development of sustainable mining, by coordinating its efforts with different actors, focused on holding a

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Likewise, she detailed the operation of the so-called “lithium table”, created by the governors of the provinces where lithium is located, in which issues related to community, and environmental and sustainability matters are addressed. ■

permanent dialogue with local communities.

She analyzed the potential of this sector as an export industry that can become a very relevant source of foreign exchange income and reviewed the different projects underway. She made reference to the fact that the rapid growth of the sector and the new projects (several of them focused on copper), add an additional complexity to achieving sustainability, and include an increased healthy scrutiny of mining activities.

The Secretary presented the positive impact generated by exports in the provinces, highlighting that “It is one thing to see the numbers at a national level and another thing is to carry out an analysis of each of the regions, where the benefits are relevant and tangible. In the mining provinces, the percentage of local exports by this industry exceeds 70 percent”.

Ávila stated that in the way it is carried out in Argentina, mining favors federal development, generates employment and establishes roots in local communities. She explained that mining employs 37,000 people directly, and has created more than 3,000 direct jobs in the last year.