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Consul Santiago Villalba, Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Mayor Eric Adams and Ambassador María del Carmen Squeff.

BICENTENNIAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH MAYOR ADAMS

Within the framework of the bicentennial of diplomatic relations between Argentina and the United States, Ambassador Jorge Argüello traveled to New York City on May 24th to meet with Mayor Eric Adams. They led a celebration for the bicentennial of bilateral ties between both countries.

During the meeting, both officials reviewed the relationship

between New York City and Argentina, with a view to strengthen integration in areas such as trade, investment, culture, education and sports.

The Ambassador presented Adams with a soccer ball signed by Lionel Messi, while the Mayor handed him a proclamation declaring "Argentine Legacy Day" in commemoration of the 200 years of the establishment



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the work meeting I held with Mayor Eric Adams and a commemorative event for the 200 years of bilateral ties between both countries.

In this edition we also include an article on the meetings with New Jersey Democratic Representative Andy Kim and California Democratic Representative Sara Jacobs, in order to discuss several issues of common interest in the bilateral relationship.

Finally, an article on the celebration of our national day at the Embassy together with distinguished members of the US government, diplomatic corps, and civil society.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

of bilateral relations, and appreciating the historical contribution of the Argentine community to New York City.

Subsequently, Argüello and Adams headed an event in Bowling Green Square, an emblematic site associated with the founding of the city and where the last British flag came down in the 18th century. During this event, there were promotional campaigns for yerba mate and other Argentine products.

Ambassador Argüello stated: "New York represents a true trade potential, especially due to the increase in Latin Americans, a sector that has reached approximately 30 percent of the population. Food, cultural products, as well as the excellent knowledge economy verticals based on the professional talent of Argentines, have a great potential for sustained growth in this market."

The activity was attended by the Mayor's commissioners responsible for International Affairs (Edward Mermelstein), Immigrant Affairs (Manuel Castro) and Transportation (Ydanis Rodríguez), as well as other elected officials,

consuls general accredited in New York and prominent members of the Argentine community in the city.

After the speeches, the flags of Argentina and the United States were raised, while the national anthems of both countries were played.

Those present received a mate kit as part of an initiative to promote consumption of the national infusion in North Eastern United States. Before the official speeches, the performances of tango duo Analía Carreño and Luis Ramírez were acclaimed, as well as the outstanding presentation by the young ballet dancer Mila Montenegro, who received a scholarship from the American Ballet Theater. At the end of the event, Ambassador Argüello and the Argentine Consul in New York, Santiago Villalba, had a presentation at the City University of New York (CUNY). ■

Ambassador Jorge Argüello leads commemorative act at Bowling Green Square.



WORKING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES ANDY KIM AND SARA JACOBS

On May 18, Ambassador Jorge Argüello held working meetings at the U.S. Congress with Democratic Representative from New Jersey Andy Kim, and Democratic Representative from California Sara Jacobs, to discuss diverse issues of common interest in the bilateral relationship.

In these meetings at the Rayburn and Longworth building offices next to the Capitol, they addressed a wide range of issues of common interest. Both legislators are members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

During the conversation with Congressman Kim, the Argentine Ambassador made reference to the latest developments in the bilateral relationship between both

countries, particularly the visit made by President Alberto Fernández to Washington DC last March, when he met with President Joe Biden at the White House. Likewise, they exchanged points of view on opportunities in the changing international and regional context to advance the bilateral work agenda, with a special emphasis on increasing investments and Argentine-US trade.

As to the conversation with Representative Jacobs, Ambassador Argüello and the Congresswoman discussed both governments' affinity on important issues on the agenda such as climate change, the promotion and protection of human rights, and the fight against anti-Semitism. These coincidences are reflected, among other aspects, in the participation of the Argentine President

Ambassador Jorge Argüello with Congressman Andy Kim (left) and Congresswoman Sara Jacobs.



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TO THE US.

in the Leaders Summit on Climate and meetings of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, as well as the very active working relationship that the Embassy maintains with the Under Secretary for Civil Security, Democracy and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya, President Biden's Special Envoy for LGBTIQ+ issues Jessica Stern, and the Special Envoy for Monitoring and Fighting Anti-Semitism, Deborah Lipstadt.

Ambassador Argüello stressed to both representatives the relevance that our country attaches to the renewal by Congress of the Generalized System of Preferences, a mechanism that has not been reestablished since the end of 2020, and through which various Argentine regional economies generated more than \$300 million in exports. Likewise, he mentioned Argentina's potential in critical minerals, specifically in terms of lithium production, and highlighted the wish to maintain and expand the conditions of its access to the United States market, as a strategic resource for energy transition. ■



Undersecretary José Fernández, Ambassador Jorge Argüello and guests at the national celebration.

CELEBRATION OF THE MAY REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY AT THE EMBASSY

On May 25, Argentina celebrated the 213th anniversary of the May Revolution of 1810. The main celebration in the United States was held at the Argentine Embassy, with the noteworthy participation of José Fernández, the Department of State's Undersecretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment. The event was attended by approximately 250 prominent personalities, including representatives from the White House, officials from various agencies, the US Congress, civil society organizations, and the diplomatic corps accredited in Washington DC.

In his address to the audience, Ambassador Argüello underscored the decisive role played by history's protagonists in the outcome: "the Creole patriots, our

heroes, and the Founding Fathers of the United States, were all direct participants in the great events of their time."

Likewise, he stated that the path of free and democratic nations towards the attainment of their founding principles is not exempt from contradictions nor is it guaranteed. In this regard, he pointed out that "our democracies are far from perfect: polarization, inequality, and a host of demands from our population that have not been met, are some of the most critical issues we must tackle."

Regarding Argentina, despite experiencing a complex macroeconomic situation aggravated by the pandemic, the war and the worst drought in the last century, he insisted

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that “our country continues to have the food, energy and minerals that the world requires; a developed industrial complex, capable of building satellites and nuclear power plants; public universities ranked among the best in the world, and skilled human resources. All this, within the framework of a stable and resilient political system.”

Lastly, he said “we live at a time that once again asks from us a renewed commitment,” and since “not a day goes by when the work is finished and we can rest”, the lesson learned from history, and from our heroes, it is to be “the protagonists of our history” and to make “the maximum effort to achieve a world with more freedom, more equality and more justice.” ■

Ambassador Jorge Argüello with Senator Christopher Dodd.

