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Carla Hills and Jorge Argüello (center) along with participants from the CFR.

DIALOGUE AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Argentine Embassy and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) held a working meeting at the diplomatic headquarters located in Dupont Circle. Its objective was to analyze the state of the bilateral relationship, focusing especially on trade and investment, regional value chains, and Argentina's role in strategic sectors such as critical mining and energy.

The event was chaired by Carla Hills, CEO of Hills &

Company and former U.S. Trade Representative from 1989 to 1993, together with the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, Jorge Argüello.

The meeting was attended by Daniel Erikson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere at the Department of Defense; Annika Betancourt, a State Department official; Carrie Bueche, CFR Director, Washington Meetings; Jessica Harrington, CFR Director,



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the meeting organized by our embassy with the Council on Foreign Relations which objective was to analyze the state of the bilateral relationship with focus on trade and investment, among others.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting with NASA Administrator "Bill" Nelson, who will visit Argentina next July.

Finally, an article on the ceremony of incorporation to the Air Force of the Hercules C-130H with the presence of the Minister of Defense, Jorge Taiana, the Argentine Air Force Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Xavier Isaac, and the U.S. Ambassador in Buenos Aires, Marc Stanley.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

AMBASSADOR ARGÜELLO GAVE
A GENERAL PRESENTATION
ON THE STATE OF THE
BILATERAL RELATIONS AND
HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE PLAYED
BY US COMPANIES' CAPITAL
AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE
NATIONAL MINING AND ENERGY
INDUSTRIES.

Washington External Affairs; and Neil Shenai, economist at the IMF.

Also taking part were Jonathan Chanis, Managing Member of New Tide Asset Management; Thomas Denning, Vice President of Ultratech Capital Partners; Carl Meacham, Managing Director of FTI Consulting, among others.

Ambassador Argüello gave a general presentation on the state of the bilateral relations and highlighted the role played by US companies' capital and technology in the national mining and energy sector.

He also spoke about lithium exports to the United States market and the limitations that the Inflation Reduction Act and its regulations could imply.

Another topic deliberated at the meeting were the different initiatives currently being discussed that seek to add new instruments to facilitate the integration of regional value chains and resilient supply chains in an international context marked by the escalation of geopolitical risks and increased uncertainty about the global economy's growth prospects in the short and medium term. ■

FORTHCOMING VISIT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR BILL NELSON TO ARGENTINA

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson visited Ambassador Jorge Argüello on June 15th, in preparation for his visit to Argentina next July, a trip that seeks to strengthen and deepen the excellent bilateral relations in space matters.

Nelson will hold high-level meetings, including with President Alberto Fernández and the Minister of Science and Technology, Daniel Filmus. He will also discuss cooperation projects with the executive and technical director of the National Atomic Energy Commission (CONAE), Raúl Kulichevsky, and visit INVAP headquarters in Bariloche. INVAP is the main company for the design, integration, construction and delivery of nuclear and aerospace equipment, plants and devices, and has the capacity to develop a complete satellite project, from its

design to its launch into orbit, excepting only its launch.

Nelson's visit to the country is a result of the dialogue held between Argentina and the United States on space cooperation on May 17 and 18 in our country, and to the meetings that the Minister of Science and Technology, Daniel Filmus, held during his visits to Washington DC, in April 2023 and March 2022.

At the meeting with Ambassador Argüello, Administrator Nelson stressed the U.S. Government's interest in cooperating with Argentina at the highest level. For his part, Argüello reiterated the priority given by the Argentine Government to space issues on its science and technology agenda.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello and NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.



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SABIA-MAR MISSION, WHOSE
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INFORMATION ON THE SEA AND
COASTAL AREAS.

CONAE and NASA share an excellent bilateral relationship in space matters. During their history of cooperation, both institutions have developed a collaboration scheme through which CONAE provides Argentine satellite platforms and instruments, and NASA provides US instruments and is in charge of the mission's launch. A possible cooperation agreement is being studied within the framework of CONAE's SABIA-Mar mission, whose objective is to provide information on the sea and coastal areas.

Cooperation with the United States in highly complex missions is an example of our country's existing capabilities and contributes to strengthening the role of Argentina, the only country in the region with which NASA has carried out joint satellite missions. These capabilities, in addition to INVAP, sustain a vibrant Argentine satellite entrepreneurship ecosystem comprised as well by other outstanding companies such as: VENG, Ascentio, Space Sur and DTA, which through the generation, development and dissemination of science, technology and innovation solutions, contribute to finding solutions to the social and productive problems of our countries, thus improving the quality of life of its inhabitants. ■



Argentine Defense Minister, Jorge Taiana.

ACQUISITION OF A NEW PLANE FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN ANTARCTICA

In an event headed by the Argentine Defense Minister, Jorge Taiana, together with the Argentine Air Force Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Xavier Isaac, in which the United States Ambassador in Buenos Aires Marc Stanley also participated, the Hercules C-130H aircraft for the Air Force was deployed. This aircraft will be the most modern of the 1st Air Transport Squadron of the fleet based in El Palomar.

The new aircraft will play a fundamental role in providing supplies to the Argentine bases and logistical support for scientific missions in Antarctica. In addition, it will carry out diverse tactical navigation and search and rescue operations, troop transportation, deliver cargo and support throughout the country, all within the framework

The new Hercules C-130, in a flight exercise. Photo Credit: US Embassy in Argentina.



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well that of our borders and boundaries". Isaac highlighted that "the Air Force's capabilities will undoubtedly be enhanced by the new C-130H Hercules", adding that the Air Force "has excellent pilots and mechanics to handle this aircraft".

The new Hercules was registered as TC-60 'Pioneros de la Aviación Militar' as homage to the men and women pioneers of aviation in Argentina. ■

of the System of Cooperation among the Air Forces of the Americas.

Minister Taiana pointed out that this is "our seventh Hercules", and "is consistent with the extension of our territory, and the need for its surveillance and control, as

Francisco Cafiero, Jorge Taiana, Marc Stanley and Xavier Isaac. Photo Credit: US Embassy in Argentina.

