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Elected president Javier Milei (Photo: TELAM).

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On Sunday, November 19th, 27 million Argentines voted in the more than 100,000 polling stations set up throughout the country. It was another typical civic day in our country, held in a climate of peace and complete normality, 40 years after the return to democracy in the Argentine Republic.

Most polls predicted a parity scenario for the second round, with a narrow margin between the two formulas that

obtained the greatest number of votes in the first electoral round held on October 22. However, the provisional count determined the victory of the La Libertad Avanza candidate, Javier Milei, with a difference of almost three million votes over the Unión por la Patria candidate, Sergio Massa. In percentage terms, the Milei-Villarruel formula won with 55.7% of the votes over the Massa-Rossi formula, which obtained 44.3% of the popular vote.



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the second round of the Argentine presidential elections, held on Sunday, November 19, in which Javier Milei was elected President of the Nation, a position he will assume on December 10.

In this edition we also include an article on the reception we organized at the Embassy on November 16 to bid farewell to the Washington DC community, after 4 years of working together, as my mission here is coming to an end.

Finally, an article on the participation of the Argentine Embassy in the tenth edition of "IFC Unplugged", an exciting initiative that promotes cultural exchange and celebrates diversity.

Jorge Argüello  
Ambassador to the United States

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Just over two hours after the close of the election, the Unión por la Patria candidate, Sergio Massa, publicly recognized Javier Milei's victory.

As Javier Milei himself highlighted in his first public speech as President-elect on Sunday night, he will be the first libertarian to reach the Presidency, something without precedent in the Argentine Republic, or in other countries.

On Tuesday, November 21, the President-elect met with President Alberto Fernández at the Quinta de Olivos (presidential residence), in order to organize the transition that will take place in the coming weeks and the transfer of power on December 10. ■

## FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR JORGE ARGÜELLO IN WASHINGTON DC

On November 16 in the afternoon, the Argentine Embassy in the United States organized a reception in honor of the upcoming return to Argentina of Ambassador Jorge Argüello, after four years in Washington D.C. This event was attended by important US government officials, accredited ambassadors, representatives of multilateral organizations, members of the main think tanks, as well as executives from the private sector, and prominent members of the Argentine community.

At the meeting, which took place shortly before the conclusion of Ambassador Argüello's mission once the mandate of President Alberto Fernández ends on December 10, the opening remarks were given by Ambassador Thomas Shannon, in a warm and heartfelt

message delivered, among others, to Attorney General Merrick Garland, IDB President Ilan Goldfajn, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Wells, Deputy Assistant Secretary Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary Michael Kaplan and Special Envoy Jessica Stern. Ambassador Shannon spoke in glowing terms of the work carried out by the outgoing Ambassador over the past four years, as well as the ongoing strengthening of the bilateral relationship between our nations.

For his part, the Argentine Ambassador made a quick overview of the work he carried out in Washington, that he described as "intense and productive," after which he conveyed a special thanks to US officials, both from the White House and the different agencies of the federal

Attorney General Merrick Garland and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.



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ESPECIALLY THANKED THE U.S.  
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administration, who contributed to building a fruitful path that fortified the dialogue between both countries and also brought their respective peoples closer together.

Likewise, after remembering his arrival in the United States shortly before the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the complexity that this circumstance created at the beginning of his mission -a context in which he reiterated the gratitude of the Argentine people for the generous

donation of vaccines at that time, which saved countless lives- Argüello highlighted as one of the central milestones of the bilateral relationship the meeting held at the Oval Room of the White House between President Alberto Fernández and President Joseph Biden, and also referred to the significant number of senior officials from both countries who traveled to the respective capitals on official missions.

Finally, our country's Ambassador highlighted the permanent cooperation and synergy between the diplomatic representations of the Argentine Republic in Washington and the United States' in Buenos Aires, as well as the mutual trust quickly established with Ambassador Marc Stanley, an invaluable partner, which he stated, "allowed us to fulfill the objective of taking our bilateral relationship to one of its best moments". ■

Ambassador Thomas Shannon and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.





(From left to right) Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Managing Director Makhtar Diop and Executive Director Cecilia Nahón.

## ARGENTINE CULTURE DISEMBARKS AT THE IFC

Last November 14, the Embassy of Argentina and the Office of the World Bank Group Executive Director for the Southern Cone partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to bring Argentine culture to its Staff members for the 10th edition of IFC Unplugged, an exciting initiative to promote cultural exchange and celebrate diversity.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello joined the IFC Managing Director, Makhtar Diop's and the World Bank Group Executive Director for the Southern Cone, Cecilia Nahón for the event. The "El Cuarteto Del Mate" band and the talented dancers Guillermina Quiroga and Mariano Logiudice dazzled a numerous audience, that discovered Argentine Rock & Roll, Folklore, popular music and tango.

In his opening remarks, Managing Director, Makhtar Diop

expressed enthusiasm for having the chance to shine spotlight on Argentina, a country with whom IFC has had a longstanding strategic relationship in which they have invested a total of \$14.5 billion.

THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY PARTICIPATED IN THE TENTH EDITION OF "IFC UNPLUGGED", AN EXCITING INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY.

Ambassador Argüello thanked IFC Staff members and friends of the World Bank Group that made such strong strategic relationship possible and invited the audience to continue discovering more about Argentina through the rich and diverse cultural program put together by the Embassy.

The evening ended with a tasting of Argentine wine and cuisine, enticing participants to take the step to book a trip to Argentina. ■

Tango dancers Guillermina Quiroga and Mariano Logiudice.

