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Ambassador Jorge Argüello.

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It gives me great pleasure to write these lines to say farewell. It has been four years of intense activities.

First of all, I would like to deeply thank all my counterparts with whom I interacted with during this period: at the White House, Departments of State, Commerce, Defense, Justice, Labor, Health, Treasury, USTR, Congress, think tanks,

academia, the private sector and civil society. Likewise, my colleagues at embassies here in Washington. It has been a great honor for me.

I am very proud of the work carried out. I am aware that, in this shared experience, not everything was easy. However, the differences that arose nourished one of the most



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes my farewell and thanks after four years of working together.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting that took place on December 6 with the families of hostages in Gaza.

Finally, an article about the warm farewell that the US Government organized for me and my family at Blair House.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

DURING THIS PERIOD AS HEAD
OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON, OUR COUNTRIES
CELEBRATED 200 YEARS OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

The main mission entrusted to me by President Fernández was to raise the level of the bilateral relationship. I am convinced, and I can say this proudly, that this task was accomplished. ■

significant elements that we have managed to build over time in these diplomatic activities: mutual trust.

Second, I wish to recall that during this period as head of the Argentine Embassy in Washington, our countries celebrated 200 years of bilateral relations. Two countries born in the heat of revolutions that sought to create a new formula for authority, after independence and without the monarchy.

After two centuries, new questions about democracy represent our current common challenge. And once more, we will face it with the same shared goal: sovereignty that resides in the people.

I passionately love my country and I am happy to return to Argentina. I find myself closing a circle that opened four years ago, and that had its climax in the bilateral meeting between Presidents Fernández and Biden in the Oval Room at the White House. We broke the record of visits made to Washington DC by Ministers and Governors, and also received multiple visits to Buenos Aires, with close cooperation from the United States Embassy there, led by my friend Ambassador Marc Stanley.

We are undoubtedly enjoying one of our bilateral relationship's most favorable moments. And something should be made clear: without the collaboration between the Argentine and United States officials, without the activity and contribution of our societies, this would not have been possible.

AMBASSADOR ARGÜELLO MET WITH RELATIVES OF GAZA HOSTAGES

On December 6, the Argentine Ambassador to Washington DC, Jorge Argüello, received Dalia Paulina Cusnir, sister-in-law of Eitan Horan (37) and Iair Horan (45), who are dual Argentine-Israeli citizens. Also present at the meeting was Julie Rayman, Managing Director of Policy and Political Affairs at the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

It was a moving and valuable meeting. There was no mention of any political issues, only multiple stories of love, affection, longing and pain.

Eitan was kidnapped together with his brother Iair, who had visited him at Kibbutz Nir Oz. He is engaged in informal education and works in internal delegations and youth movements. Iair is in charge of renovations and

construction on the kibbutz, as well as organizing meetings, festive activities and supervising the local pub. Eitan has an easy and contagious laugh. Iair plays the guitar.

The number of hostages is not an abstraction: each one of them has a life story and represents a void in the hearts of those who know them. For the lives that are at stake, every single minute counts.

As it has done from the beginning, Argentina will continue to demand the immediate and unconditional release of all those kidnapped by Hamas, especially our Argentine compatriots. ■

(From L. to R.) Julie Rayman, Dalia Paulina Cusnir and Jorge Argüello.





(From L. to R.) Olivia Argüello, Erika Grinberg, Jorge Argüello, Brian Nichols and Ethan Rosenzweig.

WARM FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR ARGÜELLO AT BLAIR HOUSE

The U.S. government offered a moving farewell to the Argentine Ambassador Jorge Argüello and his family at Blair House, the Guest House of the President of the United States.

It was hosted by the White House Chief of Protocol, Ethan Rosenzweig, who, together with the Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Brian Nichols, offered kind farewell messages to the head of the Argentine diplomatic mission. Both officials highlighted Argüello's role in consolidating bilateral relations between the two countries in the framework of the bicentennial of diplomatic relations.

High-level authorities of the United States Government were present, such as Juan González, Special Advisor of the National Security Council for Latin America; former

Senator Christopher Dodd, Special Advisor to President Biden for the Americas; and Dan Erikson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Western Hemisphere, among other officials.

Likewise, the following South American ambassadors participated in the meeting: Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti from Brazil, Juan Gabriel Valdés from Chile, José Antonio Dos Santo, from Paraguay; Andrés Durán Hareau from Uruguay, and Henry Baldelomar, Chargé d'Affaires of Bolivia.

During his farewell speech, Argüello, who concludes his second term as ambassador to the United States, emphasized the importance of building mutual trust in diplomatic activities. He highlighted his successful work with his U.S. counterparts, and made reference to the

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Likewise, the ambassador emphasized that the main mission entrusted to him by President Alberto Fernández, one that guided his actions during his time in Washington DC, was to elevate and strengthen the bilateral relationship, a goal that was achieved. ■

joint vision of both countries in defending democracy:
“The United States and Argentina share the struggle for

(From L. to R.) Evan Ryan, Jorge Argüello and Antony Blinken at the State Department Holiday Reception on December 6.

