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Foreign Minister Diana Mondino and Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi.

## ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES REAFFIRMED THE COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

On December 28, the President of Argentina, Javier Gerardo Milei, met with the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Argentine diplomat Rafael Mariano Grossi, as part of the latter's official visit to the country. During the meeting, various topics of interest for the country were discussed; among others, the president's upcoming visit to Antarctica and the programs currently underway with the organization.

Prior to this meeting, Foreign Minister Diana Mondino met with the IAEA Director General at the San Martín Palace, in which she highlighted Argentina's support to the agency and congratulated him on his recent re-election as head of the agency for the 2023-2027 period.

Both authorities also exchanged views on the IAEA agenda

and its main initiatives, as well as on the international situation and Argentina's role in the global nuclear scenario. The broad cooperation between our country and the IAEA and its great potential for the future was especially highlighted.

Grossi referred to his upcoming visit to Antarctica for the official launch of the NUTEC Plastics Initiative, in collaboration with the Argentine Antarctic Program. It should be noted that the implementation of this Initiative involves training human resources and the donation of equipment, which will allow a more accurate assessment of marine pollution caused by microplastics, as well as their eventual treatment and reuse. It is worth highlighting that this Initiative represents the first time that the IAEA carries out activities in Antarctica.

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Grossi also highlighted the “Rays of Hope” program to strengthen access to nuclear medicine for all.

Both initiatives are concrete examples of how nuclear technology benefits the population and the environment.

They also reviewed the main Argentine projects in applications and nuclear energy, in particular the RA-10 multipurpose research reactors and the small and modular CAREM.

Mondino and Grossi also highlighted the role of nuclear technology and energy to achieve sustainable development, and in this context, they emphasized the current and potential contribution of the Argentine nuclear program, with its more than 70 years of experience and which currently exports nuclear technology to countries in the five continents. ■

## THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS: ARGENTINA REAFFIRMS ITS LEGITIMATE SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS

On January 3rd, 1833, the United Kingdom forcibly occupied the Malvinas Islands, a territory over which Argentina had exercised its sovereignty rights since its early days as an independent nation, having inherited Spain's possessions in South America. This act by the British Government was an act of force carried out in times of peace that was contrary to international law and was never consented to by the Argentine Government, which immediately protested against it.

Since then, all Argentine Governments have reaffirmed their legitimate and imprescriptible sovereignty rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. Pursuant to the Argentine Constitution, recovering the full exercise of our sovereignty over such territories, in accordance with

International Law, while respecting the way of life of their inhabitants, is a permanent and unrenounceable goal of the Argentine people.

The United Nations General Assembly has characterized the Question of the Malvinas Islands as a special and particular colonial situation involving a sovereignty dispute between Argentina and the United Kingdom that must be settled through bilateral negotiations between the Governments of both countries, bearing in mind the interests of the inhabitants of the Islands. In addition, it has urged the parties to refrain from carrying out unilateral acts in the disputed area.

Numerous international and regional fora have voiced their support for Argentina's sovereignty rights and for

Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands.



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the resumption of bilateral negotiations, including the Special Committee on Decolonization of the UN General Assembly, the Organization of American States (OAS), the G77 & China, MERCOSUR, the Ibero-American Summit, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCAS), among others.

The Argentine Government once again expresses its willingness to resume bilateral negotiations in order to find a solution to this sovereignty dispute, in accordance with the relevant UN General Assembly resolutions.

Within this framework, the Argentine Government wishes to maintain a mature relationship with the United Kingdom that involves substantive and constructive dialogue on all matters of mutual interest with a view to building a climate of trust conducive to the resumption of negotiations.

With the conviction that the only possible path to recover the exercise of its rights is through diplomatic means, Argentina also reiterates its interest in the Good Offices mission that the General Assembly entrusted to the United Nations Secretary-General with a view to assisting the parties to resume negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute relating to the Question of the Malvinas Islands.

The Argentine Government and people once again reaffirm, 191 years after the illegal occupation of the



Argentine Foreign Ministry.

## FOREIGN MINISTER DIANA MONDINO MET WITH RELEASED HOSTAGES AND RELATIVES OF ARGENTINES CAPTURED BY HAMAS

On January 3, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Diana Mondino spoke with two released hostages and relatives of Argentine hostages captured by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad last October 7 in the attack perpetrated in southern Israel.

Also participating in this videoconference were Deputy Foreign Minister Leopoldo Sahores, Rabbi Axel Wahnish, the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy in Israel, Francisco Tropepi, and Quique Rosenburt, coordinator and collaborator of the Argentine hostages' families.

Members of the Horn, Bibas, Marman-Hartenstein (including Clara, released on November 28), Rudaeff, Engelbert, Cuño (including Sharon, released on November 27) and Roitman families also participated.

The two released hostages present, Sharon Cuño and Clara Marman, thanked the Argentine Republic for its efforts to secure their release, recounted the terrible conditions of their captivity, and stated that they will only be able to begin to heal after all the hostages remaining in Gaza return home.

The relatives also thanked the Argentine Republic and the Government for the efforts undertaken; they asked that the ongoing demand for the immediate release of the hostages be maintained and made reference to the painful process the families are going through in a context of deep uncertainty -but also unwavering hope- of recovering their loved ones.

Foreign Minister Mondino expressed her gratitude for

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the opportunity to talk to the released hostages and their families and, after firmly condemning both the terrorist attack perpetrated on October 7 by Hamas, and the traumatic situation that the hostages and their loved ones have endured for almost three months, she expressed the deep moral commitment of the Argentine Republic to this issue: “I assure you that the Argentine Government is working together with other countries whose citizens are being held hostage in the Gaza Strip, to immediately free all hostages, Argentines as well as other nationalities, without distinction”.

For his part, Rabbi Axel Wahnish expressed the following: “This is not a political, diplomatic or war issue. This is an urgent humanitarian issue and, accordingly, we have a human commitment to their immediate release. You are aware, and have seen, that President Milei is totally committed to this issue. We are at his disposal to help with anything that we can”. ■