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President Javier Milei and His Holiness Pope Francis at the Vatican. Photo Credit: Casa Rosada.

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Last Monday morning, February 12, President Javier Milei held a very cordial meeting, which lasted more than an hour, with His Holiness Pope Francis at the Vatican. This was the first time both Heads of State met in person.

The Argentine President was accompanied by the Secretary General of the Presidency Karina Milei; the Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino; the Minister of the Interior Guillermo Francos; the Minister of Human Capital Sandra Pettovello; the Secretary of Worship Francisco Sánchez, and the Ambassador appointed to the State of Israel Rabbi Axel Wahnish. They met with the Secretary of State of the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, in his office.

Prior to the audience with Pope Francis, President Milei and his delegation participated in a ceremony presided by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica on February 11, for the canonization of María Antonia de Paz y Figuerola, known

in our country as "Mama Antula", who became the first Argentine Saint.

Saint María Antonia de Paz y Figuerola was known for her extensive evangelizing journeys, which she made barefoot, and during which she founded several houses for spiritual retreats throughout Argentina.

Two healing miracles attributed to "Mama Antula" enabled two patients who had life-threatening illnesses to be cured, one in 1904 and the other in 2017.

For President Milei, who in his daily life has shown to be a person with a very intense spiritual life, the meeting with Pope Francis had a special meaning and allowed him to give a heartfelt embrace to the person he values as the most important Argentine in history. ■

FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT BY PRESIDENT MILEI TO ISRAEL AND ITALY

On February 6, the President of Argentina, Mr. Javier Gerardo Milei, arrived in Tel Aviv, where he was received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yisrael Katz. This was part of his first official trip to Israel, after which he traveled to Rome and the Vatican. Accompanying President Javier Milei during his stay in Israel were the Secretary General of the Presidency, Karina Milei; the Chancellor, Diana Mondino; and the Ambassador appointed to the State of Israel, Axel Wahnish.

After his arrival, President Milei visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where he was received by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz. On February 6 in the afternoon, Milei met with the president of the State of Israel, Isaac Herzog, with the aim of deepening relations between both countries.

The next day, President Milei held a meeting in Jerusalem

with the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. After that, the President visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum located on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, and paid tribute to the memory of the six million Jews murdered during World War II. In the Keren Kayemet Lelsrael Forest, fulfilling a tradition of the Jewish people, he planted a tree so that it will be rooted in Jerusalem.

On February 8, the President visited the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher located in the Old City of Jerusalem, a site particularly revered by Christians around the world. Likewise, President Milei visited Kibbutz Nir Or near Gaza, where he accompanied victims of the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7 in their grief. There, the President visited the home of Ofelia Feler de Roitman, a freed Argentine-Israeli hostage, and met other freed hostages, relatives of victims of terrorism, and relatives of Argentines

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who are still held hostage in the Gaza Strip.

In Rome on February 11, the President thanked the Israeli Defense Forces, the Shabak and the Israeli Police for having successfully rescued Argentines Fernando Simon Marman (60) and Louis Har (70), who were kidnapped last October 7 by the Hamas terrorist group.

On Monday, February 12, the President and his delegation were received at the Palazzo Quirinale by the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, and at Palazzo Chigi by the President of the Council of Ministers, Giorgia Meloni, in meetings that renewed the historic bond of friendship between both countries. ■



Ten Argentine companies participated in The NAMM Show in California.

ARGENTINA AT NAMM SHOW 2024

For the tenth consecutive time, Argentina participated in The NAMM Show, also known as The National Association of Music Merchants Show, the most important the world's most important trade fair for musical instruments, accessories, equipment, music, lighting and sound in the world. The event took place from January 25 to 28, 2024 in Anaheim, California.

The Argentine delegation included ten companies that participated in the Trade Mission organized by the Directorate of Tourism, Sports, Cultural Industries and Knowledge-Based Services (DNTEC), ascribed to the Undersecretariat of Trade and Investment Promotion (SUPCI); the Argentine Agency for Investment and International Trade (AAICI); and the Argentine Consulate General and Trade Promotion Center in Los Angeles.

The event stands out as an important platform for companies in this sector to present their latest products, make connections, share knowledge, and keep up to date with the latest trends. As part of the Mission, networking events took place in the Argentine Pavilion with specialized international counterparts.

The activities were launched by the Consul General of Argentina in Los Angeles, Héctor Monacci, who introduced the companies with the aim of expanding their trade opportunities. Likewise, B2B meetings were held, and companies reported that sales were successfully completed.

At the end of the event, the following musicians performed: Lucho Pellegrini, Munir Hossn, Francisco Fattoruso,

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Pritesh Walia and Maximilien Anhorn, which sparked great interest among the visitors to the Argentine stand.

Representatives from the following Argentine Pavilion was attended by Liuteria Buenos Ayres (fretted stringed instruments); Magma Music (strings for musical instruments); Medina Artigas (strings for musical instruments); Bustos Custom Guitars (electric guitars); Yumba (resins for bows of fretted stringed instruments); O Guitars (hybrid nylon-steel string guitars); Caterpillar (percussion instrument accessories); Swam basses (electric basses); Quarks (bass); Zagert Hermanos La Alpujarra (classical guitars). Also participating was the Argentine Chamber of Musical Instrument Manufacturers, which was established in 2012 and brings together manufacturers and luthiers of musical instruments, accessories and musical equipment from all over the country. It is part of an industry with a history of more than 150 years. ■