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President Javier Milei (Photo: Oficina del Presidente).

PRESIDENT JAVIER MILEI WELCOMES THE U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER JAMES

On Monday, April 29, President Javier Milei welcomed the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter James, along with the General Secretary of the Presidency, Karina Milei, the Minister of Security, Patricia Bullrich, and other authorities. USCGC James will participate in joint drills with the Argentine Naval Prefecture at the boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

The USCG Cutter James is part of the U.S. Coast Guard, under the Department of Homeland Security. Staffed by 150 men and women, it is one of the largest and most technologically advanced vessels in the Coast Guard fleet, whose crew is dedicated to missions that include, among others, combating drug trafficking and monitoring for Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUU-F) activities in the Atlantic Ocean.

This visit by USCGC James marks another milestone in the partnership between Argentina and the United States,

aimed at improving maritime security and combating illicit activities at sea. It is expected that Argentine and U.S. crews will carry out joint exercises, emphasizing the spirit of cooperation of this mission.

Argentina's Minister of Security, Patricia Bullrich, stated that the visit of the USCG Coast Guard Cutter James will help the Argentine Naval Prefecture combat illegal fishing in what she considered "a historic day for strengthening relations with the United States." ■

BILATERAL DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES

On April 25, a new meeting of the Bilateral Dialogue on Human Rights between the Republic of Argentina and the United States took place at San Martín Palace in Buenos Aires.

The visit of a U.S. delegation to our country confirms the relevance that cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights has in both countries' bilateral agenda, and this follows the meeting held last year, also at the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, issues of mutual interest were discussed, such as the right to freedom of religion and belief, freedom of expression, the fight against antisemitism, the state of democracy throughout the

region, and the rights of vulnerable groups, among other topics. Likewise, the officials present exchanged views on the positions of Argentina and the United States regarding different initiatives within the framework of the United Nations and the Inter-American system for the protection of human rights.

The Argentine delegation was headed by the Undersecretary for Foreign Policy, Ambassador Marcia Levaggi. Also participating were the Special Representative of Argentina at the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and Special Representative for Combating Antisemitism, Ambassador Fabiana Loguzzo; the Director for North America, Minister Jorge Luis López Menardi; the Director for Human Rights, Minister Christian Machuca,

Delegations from the United States and Argentina, headed by Ambassadors Marc Stanley and Marcia Levaggi (ctr.) (Photo: Prensa Cancillería).



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and other diplomatic corps officials.

The U.S. delegation was composed of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Enrique Roig; the Director of the Office of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs of the Bureau of International Organizations, Daniel Kronenfeld; and the Director of the Office of Brazil and Southern Cone Affairs, Orna Blum. They were accompanied by the Ambassador to Argentina, Marc Stanley, and other U.S. diplomatic officials.

Both parties stressed the importance of maintaining and deepening this dialogue, given their common values and shared interests such as unwavering respect for freedom, representative democracy, and the rule of law. The next edition of the Bilateral Dialogue will take place in Washington DC, in the first semester of 2025. ■



Representatives of Argentine software companies at the Consulate General of Argentina in Atlanta.

TRADE MISSION OF ARGENTINE SOFTWARE COMPANIES TRAVELED TO ATLANTA

On April 15 and 16, 15 Argentine software companies participated in a trade mission to Atlanta, organized by the Consulate General of Argentina in Atlanta and the Directorate for the Promotion for Knowledge-Based Services, Creative Industries, Tourism and Sports of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina.

These 15 companies had the opportunity to visit the prestigious Georgia Tech and the main incubators and accelerators in Georgia, the Advance Technology Development Center (one of the first state-funded accelerators in the US), and Atlanta Tech Village, the fourth largest technology innovation community in the US. The president of the Technology Association of Georgia, which has 35,000 members, received the delegation and provided a valuable space for networking.

The Argentine companies held meetings at the Metro Atlanta Chamber, interacted with representatives of leading companies for example Siemens Advanta, Carter's, Chick-Fil-A, Capgemini, Equifax, Kimberly-Clark, Coca Cola North America, Arauco, as well as with other local companies, startups and key players, such as the Argentine American Chamber of Commerce Southeast, the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Organizations such as the World Affairs Council of Atlanta and Global Atlanta, a specialized international business publication, also participated in the activities, amplifying their reach and dissemination. In addition, Atlanta's Senior Tech Advisor, Donnie Beamer, provided support.

The trade mission enjoyed a varied panorama of the technological ecosystem of Atlanta and the region. In this

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regard, Atlanta is the sixth most populated metropolitan area in the U.S. and a center of relevance in Fintech: 80% of financial transactions and electronic payments in the U.S. are processed in Georgia.

During the past six years, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic, Argentine software companies have visited Atlanta as part of trade missions, and also participated in Georgia Tech programs and specialized trade exhibits. This is a clear demonstration of consistency and continuity in the work to generate long-lasting relationships and bonds of trust in the region.

Argentina offers excellent conditions for nearshoring due to its favorable time zone, outstanding technical expertise, excellent English language proficiency, as well as high-quality human resources characterized by flexibility, adaptability, critical thinking and commitment to results. ■