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Amb. Argüello, Sec. of Strategic Affairs, Gustavo Beliz, National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan & Special Assistant to the President, Juan Gonzalez.

MEETING OF THE SECRETARY OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS, GUSTAVO BELIZ, WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, JAKE SULLIVAN

As part of a sequence of high-level visits to the United States, including those of the Chief of Cabinet, Juan Manzur and the Minister of the Economy, Martín Guzmán the previous week, Argentina's Secretary for Strategic Affairs, Gustavo Beliz, travelled to Washington DC during the week of October 18. His official visit concluded with a meeting with the U.S. National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan.

Both officials agreed to "advance a roadmap for bilateral cooperation", established at their meeting held in August in Buenos Aires, through mechanisms that will, on the one hand, accelerate the development of a knowledge economy with social and gender inclusion, and on the other, promoting new socially and environmentally sustainable investments in artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure,



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about Argentina's Secretary for Strategic Affairs, Gustavo Beliz's official visit to Washington DC, which concluded with a meeting with the U.S. National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan.

In this edition we also include an article about my working trip to the state of Georgia with the aim of strengthening trade and investment flows, and links with local universities and the Argentine community.

Finally, an article on my meeting with Donald Byrd, Director of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

BÉLIZ AND SULLIVAN REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVANCING IN A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION WITH THE IMF THAT CONTRIBUTES TO A SUSTAINABLE DEBT AND LONG-TERM, INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN ARGENTINA.

federal connectivity, inclusion and technological diversity.

There were also coincidences on the need to strengthen public and private sector convergence, the importance of focusing on “joint efforts to address the urgency of climate change, leveraging international financial institutions to promote an ecological and equitable economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and working together to foster innovation in the digital economy and emerging technology and working together to foster innovation in the digital economy and emerging technology”.

In this regard, they defined the priorities regarding the first topics of public-private strategic dialogue:

- a. Innovation and economy 4.0, including infrastructure for connectivity, technological inclusion, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and complementation of satellite capabilities.
- b. Climate change, focusing on energy transition, circular economy, biotechnology and sustainable agriculture.

During his visit, the Argentine official worked with the Multilateral Development Banks to broaden the agenda of support programs for Argentina.

This official mission also included his participation in the

25th CAF Annual Conference, and a working meeting in which concrete alternatives in terms of financial innovation for the capitalization of development institutions using Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were discussed.

In addition, in a dynamic promoted in conjunction with the United States Chamber of Commerce and AMCHAM in Buenos Aires, which had the support of the Argentine Embassy in Washington, officials from both countries launched the Strategic Dialogue together with the main US companies in the sector 4.0 between the United States and Argentina focused on Artificial Intelligence, Information, Connectivity and Technology. The launch was accompanied by White House officials responsible for International Economy and Competitiveness, Peter Harrell, and Cybersecurity, Amit Mital, along with others from various federal government agencies.

On the other hand, the Argentine government official held a working meeting with President Biden’s Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, Jonathan Pershing, where the commitments of both countries with climate action were considered in view of COP 26 and the means of implementation necessary to such an end.

Finally, Argentina’s Secretary for Strategic Affairs met with the Vice Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, with whom he analyzed spaces for cooperation in technology, climate adaptation, migration and human rights, in addition to reiterating the importance of advancing in sustainable agreements on external debt, which include better conditions and the possibility of a recovery with social inclusion and integral human development.

In this regard, it should be noted especially that during this visit, the officials ratified the will of both presidents, Alberto Fernández and Joseph Biden, to promote common actions aimed at facilitating the quickest recovery in Argentina, recognizing “the importance of to advance in a successful negotiation with the IMF, which contributes to sustainable debt and long-term inclusive growth.” ■

VISIT TO GEORGIA WITH A FOCUS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Argentine Ambassador Jorge Argüello made a working visit to the state of Georgia on October 17 and 18, with an agenda full of political meetings, as well as others with the aim of strengthening trade and investment flows, and links with local universities and the Argentine community.

Among other activities in which also participated the Consul in Atlanta, Juan Manuel Navarro, the visit included a working meeting with Senator Jon Ossoff, a conference at the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, a visit to the National Center for Human and Civil Rights, a Discussion held at the World Affairs Council in Atlanta, as visits to the Tecme facilities, a company of Argentine origin that manufactures pulmonary respirators, and to Lockheed company's plant.

In the framework of the meeting with Senator Ossoff,

the Ambassador and the Democratic legislator reviewed the joint initiatives carried out by the governments of Argentina and the United States and highlighted the growing coincidences on human rights and climate change, among other axes.

Among the key objectives of the official trip to Georgia, the promotion of trade with the state and the dissemination of information on investment opportunities offered by our country, were highlighted.

In this regard, in his presentation at the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, which brings together companies such as Coca Cola, Delta, UPS, NCR and Home Depot, among others, Argüello referred to the legislative initiatives recently launched in the country that aim to promote

Senator Jon Ossoff (Left) with Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Right).



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The defense of Human Rights is consolidated in our country as a robust State policy, cross-cutting all public policies. It is one of the fundamental pillars of Argentina's foreign policy that permanently unites us with the priorities of the United States.

Ambassador Argüello also had the opportunity to meet with an outstanding group of Argentine professional women who contribute with effort and talent, to strengthen the bond between our country and the state of Georgia.

This official visit is in addition to those already made during this semester to the jurisdictions of New York, Chicago and Houston, where Argentina has Consulates General. ■

competitiveness, increase exports and attract investment in strategic sectors.

The Ambassador provided details on the Law on Knowledge-Based Services and the bills for the Promotion of Investments in Hydrocarbons, Promotion of Sustainable Mobility, Investments in the automotive sector, and the Promotion of Federal Agro-industrial Development, among others.

Likewise, during his visit to Tecme's facilities, an Argentine company in Atlanta, Ambassador Argüello highlighted the company's 50-year history manufacturing ventilators, generating products of vital importance for many people around the world, especially in the framework of the pandemic. The company was founded in 1966 in Córdoba and became a global company with activities in more than 50 countries.

Another moment that took on special relevance during the Official Visit to Georgia, was at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, which explores the history of the movements in the United States that contributed to advance the rights agenda.



Ambassador Jorge Argüello at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

AMBASSADOR JORGE ARGÜELLO AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN ATLANTA

During his trip to the city of Atlanta, Ambassador Jorge Argüello paid a visit to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, where he was received by its Director, Donald Byrd.

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights reflects the history of the civil rights movement in the United States, and its greatest collection concentrates the documents and belongings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a native of Atlanta.

Accompanied by the Director of the National Center, and the Argentine Consul Juan Navarro, Ambassador Argüello toured the different exhibitions of the Museum, which interactively highlights the different stages in the fight for

civil rights in the United States, showing Atlanta and the State of Georgia are one of the centers of that fight.

It should be noted that the National Center for Human and Civil Rights also dedicates a wing of its facilities to represent aspects of the struggle for human rights throughout the world.

The exhibition “Spark of Conviction: Global Human Rights Movement” begins with a mural of Mothers of Plaza de Mayo marching during the Argentine dictatorship, along with other iconic images around the world.

In the part dedicated to the “defenders” in the fight for human rights, there is a series of seven portraits of

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rights has become over the years a strong state policy in my country, transversal to all public policies, becoming one of the Argentine foreign policy's fundamental pillars. I am convinced that the struggle for civil and human rights is something that unites all human beings, something that goes well beyond circumstantial - and superficial - differences among us. The fact that our Estela de Carlotto, the President of Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, is recognized here as a “Human Rights Champion”, constitutes an irrefutable evidence of this”, said Ambassador Argüello. ■

personalities who have become world icons, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Vaclav Havel, Yelena Bonner and the Argentine María Estela de Carlotto.

In front of Mrs. Estela de Carlotto's painting, the Argentine ambassador was able to relate aspects of the history of the Grandmother of Plaza de Mayo to the Director of the Center, and it was an opportunity to discuss together the stories of different struggles with a common goal of freedom and dignity.

Ambassador Argüello said that he was deeply honored to visit the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, whose powerful collection and narrative speaks not only about the past, but also -and above all- about the future, about the importance of understanding that our commitment with civil and human rights must be a permanent one, and that it should be our most precious legacy to younger generations.

“That is why the promotion and protection of human