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President Joseph Biden (Left), Chancellor, Santiago Cafiero (Ctr.) and President Alberto Fernández (Right).

PRESIDENT ALBERTO FERNÁNDEZ PARTICIPATED IN THE LEADERS' SUMMIT IN ROME

During his visit to Rome last weekend, President Alberto Fernández participated in the G20 Leaders' Summit and held important bilateral meetings with Heads of State of the world's main economies and officials from international organizations.

Fernández's activity started on Saturday at La Nuvola

Convention Center in Rome, where he attended the Summit's Welcome Ceremony and, after the traditional family photo of the event with other leaders, he addressed the plenary sessions of the G20.

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Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the Participation of President Fernández at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Rome where he held important bilateral meetings with Heads of State of the world's main economies and officials from international organizations.

In this edition we also include an article on the reopening of the country's borders, allowing the entry of foreign tourists from all over the world as of November 1st.

Finally, an article on my visit to TECME, one of the world's leading manufacturers of ventilators for intensive care designed in Argentina with local technology.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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administration “is a clear example of what is wrong” with the international financial system and argued that “the current system, which prioritizes speculation over peoples’ development must change”, while calling for international financing to set “new rules to be able to equalize our societies, with positive impacts and addressing climate change.”

In his first bilateral meeting that day, President Fernández

met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, then met with the presidents of France, Emmanuel Macron, and Spain, Pedro Sánchez, and with the heads of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the European Council, Charles Michel. In addition, he enjoyed the opportunity to greet and speak with his counterparts from the United States, Joseph Biden; from Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro; and India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

During these meetings, the president was accompanied by the ministers of Foreign Relations, International Trade and Worship, Santiago Cafiero; the Economy, Martín Guzmán; the Secretary of Strategic Affairs, Gustavo Beliz; and the G20 Sherpa, Jorge Argüello, Argentine ambassador to the United States.

Later, at the Argentine Embassy in Italy, the president held a meeting with the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Kristalina Georgieva. During the meeting, also attended by the Minister of Economy Martín

President Alberto Fernández (Left) and Ambassador Jorge Argüello, G20 Sherpa (Right).



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Guzmán and the Secretary of Strategic Affairs Gustavo Beliz, their dialogue to advance negotiations of a new program continued. After their discussions, both parties agreed that it had been a productive meeting. Negotiations by the parties continue, to be able to reach an agreement that allows Argentina to repay the inherited debt as a result of decisions made by the previous administration and by the leadership of the multilateral credit organization that preceded Kristalina Georgieva.

Accompanied by the first lady, Fabiola Yañez, Fernández later participated in an event hosted by the President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, Mario Draghi, in honor of the Heads of State and Government who attended the Summit and was held at the Baths of Diocletian. That night, together with the First Lady and Minister Guzmán, he attended a gala dinner hosted by his Italian counterpart, Sergio Mattarella, at the Quirinal Palace, official residence of the country's president.

The Head of State's agenda in Rome continued on Sunday, with three working meetings with Queen Máxima of the Netherlands; the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; and the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

In the afternoon, the President flew to Glasgow in Scotland, where he participated in the World Leaders' Summit of the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP26). ■

ARGENTINA REOPENS ITS DOORS TO FOREIGN TOURISM

Argentina's Vaccination Plan continues making headway, and now that a high coverage threshold was achieved, government officials are reopening the country's borders, allowing the entry of foreign tourists from all over the world as of November 1st. Likewise, entry quotas will be eliminated at all ports of entry, after being enforced to control the spread of the Delta variant.

Fully vaccinated foreign tourists will be able to enter Argentine territory; the date of their latest vaccination must be least 14 days prior to the trip. Argentina accepts all vaccines approved by the countries of origin.

Even tourists who are not fully vaccinated will be able to enter Argentina - but in that case they will have to quarantine for 7 days.

A negative PCR test result issued 72 hours before entering the country will also be required, except for children under 6 that have health insurance coverage.

This reopening has been highly anticipated both by the country's tourism sector as well as by foreign tourists who have waited to resume international travel to Argentina and all of South America, after 20 months of pandemic and mandatory confinements applied in different regions since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

It should be highlighted that the decrease in infections in the country, plus the fact that nearly 60% of the population has been fully vaccinated, has not only facilitated the Argentine government's decision regarding the reopening of national borders but has also had positive consequences

Nahuel Huapi Lake, Rio Negro. Photo Credit: Turismo Argentina



THIS YEAR THE WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS CHOSE ARGENTINA AS THE “LEADING DESTINATION IN SOUTH AMERICA”

on outbound tourism. This week the European Union added Argentina to its COVID-19 “white list”, that is, the list of safe countries from an epidemiological point of view, whose citizens can travel to the EU for pleasure and not just for essential reasons. Likewise, the United Kingdom also removed Argentina from its “red list” and in the coming weeks it is expected that the vaccination cards issued in Argentina will be approved.

A positive impact is also expected on the flow of tourists between Argentina and the United States, both inbound and outbound. With the elimination of flight restrictions as of November 1st, it is expected that traditional air routes will be restored according to pre-pandemic frequencies. Thus, Aerolíneas Argentinas, American Airlines, Delta and United will progressively resume their direct flights to Miami, New York, Houston, Atlanta and Dallas; many of them are already operational, and as of this week their frequencies will increase. The United States ranked sixth among the countries of origin of foreign tourists that visited Argentina in the past five years, reaching a total of 460.000 in 2019 prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 and that trend is expected to rise in the coming months, with the reopening of Argentine borders and the arrival of the austral summer.

A recent fact that adds to the favorable prospects for receptive tourism in Argentina is that it was chosen “Leading Destination in South America” by the World Travel Awards (WTA), the authority that recognizes the best destinations and tourism providers globally. The WTA award is the result of two million votes from professionals in the tourism

sector and travelers who choose the winners in each category. In particular, the category “Leading Destination in South America” has been awarded since 1996 and it is the first time that Argentina has received it. ■

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Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Left), Constanza Demmel, Chief Operating Officer, and Patricio Keegan, Global Marketing Director (Right).

TECME, AN ARGENTINE COMPANY THAT PRODUCES VENTILATORS FOR 50 COUNTRIES

In the context of a trip to the state of Georgia, Ambassador Jorge Arguello visited TECME's plant where he was received by Constanza Demmel, Chief Operating Officer, and Patricio Keegan, Global Marketing Director, and whom he congratulated for 50 years of rich history producing a product of vital importance for preserving the lives of so many people, as the COVID pandemic demonstrated.

TECME's ventilators are designed in Argentina with local technology and compete in a market as competitive as the United States. Ambassador Arguello stressed that "as argentinians, we are proud of this company." TECME's technology, human resources and quality show that our country makes its contribution and it's equipped to face global challenges.

TECME is one of the world's leading manufacturers of ventilators for intensive care units. Founded in 1966, in Córdoba, Argentina, Tecme has become an international company with a presence in more than 50 countries. The company exports 80% of the total production. In each of its products, TECME exceeded the required quality and design standards, which are necessary to guarantee safe ventilation for patients.

A production plant strategically located in Atlanta optimizes the distribution of ventilators in different markets around the world, and complying with the highest world quality standards.

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President and Vice President of TECME respectively, carried out the research and development of mechanical respirators, with the aim of assisting the pulmonary ventilation of patients with different types respiratory failure. In 1967 the company began to manufacture the first models of pressure-cycled equipment. In 1970 the Neumovent D-VI was developed with the characteristic of being of the volumetric type, which was a great technological advance for the time.

Ten years after the start of the company, it took a great leap forward, and the respirators that until now were of the volumetric type, became of the microprocessed category, with the generation of Graph respirators, controlled by a microprocessor and that have been evolving to the present day. The development of the equipment is based on the company's own research and technology.

Since 2003 TECME has a Quality Management System with ISO 13485 certification for medical devices. On the other hand, GraphNet Advance, Neo and TS respirators have been awarded the CE Mark certificate by the European Community and FDA. In 2008 the first GraphNet model was developed, whose technology forms the basis of all equipment today. ■