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(From left to right) Pam Melroy, Guillermo Salvatierra, Bill Nelson, Daniel Filmus and Raúl Kulichevsky at NASA.

DANIEL FILMUS, THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION VISITED WASHINGTON DC TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, came to Washington DC between March 21 and 22 for the opening of the Argentine stand at the Satellite 2022 Conference and Exhibition, together with the Minister of Productive Development, Matías Kulfas, and Ambassador Jorge Arguello, and to strengthen the scientific-technological cooperation between both

countries. In this framework, Minister Filmus held a working meeting with the Principal Deputy Secretary for Scientific and Technological Cooperation at the Department of State, Jennifer R. Littlejohn.

Both officials highlighted their efforts to deepen their bilateral cooperation and agreed that the 50th Anniversary



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the visit of the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, to strengthen the scientific-technological cooperation between Argentina and the United States.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting with Georgia Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff and ambassadors from Latin American countries

Finally, an article on the virtual conversation with the President of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, Estela de Carlotto and the Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya during the commemoration of the "Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice".

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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of the Scientific and Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the United States of America, signed in April 1972, represents an excellent opportunity to advance towards this goal. For Argentina, one of the priority areas is space cooperation.

It should be noted that Argentina is one of the few countries that has been able to develop space technology and to have four geostationary satellites in orbit, working in close cooperation with NASA in designing and launching satellites into space. This successful experience drives Argentina's interest in working on new projects between CONAE (National Commission for Space Activities) and the United States. To lay the foundations for a closer collaboration between NASA and CONAE, Minister Filmus visited the NASA facilities and held a meeting with its administrator, Bill Nelson. The minister also participated in a business table with representatives of companies from both countries, organized jointly with CompTIA (an organization that brings together major companies in the sector).

He also held working meetings with the Associate Director for Laboratory Programs of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Eric Lin, and with the Acting Assistant Administrator for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Research, Cisco Werner. The Minister presented the 2030 Science Plan which

establishes the 10 priorities for the next 10 years, and the areas in which public investments will be focusing on. At the same time, he specifically underlined the importance given to the energy transition, nanotechnology, new materials, biotechnology, metalworking, the incorporation of digital technologies, and the exploration and conservation of the Antarctic and the Arctic.

Minister Filmus also held an informal exchange with representatives from the most important think tanks in Washington DC. Among them: The Atlantic Council, The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Wilson Center and The Inter-American Dialogue. During the meeting, Argentina's policies for the knowledge economy industries, their export potential and technology transfer were addressed.

Throughout his visit, Filmus highlighted the talent of Argentine professionals and the policies that allow them to transform their highly-qualified capacity into exportable products and services. On the other hand, he also referred to the convergence between both countries on their priority issues in the field of science and technology, thereby making the current moment ideal to advance bilateral cooperation projects. ■



Ambassador Jorge Argüello (left) and Senator Jon Ossoff (right).

AMBASSADOR ARGUELLO MET WITH SENATOR JON OSSOFF AND OTHER AMBASSADORS FROM OUR REGION AT THE EMBASSY

On March 28, Ambassador Jorge Argüello hosted a working meeting with Georgia Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff, who was accompanied by his legislative adviser Balaji Narain. The meeting was attended by the following ambassadors from Latin American countries in Washington DC: from Colombia, Juan Carlos Pinzón; from the Dominican Republic, Sonia Guzmán; from Guatemala, Alfonso Quiñonez Lemus; from Paraguay, Antonio Dos Santos; and the Chargé d'Affaires of Bolivia, Alejandro Bilbao la Vieja Ruiz.

The meeting, held at the Argentine Embassy, allowed

the participants to exchange their points of view on the relationship between the United States and the region from the perspective of each of their countries. They identified the challenges, as well as the great possibilities, to promote a greater linkage between the nations that make up the Western Hemisphere.

In this regard, Senator Ossoff and the ambassadors expressed their points of view; in particular, they referred to the positive impact that could be achieved by increasing bilateral trade and investments by US companies in the region. Likewise, other issues of common interest on the



Senator Jon Ossoff (Ctr.) with ambassadors of Latin American countries.

ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST
ON THE INTERNATIONAL
AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED,
SUCH AS ADDRESSING CLIMATE
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PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS,
AMONG OTHERS.

After recalling that President Joe Biden's Administration is organizing the Ninth Summit of the Americas to be held next June in Los Angeles, California (the first time that this country will host this meeting since the inaugural summit held in Miami, Florida, in 1994), those present emphasized that the summit represents an opportunity to give a renewed dynamism to their hemispheric ties, taking into account that it will bring together the Heads of State of our region. ■

international agenda were considered, such as addressing climate change and protecting and promoting human rights, among others.



Estela de Carlotto, President of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.

RECOGNITION OF ESTELA DE CARLOTTO AND “GRANDMOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO” ON NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

During the commemoration of the “Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice”, the date on which our country pays tribute to the victims of State terrorism perpetrated by the last military dictatorship of 1976-1983, the Argentine Embassy organized a virtual conversation between Ambassador Jorge Argüello and the President of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, Estela de Carlotto, which also included the participation of the Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya.

Undersecretary Zeya delivered the opening remarks, after which Ambassador Argüello and Estela de Carlotto engaged in an interesting dialogue that was later broadcast on Public TV and can be seen on the ARGinUSA YouTube channel. Both of them reflected on diverse issues related

to the process of Memory, Truth and Justice, especially the struggle of the Grandmothers and Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, as well as its profound impact on the consolidation of the promotion and protection of human rights as a state policy of Argentina throughout the world.

In her remarks, Under Secretary Zeya stressed that the United States applauds the historic endeavors of Estela de Carlotto and the Grandmothers to turn the Argentine Republic into an international leader in the field of human rights, both with regard to violations that occurred in the past and to promote policies focused on these rights throughout the region.

Zeya also expressed her country's commitment to work closely with civil society organizations and like-minded

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Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights.

governments such as Argentina, to promote transparency, justice, human rights and democracy.

In this framework, she emphasized the support of the United States for the efforts undertaken in Argentina to promote justice for the victims, and enabling the accountability of those responsible of committing atrocities and abuses, a joint effort that, in her opinion, illustrates the existing partnership on human rights. She also stated that the US is proud to have supported the Grandmothers in their quest for justice.

On the other hand, she stressed that the United States hopes to continue collaborating with Argentina on other

shared objectives, such as the promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people, and the fight against anti-Semitism, and expressed hope that our country will continue to lead on these and other key democratic issues in the region and globally, especially at a time when it chairs the United Nations Human Rights Council. Likewise, she congratulated Argentina for its commitment to an inclusive democracy, stating that for democracies to fulfill their promises to its citizens, all individuals must be valued, respected and included in the process of governing.

Lastly, Undersecretary Zeya said she was looking forward to working together on the common issues that unite us throughout the current “Year of Action” of the Summit for Democracy, with the aim of advancing human rights throughout the world. ■