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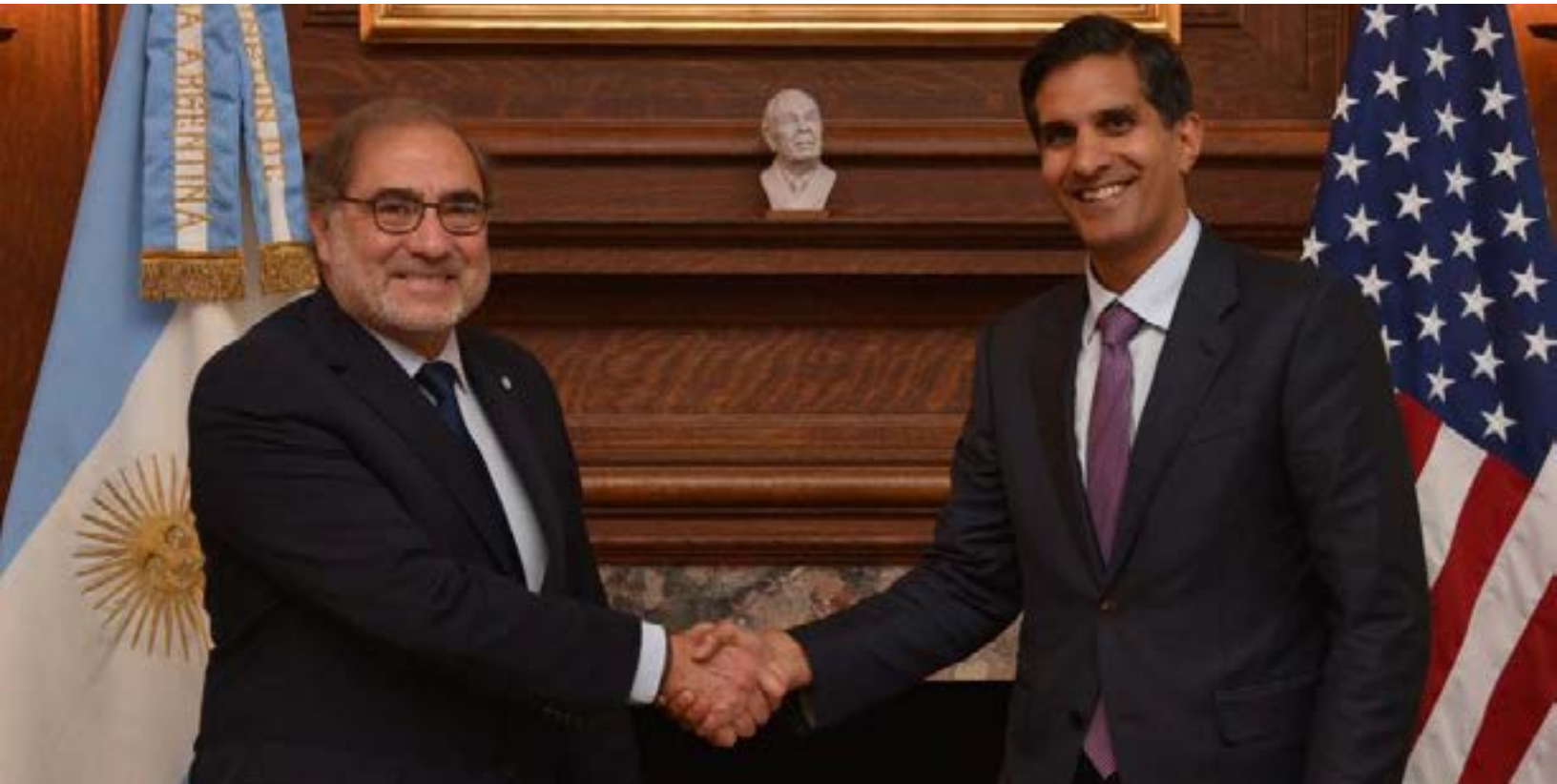
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Sherpa Amb. Jorge Argüello (left), Sherpa Daleep Singh (right).

CONSULTATION MEETING WITH DALEEP SINGH, US G20 SHERPA

As the G20 ministerial meetings approach, our country's Sherpa at the G20, Ambassador Jorge Argüello, held a consultation meeting with the Sherpa of the United States, Daleep Singh.

Argentina and the United States attach great importance to the G20 as a forum for international economic cooperation; since the 2008 financial crisis it has served a useful purpose, as well as in the past few years when

addressing the impacts of the pandemic and the challenges posed by climate change.

This was supposed to be the year of post-COVID normalization and a revival of global economic growth, as envisioned by the Indonesian presidency with its slogan "Recover Together, Recover Stronger".

However, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has deeply changed



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article on the consultation meeting held with the United States Sherpa, Daleep Singh.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting held by the Secretary for Strategic Affairs Gustavo Béliz with the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, during his official visit to Washington DC in April.

Finally, an article on the visit of the head of the Southern Command, General Laura J. Richardson to Argentina in April 25-26 and her meeting with Vice President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

THE G20 NOW FACES THE TASK OF HELPING OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES BROUGHT BY A MARKED UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUSTAINED AND BROAD-BASED RECOVERY THIS YEAR.

the global economic and financial system. There is a marked uncertainty surrounding the prospects for a sustained and broad-based recovery this year.

It is proving to be a period of geopolitical realignments, persistent supply disruptions, and financial market volatility, all of which are playing out in a context of surging inflationary pressures and limited space for policymaking. The war in Ukraine, the resurgence of COVID-19 in some parts of the world, and the lack of macroeconomic policy options available to most governments will make 2022 a difficult year for global growth.

The G20 now faces the task of helping overcome this challenge. ■



MEETING WITH THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE JOHN KERRY

During his official visit to Washington DC in April, the Secretary for Strategic Affairs Gustavo Béliz met at the State Department with the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry and his deputy Richard Duke, ratifying that both governments share a concern about climate change. Ambassador Jorge Argüello and the Undersecretary of Knowledge for Development Rodrigo Rodríguez Tornquist also participated in the meeting.

The working meeting highlights the level of understanding between the administrations of President Alberto Fernández and President Joe Biden regarding the high priority they give to this agenda. During the past year, the Argentine Head of State participated in the Leaders' Summit on Climate as well as in the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, events convened by the

United States, and Special Envoy Kerry participated in the High-level Dialogue on Climate Action in the Americas, in which our country was co-host. On the other hand, the Argentine and U.S. presidents coincided at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change held in Glasgow, Scotland.

At the meeting, Secretary Gustavo Béliz underscored to Special Envoy Kerry Argentina's willingness to work concertedly with the United States on climate action, and to promote exchanges focused on the challenges posed by energy security and food safety. Likewise, they alluded to the opportunities that are opening up for the Argentine Republic to play a relevant role in these discussions.

Another of the important points addressed by the

Gustavo Béliz together with Amb. Jorge Argüello and delegation (left) with Special Envoy John Kerry and team (right).



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delegations of both countries focused on the ideas they exchanged related to innovative mechanisms for climate financing.

Secretary Béliz and his team also made reference to the so-called eco-token, an innovative payment for ecosystem services instrument developed by the Secretariat for Strategic Affairs' team with the support of several international organizations; its main objective is to promote an inclusive and sustainable development in Argentina which is in line with its environmental commitments.

Likewise, the Argentine delegation referred to a possible channeling of special drawing rights (SDR) not used by developed countries, with the aim of promoting an energy transition and climate action, a task that could be carried out through regional banks. ■



Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner (left), Ambassador Marc Stanley (center), General Laura Richardson (right).

VICE PRESIDENT CRISTINA KIRCHNER MET WITH THE HEAD OF THE U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND LAURA RICHARDSON

For the second time in less than 13 months, the head of the Southern Command visited Argentina. Admiral Craig Faller went in April 7-9, 2021, and on this occasion it was General Laura J. Richardson who held meetings in Buenos Aires on April 25 and 26, 2022.

The General was received by the Minister of Defense, Jorge Taiana. They held a productive working meeting on issues of shared interest related to defense cooperation, such as training, military improvement and equipment for the Armed Forces.

Both officials also discussed other topics of mutual interest, including the visit of the frigate ARA Libertad from July 8 to 12, which will dock at the Port of Baltimore during

the traditional training trip carried out by this Argentine Navy ship. On the other hand, Minister Taiana explained the rationale behind the National Defense Policy Directive (DPDN) approved by President Alberto Fernández and the scope of the National Defense Fund (FONDEF) that allows the upgrading and modernization of the Armed Forces.

Later, Richardson was received by the Argentine Vice President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner in her Senate office. General Richardson, the second woman to become a four-star general and the first woman to lead the Southern Command in history, met with the first woman elected President by popular vote in Argentina, in an event that highlights the ongoing progress in gender equality in both countries.

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There is a significant cooperation between Argentina and the United States in the area of defense, in the framework of 22 instances of bilateral ties, 15 agreements, 5 mechanisms, an agreement between scientific and technological defense organizations, and an agreement with the Argentine Defense University. The regularity and frequency of these high-level contacts are further evidence of the willingness of both countries have to continue strengthening it. ■