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(From Left to Right) Ariel Eichbaum, DIna Siegel Vann, Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Deborah Lipstadt and Mark Wells.

## THE EMBASSY INAUGURATES A MOVING PHOTO EXHIBITION 28 YEARS AFTER THE ATTACK AGAINST AMIA

On May 4, the opening of the traveling photo exhibition “That day – Portraits of survivors of the AMIA attack” by renowned Argentine photographer Alejandra López took place at the Argentine Embassy. It brings together portraits of survivors of the worst terrorist attack in Argentine history, which took place on July 18, 1994 in Buenos Aires.

It arrived in Washington DC after an eight-month tour of different Argentine consulates in the United States,

starting with the invitation made by the Consul General in New York, Santiago Villalba. The exhibition’s poignant meaning placed an obligation on us: that people from all over the country should be able to see it.

The event was attended by the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, Jorge Argüello; the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, Deborah Lipstadt; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the opening of the traveling photo exhibition “That day – Portraits of survivors of the AMIA attack” by renowned Argentine photographer Alejandra López.

In this edition we also include an article on the political-business meeting organized by the Embassy and the Americas Society/Council of the Americas to address several issues of regional and bilateral interest.

Finally, an article on the \$500M investment that MMEX Resources Corporation will make in the province of Tierra del Fuego to produce green hydrogen and ammonia from wind energy.

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at the Department of State, Mark Wells; the Director of the Institute for Latin American Affairs of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), Dina Slegel Vann; and, specially invited from Buenos Aires, the President of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA), Ariel Eichbaum.

Likewise, officials from the United States Congress were present, including Representative Ted Deutch and other government officials, representatives of the accredited diplomatic community, highlighting the presence of the Ambassador of Israel, Michael Herzog, and Jewish organizations, including Rabbi Levi Shemtov. In this way, the opening also served to reinforce a political commitment to remembrance, but also to the future.

The exhibition conveys the before and after of the brutal attack among the survivors, and is comprised of 26 portraits printed on canvas made from recycled paper from newspapers and magazines that featured news about this bombing, and opens as we approach the 28th anniversary of the terrorist attack that claimed 85 lives and left 300 injured. In the words of Ambassador Lipstadt, it was “the deadliest anti-Semitic attack since the Holocaust.” It is ultimately an exercise in photographic memory. The works were created to perpetuate the voices of the survivors, who still have a vivid memory of that horror.

“The exhibition is an artistic activity that, besides generating a moving human and aesthetic experience, conveys a demand for justice and sends a clear message against impunity. We seek to contribute to the international

visibility of this case,” said Ambassador Jorge Argüello. And he added: “We are fighting against oblivion, we are fighting against impunity. This enduring remembrance represents the exercise of a steadfast will. It is a symbol of our determination. We are telling the world that those that wish to spread terror will not prevail, because we will never allow the attack to fade into oblivion.”

Generating tension and a moving aesthetic experience, the “That day” exhibit combines history, art, human drama and an undeniable political and identity statement: Argentina remembers. The idea of memory is ignited as what we choose not to forget.

A daily effort is needed to combat hatred and indifference. There is no better tribute to the victims of the AMIA attack than the search for justice and their permanent memory. ■

## HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH JUAN GONZÁLEZ AND THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS AT THE EMBASSY

At the Argentine diplomatic headquarters in Washington, the Embassy and the Americas Society/Council of the Americas organized a political-business meeting to address several issues of regional and bilateral interest.

On this occasion, we highlight the presence of Juan Gonzalez, the National Security Council Senior Director, and Susan Segal, President and CEO of the Americas Society/Council of the Americas, together with Ambassador Jorge Argüello.

Likewise, this event was attended by senior executives from strategic sector companies operating in Latin America and with investments in Argentina in the energy, mining, logistics, banking and finance, and health sectors, among others.

Ambassador Argüello first described the current process of economic recovery in Argentina, and highlighted the favorable evolution of key indicators such as GDP growth, increased exports, revitalization of industrial activities, investment announcements or existing investment expansions, and the drop in unemployment rate.

Likewise, he referred to the Knowledge Economy Law and several bills in areas such as agribusiness and electromobility, among others, emphasizing that their core objective is sustainability and a rise of exports.

During their conversation, those present valued Argentina's position as the main supplier of lithium to the United States. The role of the US companies involved in the extraction of this product and its processing for the

Embassy officials and members of COA with Juan Gonzalez (Ctr. L.), Ambassador Jorge Argüello and his wife (Ctr.) and Susan Segal (Ctr. R.).



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manufacturing batteries was also analyzed.

The country's advantages as a relevant actor in the energy transition process, thanks to its gas reserves and enormous potential in diverse renewable energies, such as wind, hydraulic and green hydrogen, among others, were discussed at the Embassy. The role of investments and the take-up of technology to unleash this field's full potential were also highlighted.

Likewise, the opportunity represented by the next Summit of the Americas to be held in Los Angeles next month was evaluated, as well as the Business Meeting that will take place on the sidelines of the Summit. ■



MSEX Resources Corporation.

## MSEX WILL INVEST \$500M TO PRODUCE GREEN HYDROGEN IN ARGENTINA

A U.S. company, MEX Resources Corporation, announced it will invest \$500 million in the province of Tierra del Fuego to produce green hydrogen and ammonia from wind energy, a project that will require two years of development and will generate 1,200 jobs according to information released by the Government of the Province of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and the South Atlantic Islands.

With headquarters in Texas, MEX has extensive experience in the exploration, extraction, refining and distribution of hydrocarbons, gas and electricity. It will now apply this experience to develop a wind farm and an electrolysis plant in the city of Rio Grande.

According to estimates announced by the province, this

project will generate 55 tons of hydrogen a day - around 160 megawatts- and enable the port of Rio Grande, located north of the Tierra del Fuego Province, to export hydrogen and ammonia.

On the other hand, this follows the recent announcement made by Australia's Fortescue Future Industries that it will invest more than \$8.4 billion to produce green hydrogen in Río Negro Province, thereby accelerating Argentina's commitment to its goals regarding the generation of clean energy.

The Argentine Republic's profile as a destination for investments to produce environment-friendly energies is enhanced both due to the commitment and support reflected in its policies, as well as to our country's natural

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conditions that favor this type of development.

Investments in wind and solar energy generation as complementary mechanisms to the hydrogen production process that are qualified as “clean” energy seek to harness the optimum wind frequency and intensity in the provinces located in the south of the Argentine Republic, as well as the plentiful number of days with full sun in the northern provinces of the country.

As Nabil Katabi, CEO of MMEX, stated during a ceremony held at the Provincial Government House, “the wind conditions are among the best in the world. This fact is becoming well known and I think we are well advanced when compared to other projects. It is also true that to do something at this scale, specific engineering work is required and few companies in the world have this capacity”.

In the specific case of MMEX Resources Corporation, the technology used will be developed jointly with Siemens Energy, preserving the utmost care in the production

chain to generate an optimal performance as regards environmental protection.

The Governor of the Province of Tierra del Fuego, Gustavo Melella, voiced his vision as follows: “We are aware of our province’s capacity to advance in the industrialization of natural resources, so that it does not become only an electronic hub, but rather that this can be accompanied by the installation of new productive proposals with added value and with environment protection, as in this case”. The aforementioned project is expected to start exporting green fuel in 2024.

Argentina has an early history regarding hydrogen; it declared it was of national interest in Law 26,123 (enacted in 2006), for the development of technology and production, as well as its use and applications as a fuel and an energy vector.

At the last opening session of the National Congress, President Alberto Fernández stressed that he seeks to create an adequate framework with regard to hydrogen, in order to stimulate its production and position Argentina in a world leadership role. ■