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President Joseph Biden (Left), Chancellor, Santiago Cafiero (Ctr.) and President Alberto Fernández (Right) at the G20 Summit in Rome, Italy 2021.

## PRESIDENT BIDEN INVITED PRESIDENT FERNÁNDEZ TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT THE END OF JULY

On June 1, the Argentine President, Alberto Fernández, had a telephone conversation with the President of the United States, Joe Biden. During that communication, Biden formalized an invitation for Fernández to visit Washington during the last week of July, in order to deepen the bilateral relationship on a broad agenda of strategic cooperation, including climate change, financial cooperation, renewable

energies, technological innovation, human rights and agri-food production.

It will be the first in person meeting between the two leaders in the city of Washington. However, both Presidents have already had several telephone conversations and epistolary exchanges and have participated in joint



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about an article about President Joe Biden's formal invitation for President Alberto Fernández to visit Washington during the last week of July.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting with Michael Pyle, President Joe Biden's new G7 and G20 Sherpa, accompanied by his collaborators Nicholas Klinger and Rosa Po.

Finally, an article about the Salon Dinner organized by the Embassy of Argentina in collaboration with Meridian International, in which a group of talented musicians and dancers presented the history of tango and its evolution.

Jorge Argüello  
Ambassador to the United States

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meetings with other leaders. For illustrative purposes, on December 9, the Argentine President participated by videoconference in the Summit for Democracy organized by the US president. On September 9, Fernández spoke, also virtually, together with global leaders, at the Forum of Major Economies on Energy and Climate, convened by the President of the United States. On the other hand, Fernández and Biden had briefly spoken on October 30, within the framework of the protocol greetings at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Rome. And before, on April 22, 2021, the Argentine president spoke at the Summit of Leaders on Climate Change.

Even before the President of the United States took office, on November 30, 2020, Fernández had a telephone conversation with the then president-elect of the United States.

In short, it is part of a long process of dialogue and interaction in a framework of cordiality and mutual respect. In this last dialogue, which lasted 25 minutes, both leaders also discussed food insecurity, energy transition, new regional value chains and technological change with social inclusion among other issues, in a context where consolidating steps to guarantee global peace becomes of

the utmost importance.

The dialogue contributed to highlighting the potential of the bilateral relation, and to establishing a roadmap that, within the framework of Latin America and the Caribbean, allows for opportunities for comprehensive, sustainable and inclusive human development. ■



## MEETING WITH MICHAEL PYLE, PRESIDENT BIDEN'S SHERPA IN G7 AND G20

On Friday, June 3, Michael Pyle, President Joe Biden's new Sherpa for G7 and G20, visited our Embassy accompanied by his collaborators Nicholas Klinger and Rosa Po.

Michael Pyle is a highly distinguished official with extensive experience in the public sector, having served as Chief Economic Advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris, and prior to that as Special Advisor for Economic Policy to President Barack Obama. Previously he also served on positions of responsibility in the Department of the Treasury and in the Congressional Budget office.

At the working lunch at our Embassy, the challenges that the current context presents to our economies were discussed, in particular, how to face inflation induced by

the accumulation of supply shocks produced first, by the pandemic and then, by the war in Ukraine, without inducing a recession or without compromising, in the case of Argentina, the upward cycle of its economy in terms of growth and job creation.

In particular, the implications and impact of geopolitical tensions on commodity markets and the need to take concrete steps to strengthen food security and energy security were analyzed.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello, who is the Sherpa in the G20, informed President Biden's Sherpa, Michale Pyle, that he will have the honor of accompanying President Alberto Fernández in his participation in the G7 Summit at the end

Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Left) with Michael Pyle (Right), Sherpa for G7 and G20.



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of June, in Germany. President Fernández was invited to participate in the G7 Summit in Schloss Elmau, Bavaria, together with the leaders of India, South Africa, Senegal and Indonesia.

Finally, the Sherpas from Argentina and the United States valued the role of the G20 as the premium economic forum for economic coordination on a global scale, highlighting in particular the positive leadership and the role that the G20 was able to play in ordering the exit from the financial crisis in 2008-2009. Then, they exchanged different points of view on the prospects for the upcoming G20 Summit in Indonesia. ■



Ambassadors Stuart Holliday (Left) and Jorge Argüello (Ctr.), Erika Grinberg (Ctr.) Sergio Bulje (Ctr. Right), musicians and dancers.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF TANGO CO-HOSTED BY MERIDIAN

Last June 1st, the Embassy of Argentina hosted, in collaboration with Meridian International, a Salon Dinner for its Council members. A special evening of Tango music, dance and argentine wine in which a group of talented musicians and dancers introduced the audience to the abridged history of tango and its evolution.

Maestro Sergio Buslje directed the performances of Ariel Pirotti in piano; Diana LeGrand in violin, Rodrigo Avalos and Heyni Solera in bandoneon; and Pete Ostle, in bass. All talented artists performing also at the DC Tango Festival that the Panamerican Symphony Orchestra is currently presenting in DC with the support of the Embassy. Dancers Alejandro Barrientos and Natalia Krasnikova also performed as part of the show.

The diverse attendance included members of the United

States government, representatives from important companies, some of which invest in Argentina, and personalities from the cultural and artistic.

Ambassador Jorge Argüello thanked co-host Ambassador Stuart Holliday for Meridian's ongoing partnership and expressed his appreciation for Meridian's contribution to the Embassy's efforts to build a stronger relationship with the United States by bringing together leaders from all corners of Washington, DC and putting up such a great program, ranging from discussions on foreign policy to salon dinners.

He also shared his enthusiasm for the level of dialogue and affinity between the governments of Argentina and the United States and underlined significant level of articulation in strategic issues that affect the future of both

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countries and the future of the world: climate change, the energy transition, the protection of personal data, the responsible use of artificial intelligence.

All issues on which diplomats and partners like Meridian have the challenge to ensure, in the 21st century, that their efforts are reflected in well-being for the society and in increased rights, and improved the quality of life of regular people. ■