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Strong Argentine presence in International Tourism Fair, FITUR 2023



Under the coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an Argentine public-private mission carried out an intense agenda at the International Tourism Fair (FITUR) 2023, one of the most important global platforms of its kind for the tourist sector that is celebrated yearly in Madrid, Spain.

This year, the event, that took place during January, received more than 222,000 attendees (almost doubling up the attendance levels of 2022) and gathered 8,500 companies and agencies from 131 countries. These figures show an almost complete recovery of the sector after two years of restricted movement due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Argentine Ambassador to Spain, Ricardo Alfonsín, participated in the inauguration of FITUR 2023 together with our Minister for Sports and Tourism, Matías Lammens, and some 60 representatives of the Argentine private sector.

Also, during the event, Mendoza (west of Argentina) was designated as the Ibero-American Capital of Wine and Gastronomy. The president of the Ibero-American Academy of Gastronomy, Rafael Ansón, awarded the important distinction to the Minister for Tourism of Mendoza, Nora Vicario.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs highlights role of Argentine green hydrogen for EU strategic autonomy



As part of an intense agenda with high authorities of the European Union (EU), the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero held a working meeting in Brussels, Belgium, with the Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, to whom he expressed Argentina's interest in becoming a main supplier of energy and strategic minerals to the bloc.

During the meeting, the global impact of the war in Ukraine was analyzed, in particular in terms of the need to establish new secure supply chains of energy to strengthen the EU strategic autonomy. In this sense, Cafiero stressed that "Argentina could develop its productive potential in the energy and mining fields to become a reliable and stable energy partner of the EU".

"The development of green hydrogen in Argentina, for example, will also contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and will facilitate the transition to clean energy sources," Cafiero added.

Likewise, the EU expressed a marked interest in Argentine lithium and, in line with this, the Argentine Minister ratified our country's potential to become a long term supplier to the European market.

CELAC meeting concludes in Buenos Aires with commitment to deepen regional integration

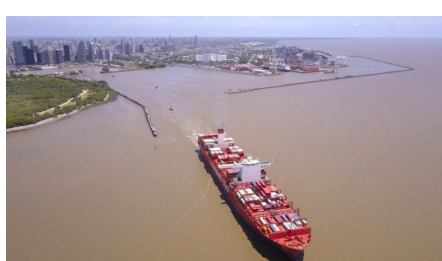


Chaired by our country, the VII Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and concluded on January 24 with the signing of a Joint Declaration to deepen regional integration and unity while protecting the political, economic, social and cultural diversity of the countries. The members of the group also expressed the need for the region to advance in a model of productive development with social inclusion.

The Declaration of Buenos Aires consists of 100 points of consensus and 11 special declarations, among which the forum expressed its support to Argentina's sovereignty claims over the Malvinas Islands in the dispute with the UK and also called for the end of the blockade against Cuba.

At the end of the Summit, the Argentine President Alberto Fernández handed over the bloc's pro tempore presidency to the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Historical record of exports confirmed at more than US\$ 100 billion



The recent figures published by the Argentine Institute for Statistics and Census (INDEC) confirmed the record of exports expected to be registered in 2022. With exports of goods totaling USD 6,119 million in

December 2022, the year closed with exports in that field for a total of USD 88,446 million, reaching its all-time high. With the inclusion of the exports of services, the overall exports during the year will exceed USD 100,000 million for the first time in our history.

In fact, the exports of goods in 2022 increased by 13.5% year-on-year and exceeded the previous record reached more than a decade ago, in 2011, by more than USD 5.4 billion.

On another note, the result of the trade balance for December brought a surplus of USD 1,102 million, which allowed the country to end the year with a positive trade balance of USD 6,923 million in total, thus reaching three consecutive years of trade surplus.

The main export markets in 2022 were Brazil (14.3%), the European Union (12.3%), China (9.1%), the United States (7.5%), Chile (5.6%) and India (5.2%).

Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents in Spain candidacy of Bariloche to host 2027 Expo



The Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently presented in Madrid, Spain, the city of Bariloche, located in Patagonia, as a candidate to host the 2027 Specialized Exhibition under the motto "Nature + Technology" which aims at highlighting clean energy and human creativity as transforming engines for the future.

During the presentation, the Argentine Minister for Sports and Tourism, Matías Lammens, stressed: "This is a great opportunity to carry out, for the first time in South America, an event that mobilizes millions of people. It gives us the possibility, not only to receive tourists from all over the world and show our wonderful natural resources, but also to leave a legacy in infrastructure, knowledge and job creation in Bariloche, the most important scientific pole in our country".

The official launch of Bariloche's candidacy had taken place in June last year at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Buenos Aires.

The first world Expo was held in London in 1851. Since then, more than 70 world and specialized exhibitions have been organized across Europe, Asia, North America and Oceania. However, none have been carried out in South America.

Apart from Bariloche, the other candidates to host the 2027 edition of the event are Phuket (Thailand), Belgrade (Serbia), Malaga (Spain) and Minnesota (United States). The winning city will be announced in June this year.

Argentine officially presents its candidate to International Tribunal for maritime law



Last January 4, Argentina officially presented to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea the candidacy of Dr. Frida M. Armas Pfrter for Judge for the period 2023-2032. The elections will take place next June in the city of New York.

Dr. Armas Pfrter is a prestigious jurist, with an extensive career in International Law and Law of the Sea. She is a lawyer and obtained her PhD in International Law from the University of Buenos Aires. Due to her distinguished career, in 2021 she was incorporated as Full Academician at the Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Buenos Aires. On another note, she led for more than 25 years the interdisciplinary team that was in charge of determining the outer limit of the Argentine continental shelf.

Our country has defined as a priority the candidacy of Dr. Armas Pfrter to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the conviction that, if elected, she will make an important contribution with her solid technical experience and leadership to the resolution of international maritime controversies.

