



MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MALAYSIAN NUCLEAR AGENCY

On April 21st, the Argentine Ambassador held a meeting with Dr. Siti A'iasah Hashim, Director General of the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, in order to present the Argentine experience in the development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, especially the capabilities that INVAP offers in the field of design, construction and maintenance of reactors for research and applications in the medical industry.

INVAP is an Argentine company that provides design, integration, construction and delivery of equipment, plants and devices in the fields of Nuclear, Aerospace, Defense, Security & Environment, and Medical Equipment.



VIRTUAL DIALOGUE: ARGENTINA AND MALAYSIA, BRINGING OUR BILATERAL RELATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Within the framework of a collaboration project between the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) of the Malaya University and the Embassies of Latin American and Caribbean countries based in Kuala Lumpur, on April 28th a virtual presentation by our Ambassador took place on the relationship between Argentina and Malaysia called “Bringing Our Bilateral Relationship to the Next Level”, which emphasized the sectors with the greatest potential to expand and diversify trade, investment and the establishment of national companies in both countries. Around 60 invitees participated in the presentation, including academics, local officials, students, professors, businessmen and members of the diplomatic corps. At the end of the presentation, there was a fruitful Q&A round.

PARTICIPATION OF THE EMBASSY IN THE WORLD BOOK AND SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY ACTIVITIES IN MALAYSIA

To commemorate the World Book and Spanish Language Day in Malaysia, celebrated on April 23, the Imperium International College and the Instituto Cervantes organized a collective reading through Zoom, which was attended by a large number of teachers and Spanish students in Malaysia. On the occasion, our Ambassador read an extract from the story “El Aleph”, by Jorge Luis Borges.



APRIL 17: MALBEC WORLD DAY

On 17th April, 1853 the first agricultural school in Argentina was founded, in the hopes of adapting French grapes to the soils of Mendoza. This date is a symbol of the transformation of Argentina's wine industry and the starting point for the development of Malbec, an emblem for Argentina worldwide.

That's why, since 2011, every year around the world we pay homage to our flagship grape through the celebration of the Malbec World Day. This year, our Embassy joined the celebrations through the organization of several Argentine wine tasting and promotion activities with the participation of local importers and key actors related to the wine industry.

All these events included the participation of a specialized winemaker, Mr. Thomas Ling, who led several blind tastings of more than 12 different bottles of this varietal.

The presentation and promotion of Malbec was paired with other emblematic products of our country, such as beef, prawns, empanadas and cheeses.

On each occasion, the Ambassador made a general presentation on the national wine industry, its characteristics and the important place that this varietal occupies today on the international scene.



ARGENTINA PRESENTS ITS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL CANDIDACY FOR 2022-2024



In order to continue helping enhance Human Rights international protection levels and standards, Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá presented in April Argentina's candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council for 2022-2024, accompanied by the Argentine Secretary for Human Rights, Horacio Pietragalla Corti, and the ambassador to the United Nations, María del Carmen Squeff.

"We have a State policy with our own Memory, Truth, and Justice process as its cornerstone. We have committed to Nunca Más (Never Again), to eradicate impunity for crimes against humanity committed during the last civil-military dictatorship," stated Solá during the presentation videoconference. "When justice has been done for the past, people start to believe in the possibility of justice being delivered for the present and the future," he stated.

Regarding Argentina's candidacy, the minister said: "We are committed to continue collaborating to enhance international Human Rights protection levels and standards. Therefore, we aspire to renew our term on the Human Rights Council in next October's elections. Argentina is committed to fighting for the enhancement of the Council's special procedures and to ensure that members can work independently."

Currently, human rights promotion and protection constitutes a State Policy that applies to all public policies, establishing itself as one of the main pillars of Argentina's foreign policy, focused on the strengthening of international law, multilateralism, cooperation, and promotion of the universal values embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Charter and other international instruments on the promotion of all human rights.

2021 EXPORT PLAN PRESENTATION



“Democratizing, federalizing, and expanding the basis for public policies to promote exports is one of the main goals of our administration and we are achieving it thanks to joint efforts, constructive dialogue and public-private synergy,” stated the Secretary for International Economic Relations, Jorge Neme, who on 14 April headed the presentation of the official 2021 Plan to Promote Exports.

The 2021 Export Promotion Plan is the result of the work done within the Public-Private Export Promotion Council, comprising 240 Chambers and entities linked to foreign trade and grouping 18,300 companies which are part of 68 Argentine exporting sectors.

Secretary Neme explained that the goal is to “implement an international integration policy that allows Argentina to increase its exports –a genuine source of foreign currency for development- through a strategy of market and product diversification, expand presence in consolidated markets and, at the same time, enter more dynamic markets, where Argentina has competitive advantages.” He further added that “although the context of the pandemic is highly complex, Argentine exports are doing well and we aspire to surpass 2019 exports figures by reaching USD 70 billion.”

The launch was attended by about 480 representatives of business chambers, provincial governments, and companies from various sectors, including the agro-industrial, energy, food, metallurgic, steel, chemical industry, biotechnology, transport, services, nuclear, medical equipment, vehicle, robotics, ICT, pharmaceutical, logistics, and clothing sectors.

“ARGENTINA HAS PUT CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AT THE CENTRE OF ITS CONVICTIONS”

Within the context of International Mother Earth Day, President Alberto Fernández attended during April the “Leaders Summit on Climate”, having been invited by United States President Joe Biden and during which he reaffirmed Argentina’s commitment to the Paris Agreement and set ambitious goals to tackle climate change.

Biden invited the Argentine President to take part in the event with a view to bringing together the Heads of State that show strong leadership with regard to climate change.

The U.S. President, Vice-president Kamala Harris and UN Secretary General António Guterres delivered the opening speeches at the Summit.

“Argentina has put climate and environmental action at the centre of its convictions,” President Fernández stated from the Presidential Residence in Olivos, where he was joined by Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá and the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Juan Cabandié.

Echoing the remarks made by Pope Francis, who was also a speaker at the Summit, he stated that in order to achieve an equitable transition to a low-carbon economy it is necessary to “start with those at the bottom to reach everyone,” and called for a “renewal of the international financial architecture.”





TRIBUTE TO MALVINAS WAR VETERANS AND FALLEN COMBATANTS

Every 2 April is a day of remembrance, tribute and recognition in honour of our fellow countrymen who heroically fought for the recovery of the full exercise of sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia, and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

On the 39th anniversary of the beginning of the South Atlantic conflict, the Argentine people respectfully honour the soldiers who gave their lives and those who returned to the continent carrying on their bodies and in their minds the marks left by the armed conflict.

The Argentine Government stands with the families who lost their loved ones and those who have stood by the people that carry the physical and spiritual wounds of combat. Women, health professionals, deserve special recognition for doing their job with the same courage as those men, in many cases helping them to survive.

The best way to pay tribute to them is to keep on working every day in order to recover the full exercise of sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia, and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, a goal for which many gave their lives.

We also denounce the presence of a British military base on the Islands disregarding all UN resolutions, as well as the usurpation of the natural resources in the South Atlantic that belong to the Argentine people. In addition, and in honour of those men, the Argentine Government continues to redouble its efforts, always through peaceful means, dialogue, diplomacy and in line with international law, to build consensus in the international community through international organizations in order to create the conditions for the United Kingdom to resume bilateral negotiations regarding sovereignty, as provided for in Resolution 2065 (XX) of the United Nations General Assembly and in multiple resolutions by various international organizations and fora.

The Argentine government will remain determined to design and implement long-term State Policies in keeping with the conviction and sentiment of the Argentine people and with the constitutional mandate to “recover those territories and the full exercise of sovereignty”, which “constitutes a permanent and unrenounceable goal of the Argentine people.”



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CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE



Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá held a telephone conversation with Antony Blinken, the US Secretary of State, and he conveyed Argentina's support for the recent announcements by the United States regarding climate change, as reflected in its return to the Paris Accord and the initiative to organize the Leaders' Summit on Climate.

Joined by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Pablo Tettamanti, and by the Chief of the Private Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guillermo Justo Chaves, the Minister of Foreign Affairs thanked for President Joe Biden's invitation to President Alberto Fernández for him to participate in the Leaders' Summit on Climate, virtually held on 22 and 23 April.

In addition to Argentina's leadership regarding climate change, reference was made to the situation in the region and to Alberto Fernández' skill for dialogue. A probable visit by Alberto Fernández to the United States was also on the agenda.

Both officials reaffirmed their commitment to multilateralism and to multilateral institutions in the context of the global crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In this regard, they discussed the current state of the global economy, the return of the United States to the World Health Organization and its contribution to the Covax vaccine distribution system, and the question of access with a focus on effectiveness rather than origin.

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Finally, Solá and Blinken highlighted Argentina's leadership in the field of nuclear non-proliferation and they agreed to continue strengthening relations bilaterally and in international fora.

PRESIDENT FERNÁNDEZ URGES EQUITABLE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES

During his intervention in the 27th Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government Andorra 2020, held under the motto "Innovation for Sustainable Development - 2030 Goals. Ibero-America faces Coronavirus challenge", President Alberto Fernández called on the countries of the region to act "jointly in solidarity" in order to "guarantee equitable production and

distribution of vaccines," and to find innovative mechanisms to facilitate access to external financing for middle-income countries.

"Let us be the united, solidary and organized leaders of a civilization that is rebuilding to include everyone," the President stated, adding that "the risk is for the world to go into incomplete, unequitable and unsustainable recovery." During his virtual address from the Presidential Residence in Olivos, joined by Foreign Minister Felipe Solá, Fernández stressed that "it is essential to deepen technology transfer and international financial cooperation, without discrimination."

He thanked for the "valuable support" of the delegations that endorsed the special document presented by Argentina and Spain on "Access to external financing to face Covid-19", which is aimed to promote the use of all tools available to help our countries be in better financial conditions to deal with this exceptional situation.



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