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Message from the Secretary



During the month of August, the region has been a priority of our Secretariat's agenda. The official visits I have made to Brazil, Chile and Uruguay have helped deepen the ties with neighboring countries in relation to the Malvinas Question, and have been opportunities to thank and highlight the historical support they give us in international organizations, such as the session of the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization last June.

The relaunching and revitalization of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZOPACAS) was included in the agenda shared with Brazil and Uruguay. This is a mechanism that promotes regional cooperation and the maintenance of peace and security in the region, cooperation in marine scientific research and the articulation of conservation policies in maritime spaces. Preserving the South Atlantic from the presence of nuclear weapons, militarization processes and the geopolitical tensions that are growing in other regions of the world is a common goal. In this sense, placing Malvinas in the context of a strategic triangle linked to the South Atlantic and Antarctic issues is essential for Argentina and for our region. It is very important to bear in mind that in those three brotherly countries the recognition of Argentine sovereignty in the Malvinas Question is considered a State policy. In Chile, during the work meetings we held together with national authorities, we highlighted the recent constitution of the Chile-Argentina Binational Commission on Antarctic Matters. The goal of this Commission is to reflect, study and promote joint actions within the Antarctic Treaty System, as well as other forums related to the topic.

Furthermore, last August 12 we remembered the heroic reconquest and defense of Buenos Aires against the British invasions of 1806 and 1807, a fact of our history closely linked to the emancipation movement that from 1810 spread in our continent and that marks the anti colonialist spirit of the South American revolutions. We must not forget that we still suffer the effects of the third British invasion, that of Malvinas in 1833. These three military events took place in the context of British imperial expansion, with acts of aggression aimed at installing the British colonial system in territory that was previously Spanish and then Argentine, but which was defended by our people. This is one of the powerful reasons why we ratify, once again, the demand for respect of the territorial integrity of our homeland in accordance with international law and we continue to advocate for the end of colonialism.

Guillermo Carmona Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic

News of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Argentine government announced the creation of Multidisciplinary Antarctic Laboratories to strengthen scientific research

Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero, together with the Ministers of Defense, Jorge Taiana, and of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, led on the Belgrano lounge at the Libertador building the signature of an inter ministerial agreement for the creation of Multidisciplinary Antarctic Laboratories, that will help strengthen scientific research in Argentine Antarctic bases, with an investment of 200 million pesos within the framework of the program "Construir Ciencia" (Build Science).



Highlights

Inauguration of a touring exhibition and tribute to Malvinas veterans who work at the Garrahan Hospital

On the occasion of the 35th birthday of Garrahan Hospital and the 40th anniversary of the South Atlantic conflict, authorities of the hospital and the Secretariat of Malvinas of the Foreign Ministry organized a ceremony to recognize Malvinas veterans who work or worked in the medical institution. The event was attended by authorities of the Ministry of Health, officials of the Foreign Ministry, and teachers and students of the Hospital School.

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Visit of the Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic to Brazil

The Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic, Guillermo Carmona, went on an official mission to the Federative Republic of Brazil from August 16th to 19th, where he held various meetings to address bilateral agenda issues related to the Malvinas Question and cooperation in antarctic and oceanic fields. The revitalization of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZOPACAS) was one of the main topics.

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33rd Meeting of Latin American Antarctic Program Administrators (RAPAL)

The forum took place from August 23 to 26 in the city of Quito with the objective of coordinating, at the Latin American level, scientific, logistical and environmental issues of relevance in the Antarctic area. The Argentine delegation, headed by the National Director of the Antarctic, Patricia Ortúzar, and the Director of the Argentine Antarctic Institute (IAA), Walter Mac Cormack, shared experiences with their peers from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela and Costa Rica, and discussed the execution of projects of common interest during the next Antarctic campaigns.

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Diplomas of the "PICTO 2021 Malvinas, Antarctica and South Atlantic" projects were awarded

A ceremony was held at the Foreign Ministry to award diplomas to the beneficiaries of the "PICTO 2021 Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic" projects, whose objective is to collaborate in the construction of a bicontinental and oceanic policy for our country and promote the development of multidisciplinary knowledge about the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the corresponding maritime areas.

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Meeting of the Interministerial Table "Malvinas 40 years"

A new meeting of the Interministerial Table was held in August, and the main topics of the agenda were reviewed, such as the next activities that seek to continue with the visibilization of the Malvinas Question. Several ministries are committed to disseminate, commemorate, and promote the debate throughout the country.

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More than 3,000 commemorative medals were awarded in August

In the context of the "Malvinas 40 Years" Agenda and the recognition to veterans and relatives of the fallen in the South Atlantic conflict, distinctions were distributed in Pilar, Ituzaingó, Bragado, el Partido de la Costa, Florencio Varela and Esteban Echeverría, and in the provinces of Santa Cruz, Jujuy, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Corrientes and Misiones. In addition, 114 veterans and relatives of the fallen belonging to the crew of the ARA "Bahía Paraíso" received their medals.

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During an official visit to Chile, Secretary Carmona stressed the importance of the launching of the Binational Commission on Antarctic matters

Within the framework of an official mission to countries in the region, the Secretary Guillermo Carmona was in Santiago de Chile, where he held working meetings with authorities of the Foreign Ministry of the trans-Andean country. They discussed the deepening of bilateral cooperation in Antarctic matters and the Malvinas Question. Moreover, he gave a lecture at the Argentina course at the University of Chile and participated in a recognition of two veterans who live there.

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Strong rejection of the government to the contest organized by the British Embassy to travel to Malvinas

Through a press release issued by the Argentine Foreign Ministry, the national government rejected an initiative to give university students a free trip to Malvinas under an incorrect slogan that pretends to designate those islands as a separate territory of the Argentine Republic. The National Interuniversity Council (CIN) and the Argentina University Federation (FUA) also expressed their rejection to the contest.

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Agenda

- SEPTEMBER 6 ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUDA STATEMENT
- SEPTEMBER 12 LAUNCH OF THE ANTARCTIC PRE-CAMPAIGN
- SEPTEMBER 20 77TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Activities at embassies and consulates

Tributes and activities abroad "Malvinas 40 years" In the context of the anniversary of the South Atlantic conflict, the activities at Argentine embassies and consulates abroad continue, such as awarding medals to veterans that live abroad, and screening of documentaries on the Malvinas Question.

