

Mauricio Macri Sworn in as President of Argentina



Buenos Aires, December 11 (PL-RHC)-- Mauricio Macri was sworn in on Thursday as the 52nd president of Argentina, with the stated commitment to do many things for the country to improve the lives of all the citizens.

The new president was inaugurated before the Legislative Assembly, where he gave his first speech at the helm of the nation, and then went to Casa Rosada down Mayo Avenue, where thousands of followers carrying Argentinian flags were waiting to see him pass by.

In his inaugural speech, full of promises, Macri saluted the other five candidates who vied for the presidential post and he vowed to comply with the three axis on which his electoral campaign relied: to achieve zero poverty for Argentina, to fight to wipe out drug trafficking and to work for the wellbeing of all Argentinians.

Macri, who was the candidate for the *Cambiemos* alliance, won in the presidential runoff of November 22 with 51.32 percent of votes over his rival of the Front for Victory (FpV), Daniel Scioli, who won the remaining 48.68 percent.

In his speech, he used the phrase that underpinned Scioli's campaign: "To change everything deserving change." He promised to universalize the scope of the social programs so that there is not a single hungry

child in Argentina, to broaden and boost the economy so that the people have work and to create an inclusive education with more coverage, adjusted to the current times to help young graduates to find jobs easily.

He also vowed to execute housing development plans, to be tough with crime and encourage what he called independent justice with judges not belonging to any political party. Regarding foreign policy, he said he wants unity and cooperation in Latin America and the world. "We need to overcome the phase of confrontations," he stated.

"We have enormous challenges that we are not going to solve overnight, but with small daily steps," he concluded.

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