

# *Argentina's role in the leadership of CELAC highlighted*

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## **Argentina chairs CELAC meeting**

Buenos Aires, January 8 (RHC)-- Journalist and sociologist Pedro Brieger stressed today that Argentina's new leadership of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) can give greater revitalization to this regional mechanism.

In declarations to Prensa Latina, Brieger pointed out that CELAC was blurred for some years due to the political offensive and the control of right-wing parties in some countries -- such as Argentina and Brazil -- but the great change took place when Mexico took the baton, under the leadership of President Andrés

López Obrador.

Mexico assumed the presidency as a gesture of revitalizing this forum and the fact that now this southern nation is taking over the presidency marks a very important Mexico-Argentina axis, Brieger said.

For Brieger, who also specializes in international politics, Argentina's presidency could give greater impetus to CELAC in the hope that this year Luis Inacio Lula Da Silva will win the Brazilian elections and thus consolidate a progressive axis in the region with the three most powerful countries, something that had not happened before.

On Friday, Argentina unanimously assumed the pro tempore presidency of CELAC at the XII Meeting of Foreign Ministers of that bloc, in which Argentina ratified its desire to work on unity, integration and strengthening dialogue to continue building a region in peace.

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