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A Weekly Update from the Embassy of Colombia

January 25, 2017

Ambassador Pinzón Congratulates President Trump and Vice President Pence

Following the inauguration of President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón issued the following congratulatory statement:

"The Embassy of Colombia congratulates President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence on being sworn in to lead the United States of America.

"Colombia is proud of the close partnership we have built with the United States and its leaders. It is a strategic alliance that has benefited the United States and Colombia greatly. We have stood together over the years to promote security, peace and prosperity in our two countries and throughout the world.

"We look forward to working with the Trump Administration to strengthen our partnership further and achieve even more for our two nations."

Ambassador Pinzón attended the Presidential Inauguration; see his tweet from the ceremony [here](#).

Former SOUTHCOM Commander General John Kelly to Lead DHS

On January 20, General John Kelly was confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. Ambassador Pinzón took the opportunity to extend Colombia's wishes to General Kelly, who previously served as Commander of the U.S. Southern Command:

"On behalf of the Embassy of Colombia, we congratulate Secretary John Kelly as he steps in to lead the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"The close U.S.-Colombia partnership has become one of the most important strategic alliances in our region thanks to the service and commitment from leaders such as Secretary Kelly. In his previous capacity as Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, Secretary Kelly was instrumental in strengthening the bond between our two countries and advancing peace and prosperity throughout Latin America.

"We look forward to working with Secretary Kelly and the Trump Administration to ensure the U.S.-Colombia partnership remains strong and prosperous in the years ahead."

During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, General Kelly highlighted Colombia's incredible progress through efforts with the United States such as Plan Colombia and said that Colombians are "exporters of security" in Latin America.

The Latest in Tweets and on Facebook


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Colombia and the US have a strong bipartisan relationship. We welcome and look forward to working w/President @realDonaldTrump and his team

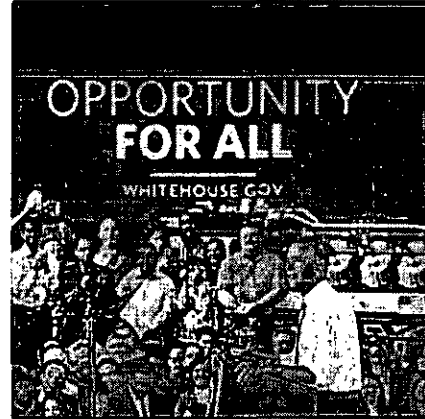


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In his last hours in office, we thank Pres. @BarackObama and his Administration for all of the work to advance the US-Colombia partnership



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@RepAdrianSmith highlighted the importance of continued US support to Colombia, the leading US ally in the region



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Yesterday I met w/the new Chair of the Cong. Hispanic Caucus @RepLujanGrisham who expressed support for Colombia's historic Peace Agreement



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Had the chance to meet with the @RepBrendanBoyle, a rising leader, who has interest in looking toward Latin America as a priority



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Met with @MarioDB, who expressed his commitment to continue supporting Colombia and our strong bilateral relationship



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Talked with @RepMullin on energy matters in Colombia and throughout the region



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Thursday, March 23, 2017
Monsieur Periné Concert
The Howard Theatre

One of the leading bands on Colombia's new music scene, Monsieur Periné Periné won the Latin Grammy Award for Best New Artist and earned a Grammy Award nomination for their most recent album, "Caja de Música." Rooted in gypsy jazz and celebrating the tradition of Django Reinhardt, Monsieur Periné's fresh style adds a variety of Latin elements to the mix. Incorporating genres like cumbia, son, bolero, tango a... See More



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