



SOCIETY

Argentinos en Andorra is working to create an itinerant Consulate

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The president of the Association claimed that the Government already has all the information on the victims

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The Argentine Consulate in Barcelona, at the request of the Association Argentinos en Andorra, is considering the possibility of creating a new «Itinerant Consulate». This was announced by the Association through a statement published on social networks, where they explained that this action would allow certain procedures to be carried out in Andorra that are usually only carried out in Barcelona, via postal mail or online.

In the statement they detailed that this consular action had already been done previously, and it stopped being done a few years ago. Restarting it will depend on the number of procedures that need to be carried out. For this reason, people who are in the Princi-

Ponce stated that it is very complicated for the Argentine collective to report situations of labor abuse

pality and need to do some of the procedures, will have to complete the survey, and so subsequently, they can transfer the amounts and concerns to the consular authorities. From Argentinos en Andorra they added that at the moment there is a good predisposition on the part of the consuls, and it will only be necessary to add the number of procedures in Andorra that justifies mobilizing this entire structure.

On the other hand, last week it was learned that the Department of Labor will investigate the labor abuses reported by Argentine people. In this regard, the president of the association Argentinos en Andorra, Marcelo Ponce, explained



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► Archive image of the offices of the Immigration Service.



Marcelo Ponce

PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINOS EN ANDORRA



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to EL PERIÒDIC that last November they presented to the Executive all the information relating to cases of labor abuses of Argentine workers: «They have all the information since November, with names, surnames and telephone numbers of the affected people, and they have not yet contacted any of them.» For this reason, Ponce explained that they feel frustrated because they see that there are people who are having a bad time and they cannot move forward because there are things that are beyond their reach.

Going into detail, Ponce pointed out that they have many cases of Argentines who are being dece-

ived and who come from Argentina and who were told that they would be paid for the round trip and then they are not paid. He also explained that there are many cases where they have not been given accommodation or they have been made to work illegally, or they are given accommodation from Monday to Friday and at the weekend they have to find another place to live.

The president of the Association explained that two days after presenting the documentation, he received a call from a labor inspector who told him that «if there was no formal complaint, they could not do anything». Ponce pointed out that the workers

cannot make such a complaint: «If they go to the Labor Inspection and say that they have getting paid under the table, the Labor Inspection takes the complaint, but immediately expels them because the law says that those who are getting paid under the table must be expelled».

Faced with the news that the Government will investigate the issue, the president of the Association pointed out that «the law should not be changed but some issues related to the controls on these companies that deceive them to come to Andorra» should be modified, and then find themselves in these situations. ≡

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INTERNATIONAL

Andorra stands against the situation of women in Afghanistan

Tor participated in the MSC where defense, global order, human security, sustainability and technology were discussed

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►► Minister Tor during the meeting of the Women's External Network of Afghanistan.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, participated last Sunday in an event on the role of women and girls in Afghanistan to which Andorra adhered to the final statement urging the Afghan authorities to put an end to systematic gender persecution, which could

constitute a crime against humanity. The event was promoted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Germany and Canada as part of the network to promote feminist foreign policy.

On the other hand, Tor attended the Munich Security Conference (MSC) which was held in the German city of Munich between February 16th and 18th this year.

The meeting brought together



►► Minister Tor with her Maltese counterpart.

more than 500 decision-makers at the highest level, as well as political leaders from around the world, including heads of state, ministers and prominent personalities from international organizations and important actors in the economic field, as well as representatives of civil society and the academic world. It is a good scenario to maintain contacts as well as to strengthen bilateral and multilateral relations. The annual independent forum is the platform for debate on international relations, crises, conflicts and foreign policy.

Tor took part in the debates that revolved around four priority blocks: defense, global order, human security, sustainability and technology. In particular, current

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The minister explained where the process for reaching the Association Agreement is currently at

conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East were addressed, as well as global challenges such as climate change, energy security and artificial intelligence.

In this context, the minister highlighted the importance of multilateralism as a tool to find solutions cooperatively to achieve the social and economic resilience of states.

During her stay in Munich, Tor held several bilateral meetings, among others, with counterparts from Bulgaria, Malta, Norway, the Holy See and Germany.

In the meetings, the minister explained first-hand at what point the process for reaching an Association Agreement between Andorra and the European Union (EU) is currently.

Likewise, Minister Tor had the opportunity to meet and congratulate the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, Stéphane Séjourné, and to greet the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, José Manuel Albares. ≡

MOBILITY

French farmers will talk to neighboring farmers to gain strength

For now, the Grenadiers will not block the Franco-Andorran border

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The French farmers will not block the Franco-Andorran border for the time being, as they want colleagues from other territories to join them to be more during the next block. The spokesman for the grenadiers of French Cerdany, Ch-

ristian Tallant, stated last Sunday with statements in this media that «we must hold a meeting in the coming days to organize ourselves with our neighbors and thus be even more numerous».

Cutting, during the last rally last Friday explained that they want to meet between 300 and 400 farmers to pressure the French Government to pay them the million euros promised to repay the debts caused by the drought in 2023.

On Friday, the prefecture pro-

hibited the stopping of tractors on the Croisade so as not to block access to the Principality, but it authorized farmers to drive slowly and distribute information to drivers. Finally, the grenadiers decided to stop at the Coll de Puymorens.

The Andorran Government, for its part, criticized the blocking of entry into the country to demonstrate on issues that Andorra has nothing to do with and cannot do anything to solve the problem. ≡



Christian Tallant
FARMERS' SPOKESMAN

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►► The farmers during the strike.