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On Tuesday, May 23, the United States and Argentina further deepened their joint commitment to an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure cyberspace during the inaugural meeting of the newly established Cyber Policy Working Group.

The meeting focused on key cybersecurity initiatives including implementing national cyber policy frameworks, protecting networks, developing a cyber workforce, and managing cyber incidents. Officials also discussed policy coordination, information sharing and the protection of critical infrastructure, with an emphasis on public-private cooperation. The dialogue reaffirms our ongoing partnership on cybercrime and cyber defense matters; and facilitates our engagement on cyber issues in relevant international fora.

Mr. Christopher Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government interagency delegation that included other representatives from the Department of State, as well as representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the National Security Council, the Department of Defense and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Mr. Jose Hirschson, Under Secretary for Technology and Cybersecurity, Argentine Ministry of Modernization, led the initiative for the Government of Argentina, in partnership with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Security, and Ministry of Defense.

The U.S.-Argentina Cyber Policy Working Group was announced during President Mauricio Macri's April 27, official working visit to Washington. The working group will serve as a policy-level channel for identifying cyber issues of mutual concern and developing new joint initiatives. It will also strengthen and help protect the economic and security interests of both countries.

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