## ARGENTINA AND SOUTH AFRICA RENEWED THEIR ALLIANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

During his visit to South Africa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Héctor Timerman, participated in a series of activities that took place in Pretoria with the aim of consolidating the joint efforts undertaken by both countries for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Before high local authorities and renowned human rights advocates, including prestigious South African expert Yasmine Zooka, the Minister made a presentation at the University of Pretoria on Argentina's State policy on human rights: building a bridge between past and future. During his speech, the Minister discussed the values and tragic experiences shared by South Africa and Argentina, which make it natural for both countries to forge an alliance to cooperate on the subject.

The Minister also referred to the progress made by Argentina in terms of the eradication of impunity for the crimes against humanity committed during State terrorism, as well as to the substantial and progressive improvement seen on various fronts such as the fight against discrimination, social inclusion and migration policies, which, thanks to the wide social support received, place Argentina as a leader in the field. Our Nations have been through highs and lows in terms of human rights. Our democracies were born out of tragic experiences, noted the Minister, who further suggested strengthening the diplomatic ties between both countries, bearing in mind that third countries may profit from the Argentine and South African experiences in connection with human rights.

In addition, the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF), which was part of the Argentine delegation and has collaborated with South Africa in the search for the remains of apartheid victims, inaugurated the first Human Rights and Forensic Science School in Africa, established to train forensic experts from 9 countries.