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COLUMBIA, S.C. – June 25, 2009 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce released the following statement regarding the Agency’s mission to Brazil and Argentina on June 21-28, 2008. Please note, all private participants pay for their own travel expenses to participate in these missions.

“A number of the participants from the Brazil trade and investment mission, at the invitation and suggestion of Secretary Taylor and at their own personal expense, went to Cordoba, Argentina following the Brazil mission to go bird hunting.

“The hunting trip was paid for personally by individuals that chose to participate.

“The Governor was part of the group in Cordoba for a day and half of hunting and went on to Buenos Aires for official state meetings. The trade delegation did not accompany the Governor to the meetings in Argentina. The Governor was accompanied by a project manager from the Department of Commerce, which is standard practice for meetings with public officials and prospective companies,” said Kara Borie, spokesperson for the Department of Commerce.

The full schedule of meetings in Brazil and Argentina is attached.

The only taxpayer funds expended for any of the Argentina portion of the trip were for Governor Sanford and Commerce Project Manager Ford Graham. At the request of the media, expense details are attached and listed below.

Airfare*	\$8,687 (Governor Sanford)
Airfare	\$1,910 (Commerce project manager)
Lodging	\$453
Meals	\$142
Other travel **	\$130
Project Meals	\$488

**Airfare includes travel from Columbia to Atlanta to Sao Paulo, Brazil to Cordoba, Argentina to Buenos Ares, Argentina to Atlanta to Columbia, S.C.*

*** Includes transportation, phones, portage and interest service.*

Additionally, please find below a press release sent out by the Embassy in Buenos Aires regarding Governor Sanford’s trip to Argentina June 25-27, 2008. A picture of Governor Sanford and Governor Daniel Scioli from the trip is also attached.

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<http://spanish.argentina.usembassy.gov/rel357.html>

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EL GOBERNADOR DE CAROLINA DEL SUR SE REÚNE CON SU PAR BONAERENSE,
DANIEL SCIOLI

El gobernador del Estado de Carolina del Sur, Mark Sanford, se reunió hoy en la ciudad de La Plata con su par de la provincia de Buenos Aires, Daniel Scioli. Los gobernadores compartieron ideas y opiniones sobre cómo expandir el intercambio comercial y las inversiones entre sus distritos. Al finalizar la reunión, el gobernador Sanford invitó al gobernador Scioli a visitar Carolina del Sur. Ambos mandatarios también enfatizaron las muchas oportunidades de colaboración que existen entre ambas provincias, tanto a nivel gubernamental como privado. Las economías de Buenos Aires y Carolina del Sur comparten varias características en común, sobre todo en lo que hace al peso de la agricultura, el turismo y la industria automotriz en sus esquemas productivos.

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