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FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of October, 2005

Telefónica de Argentina S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Telefonica of Argentina Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Avenida HUERGO 723
Ground Floor
(C1107A0H) Buenos Aires, Argentina**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Item 1

Telefónica de Argentina S.A.

Buenos Aires, October 25, 2005.

Messrs.
Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires [Buenos Aires Stock Exchange]

Ref.: Press Release

Dear Sirs,

I welcome this opportunity to write to you on behalf of Telefónica de Argentina S.A., domiciled at Avenida Ingeniero Huergo 723, ground floor, City of Buenos Aires, in order to attach a press release dated October 24, 2005, informing that an award has been granted to the Company due to its Good Corporate Governance Practices.

Yours sincerely,

Signature of Dr. Pablo Llauro, Attorney

Telefónica S.A

Press Release

10-24-05

**TELEFÓNICA HONORED WITH AWARD FOR GOOD CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

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- The award was granted by *Centro para la Estabilidad Financiera* [Center for Financial Stability] (CEF).

Buenos Aires, October 24, 2005.- Telefónica de Argentina, the business line of basic and public telephony services, Internet access and telephone directories of Telefónica Group has been honored for its Good Corporate Governance Practices with the relevant annual award granted by the *Centro para la Estabilidad Financiera* (CEF).

Telefónica de Argentina S.A. ranked second in the Transparency and Disclosure Index designed by CEF, a non-for-profit organization, the purpose of which is assessing companies' corporate governance quality and transparency.

In Argentina, the introduction of Good Governance Practices was implemented following a parliamentary resolution, through the so called Public Offer Transparency Regime foreseen by Decree 677/01. Telefónica de Argentina sets apart from other companies as far as good governance practices development is concerned because it has put in place additional practices which go beyond those expressly set forth under the abovementioned rule.

Among the Good Corporate Governance Practices implemented by Telefónica in compliance with Decree 677/01, we can mention the setting up of an Audit Committee, mostly made up of independent directors, the purpose of which is exercising accounting and financial surveillance over the company's operations and judging whether the agreements entered with related parties conform to market conditions. Moreover, Telefónica has developed other practices, such as setting up a Disclosure Committee which receives, classifies and analyzes all corporate information in order to determine which information should be communicated to the markets, issuing Securities-Related Management Regulations intended for restricting operations related to corporate bonds of Telefónica Group by top managers, issuing Ethic Regulations for Financial and Accounting Areas providing action guidelines to be followed by those in charge of such areas, issuing Regulations-related Information to Markets intended for placing Telefónica at the forefront of market transparency, introducing a Good Corporate Governance section in Telefónica's Web home page, just to name a few.

The two most recent actions implemented by Telefónica assisting in developing good corporate governance policies include introducing a report channel and informant protection procedures, through which employees may provide information on possible irregularities affecting accounting, internal financial information control systems or accounts auditing of the Company or its Group; and issuing the Manual of Ethical Rules detailing the fundamentals on which the company's members should base and focus their behavior, either within the company or towards customers and third parties. These actions derive from US law requirements, since Telefónica is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Good Corporate Governance allows companies to take the necessary measures and help investors and people in general to regain their trust, which requires a process of review of laws, institutions and mechanisms ruling the financial markets and corporate governance.

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About the Centro para la Estabilidad Financiera

By the end of the year 2002, the *Centro para la Estabilidad Financiera* was organized in order to assist in analyzing, discussing and eventually issuing public policies in connection with the financial system. Initially, the focus was placed on Argentina, but as time went by it started to participate in financial issues of regional scope.

CEF intends to assist public and private sectors in the following areas:

- in-depth exploration and innovation of financial brokerage
- strengthening of institutions and their worldwide networking
- adjustment of good international practices into the local arena
- implementation of financial system regulation and supervision based on risks
- streamlining of local laws
- overcoming of transparency standards

CEF is legally organized as a Foundation, and therefore it is a non-for-profit organization. The founding members thereof were *Mercado a Término de Rosario* (ROFEX *Rosario Forward Market*) and *Instituto Argentino de Ejecutivos de Finanzas* [Argentine Institute of Finance Executives] (IAEF).

CEF is run on multisided management and it is not affiliated to any political party whatsoever. It is focused on streamlining financial systems with a strategic, comprehensive and independent vision.

Signature of Dr. Pablo Llauro

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Telefónica de Argentina S.A.

Date: November 1, 2005

By: /s/ Pablo Luis Llauro

Name: Pablo Luis Llauro
Title: Assistant General Counsel

