



SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
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DINNER OFFERED BY PRIME MINISTER ANDERS F. RASMUSSEN

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Your Excellency, Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark

Mrs. Anne-Mette Rasmussen

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen



“God aften kaere venner, vi er meget glad for at
vaere i dette land som altid har hjulpet
Nicaragua og det vil vi gerne takke Dem for.”

**Gud eftan keara vena - vi er maít glad for - at
ve(a)ra - y dete lan - som altid jar yulpet
Nicaragua – o(u) de vil vi ge(a)ne take dem
for.**

“Thank you for the warm welcome you have
given us since we arrived in this marvelous
country. Thank you also for all the arrangements
made by your government in order to make this
important visit a reality.”

1. Prime Minister, during your visit to my
country last year, you mentioned in one of
your speeches that Nicaragua and Denmark,
share many values, interests and aspirations
despite the distance from each other.

You also expressed that you expect the
friendship between both nations to continue
thriving, and the earnest and constructive
dialogue characteristic of our long-standing
friendship, to flourish.

2. Our deepest wish is that relations between
both countries remain strong and growing
each day. We have a common agenda
focused on the importance of combined
efforts to promote prosperity for our nations,
the struggle against international terrorism,
international security and peace.

3. Upon recalling the upcoming 200th
anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian
Andersen in the year 2005, I would like to
mention some words from one of his poems
that reflect the feelings of unity between our
peoples and governments:

“The soul which in God’s own image is
made,

Eternal is- can never fade

Eternity’s seed in our life doth lie-

The body may fall, the soul cannot die”

4. Andersen, one of the greatest authors in the
history of literature turned perseverance into
a driving force. His rise from poverty to
international recognition as an outstanding
author was not easy, but his determination
lead him to success. His perseverance
together with his talent made possible the
great literary work that we know today.

5. This can be associated to the Danish and to
the Nicaraguan spirit.

6. Perseverance and transparency are some of the many values shared by Nicaragua and Denmark.
7. In Nicaragua, we are working hard to reach economic growth and sustainable development, seeking a dignified standard of living for all Nicaraguans. That is our goal and our dream.
8. Perseverance, faith and hard work will grant our success.



9. Dear friends, our bodies will fade away, but the friendship between both nations will continue to grow and will always flourish. The soul of our nations will never die, they will remain alive and in concert.

Der er yndige lande
De hedder Danmark og, Nicaragua
(There are two lovely countries,
Denmark and Nicaragua)

**Dea er ündigue lande – di häda Dänmark
o(u) Nicaragua.**

10. Now I would like to ask all of you to accompany me in a toast to honor Prime Minister Rasmussen and Mrs. Rasmussen, and for the joy and prosperity of the People of Denmark.