



SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
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EXHIBIT OF NICARAGUAN CONTEMPORARY ART

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1. We took advantage of the opportunity presented by our kindhearted visit to Denmark, to share with you, men and women of culture in Denmark, a representative exhibit of the latest expressions of works of art in my country.
2. As we all know, paintings together with poetry are the maximum cultural expression among us.
3. On this northern summer day, I thank the Copenhagen Municipal Council for housing these 33 paintings by eighteen of our best national artists.
4. I also wish to thank the Nicaraguan Embassy in Denmark and Añil and Codice Art Galleries for their excellent collaboration, and of course our gratitude to the Danish Center for Culture and Development for promoting the cultural heritage between countries of the world –in this special case involving Nicaragua.
5. As you well know, our country has had a tragic history, full of natural disasters and our own wrong doings. Yet, the soul of our people vibrates in its artistic expressions, in its songs, poems and paintings such as the ones we admire in this exhibition, where we find abstract and experimental art, as well as naïve and telluric art by Luis Alvarado and Mario Marín, who take the lithe Mermaid and other elements to transfer them to the Lake Nicaragua with the Mombacho Volcano in the background.



6. We are certain that these works of art will awaken the interest and desire to visit and to learn about our country, full of volcanoes, rivers, valleys, mountains and especially warm people.
7. Denmark is not only a nation that has sprung forth with great monarchs, physicists like Niels Bohr and philosophers like Soren Kierkegaard, but also great authors like Hans Christian Andersen, who made so many generations of children throughout the world absolutely happy with the magic of his fairytales and enchanted legends.
8. I hope you enjoy this Exhibit of Nicaraguan Contemporary Art, which comes to you in the spirit of strengthening the earnest and friendly partnership between Denmark and Nicaragua. Now, we declare this exhibit officially opened.

May God bless you, and may God always bless Nicaragua.

Thank you.

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