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REMARKS AT PRESS STAKEOUT ON ARRIVAL IN MANAGUA
WITH HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA OF
NICARAGUA

Managua, 29 July 2014

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**Su Excelencia, Presidente Ortega,
Su Excelencia, Señora Rosario Murillo,
Amigos de la prensa,**

Estoy muy feliz de estar en Nicaragua. [“Es-toy mu-wee fell-ees de es-tar en Nicaragua.” “I am very happy to be in Nicaragua.”]

Agradezco la amable hospitalidad del Presidente Ortega. [“Ah-grah-des-co la ah-mah-bleh oss-pee-tah-lee-dod dehl President-eh Ortega.” “I thank President Ortega for his kind hospitality.”]

Es un placer para mi realizar mi primer viaje a Nicaragua como Secretario General y estar en su hermoso pais. [“Eh soon pla-sehr pah-rah mee reh-ah-lee-sahr mee pree-mehr vee-ah-hay ah Nicaragua coh-moh seh-creh-tarr-ee-oh hay-nay-rall ee ehs-tarr en soo ehr-moh-so pah-ees.” “It is a pleasure for me to make my first visit to Nicaragua as Secretary-General and see your beautiful country.”]

I am delighted to make this official visit to Nicaragua. This my first stop on a two-country trip to the Central American region.

Nicaragua is an important member of the international community. It is active in valuable regional organizations and the United Nations.

I am confident this will be a productive visit. I am especially interested in seeing first-hand the efforts of the Nicaraguan Government to eradicate poverty.

I am also interested in Nicaragua's forward-looking energy policy. I plan to visit an energy project this afternoon.

Renewable energy is important to promoting sustainable development – a key priority for the United Nations at this time.

The United Nations is dealing with many dangerous crises – including the fighting in the Middle East, Ukraine and the Central African Republic. At the same time, we are addressing sustainable development, climate change and other global priorities.

I will focus on these common concerns in my talks with the President and other senior officials. I would also like to discuss how Nicaragua can cooperate with neighbouring countries on the urgent humanitarian situation affecting tens of thousands of migrant Central American children – mainly from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

I thank the Government and people of Nicaragua for this warm welcome.

Thank you. *Muchas gracias.*

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