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MESSAGE TO THE FIFTY-SIXTH VIENNESE OPERA BALL  
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It is a great pleasure to send warm greetings to the many guests attending the fifty-sixth Viennese Opera Ball in New York.

Vienna and New York are both host cities of the United Nations. The Viennese Opera Ball presents a wonderful opportunity for people from many countries to enjoy a culturally stimulating setting, thereby building and fostering the friendship and mutual understanding that are so crucial in a world facing many serious challenges.

I have very fond memories of the joyous atmosphere of the Opera Ball in Vienna, where I served as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. It is good to know that this long-standing tradition continues across the Atlantic and is one of many ties that link Vienna and New York.

We have a busy year ahead, and I will count on your continued support for the United Nations. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

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