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SPEECH BY SECRETARY-GENERAL ON OCCASION OF UNVEILING  
OF GIFT BY BULGARIA TO UNITED NATIONS

Following is the text of a speech by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on the occasion of the unveiling of a mural presented by the Bulgarian Government to the United Nations at a ceremony\* which took place this morning at Headquarters on the Second floor of the Conference Building near the north delegates' lounge:

During my recent visit to Bulgaria, I had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful church of Boyana, and admiring the remarkable frescoes. These represent a true masterpiece of European medieval art, and I was very glad to learn of the desire of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to present a replica of the fresco of Kaloyan and Desislava to the United Nations.

This superb fresco will enrich this building. It will also remind us daily of the generosity and imagination of the Government of Bulgaria, and of the commitment of the people of Bulgaria to the objectives of the world Organization.

I also wish to pay warm tribute to the skill of those who made this reproduction. The fresco technique has been copied from the original, and the colours are the exact repetition. The materials are of the highest quality, and the standard of workmanship is outstanding. I know that many hours of devoted work went into the preparation of this magnificent gift, and I would be grateful if you, Mr. Foreign Minister, would convey to everyone involved in this work our admiration and gratitude.

It gives me great pleasure to receive this generous and beautiful gift of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations.

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