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UNITED NATIONS TO RECEIVE GIFT OF SCULPTURE FROM LUXEMBOURG

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will unveil a gift from Luxembourg to the United Nations, on the apron of the General Assembly building facing First Avenue at 45th Street, on Friday 30 September, shortly before 10 a.m. The Secretary of State of Luxembourg, Robert Goebbels, will be present.

The gift is a sculpture by the noted artist Karl Fredrik Reuterswärd, consisting of a large replica in bronze of a 45-calibre revolver, the barrel of which is tied into a knot.

The Foreign Minister and the Secretary-General will speak briefly. Mr. Reuterswärd, a native of Sweden who resides in Switzerland, will be in attendance. Members of the press are cordially invited.

Earlier works by Mr. Reuterswärd in the area of non-violence include the poster for Amnesty International in 1981 and the poster for the Conference on Confidence of Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, which took place in Stockholm, in 1984.

Among the public collections in which Mr. Reuterswärd is represented are the following: Museum of Modern Art, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Museum of Holography in New York; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; University Art Museum, Berkeley, California; San Francisco Art Institute; Sprengel Museum, Hannover; Städtische Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf; Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris; Tate Gallery, London; Kunsthau, Zürich; Nationalmuseum and Moderna Muséet, Stockholm; and the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam.

Born in Stockholm in 1934, Mr. Reuterswärd studied at the School of Fernand Leger in Paris at the Royal College of Art in Stockholm at which he later taught (1965-1970). In 1970, he moved to Lausanne.

His fields of international experience since 1952 include: drawing, painting, sculpture, holography (he was the first artist to use lasers and their various applications, in 1965), scenography, graphics, design and architectural commissions.

The first idea for the Peace symbol "NON-VIOLENCE", which is being given to the United Nations by Luxembourg, was created in 1980. After several versions, its final shape was completed in 1985. The measurements are: 1m x 1.40m x 0.35m. the sculpture was cast by the: Fonderia Mariani, Pietra Santa, Viareggio (Luca) Italy.

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