

**Remarks by Rosario
Vice-President of Nicaragua,
after the Solemn Act of Installation
of the National Assembly
for the Legislative Period 2023
January 9th 2023**

Today is January 9th, and we comply with our Constitution and our Laws by opening this period of work on the laws and decrees, that serve the People, that benefit the People, from our National Assembly. A National Assembly that is composed of working women and men, who have truly assumed the commitment to ensure and contribute to

Development with Justice for the Peace and the Security of Nicaragua's families.

Tomorrow, on the 10th, the Municipal Authorities will be installed... How much progress we have made in gender equity! We have women and men in equal numbers in the National Assembly, and we have women and men as Mayors and Mayoresses, as Municipal Councilors, and too as Government Ministers, complying with our Equity Law, 50% for women, 50% for men, although we all represent the supreme interest of Nicaragua's Families: Peace and the Joy of living in Peace, in a Country of Faith, Hope, Family Values, Community.

And well, we have listened to Comandante Daniel talking about everything we do with very little, as he says, because we know what every penny costs, and we know what every penny, well invested, can mean for Families who deserve the best.

The journey that Comandante Daniel has taken us on, and I always talk about a journey, because it really does take us to so many situations, so many issues, situations in other countries, situations in our country to, and the common denominator of this World, unfortunately, is the lack of Peace, it is the assault on Peace and the Rights of Peoples, everywhere.

And here, after that terrible aggression against Families, against the Economy, against Well-being, aggression against Peace and Justice, we have been making our way step by step, recovering all that represented so much effort, all that cost us so much, all the ways along which we had advanced and along which, with all certainty, with God's Blessing, we are going to continue advancing.

Recovering indeed, but it must be said that the recovery of Peace must be monitored, defended, strengthened, because the supreme interest of Nicaragua's families is to live in

Peace, to be able to build the Future that we all want, a Just future, one of Just Development, of Education, of Health Care, of Culture, of Construction, Roads, Housing, this year we are going to have even more Housing Programs, everywhere.

We deserve to live with Rights, to live with Well-being, to live with Equity between women and men; with respect also to the Sacred Life of all, particularly to the life of women who are also being attacked all over the World.

Today I was watching the numbers on Spanish television, a first world country, with so many crimes against women. They are problems typical of culture, arrogance, the attempt to feel and act like superior beings and to try to see women as inferior beings, who belong to other beings. That really represents an immense challenge.

As we also see in the whole world the tragedy of migration, and when we talk about migration, and economic

migration; in most cases, people who go because they buy the message, the campaign, the propaganda they make, that in those countries and particularly in the North, in the United States, life can be better.

And we all know that this is not so true, and that when arriving, first getting there, the journey, the dangers, the risks, even of death, in different ways, and then when arriving finding it is not as they hoped or were told and so many people return to live safely, to live with food, to live with family and a sense of family... food, security, shelter, when we say shelter, we are talking about the family's housing, homes.

It is really painful, one can see it, Africa emigrating to Europe, also citizens of other continents looking for what they have been offered in the European powers. Because I remember how some African leaders told us, when we visited their Countries, they told us that the colonizers told

them that they had the right of citizenship and the same rights as the nationals born in their countries, because they were also citizens of that Europe, which of course does not recognize them, does not welcome them, and where every day we see extreme situations that entire families live through and how many have also died on the way.

It is a painful issue, typical of these times in the World, and an issue that we all have to address together, because we have to ensure that in each country, despite the aggression, conditions prevail for families to be able to live together, united, reunited and calm, with Work, Stability and Security... Cover! Security in the country, and shelter, which means, feeling supported, accompanied, with our relatives, living an existence with Human Meaning, and with Human Values.

At the beginning of this year we have to sit down, think, reflect, well, we do it all the time, but always at the end of

one year, at the beginning of another, we have to assume the responsibilities, the challenges, the tasks, the priorities, the urgencies and work even harder, to achieve the solutions we all demand and deserve, and above all the solutions that make Human Values prevail.

Nicaragua is a country where whoever arrives here knows, feels, that there is Affection, that there are Values, that we have a Heart, and we have to strengthen that Affection, those Values, and grow in our Hearts, to make a Nation for everyone and so everyone has a Nation where Peace and Goodness are strengthened every day, because we know how to protect our country, take care of it, defend it, as the greatest treasure we have.

There is Peace because there is a Nation,...! And because there is Peace, we can move towards better living conditions for all Nicaragua's Families.

A warm embrace, and especially at the beginning of the year I wish everyone the best of Health. And to young people, that they grow in Hope and in identification with their Land, with their People, with their Nation, because we all owe ourselves to this Blessed Nicaragua, and we all must also serve everyone in this Blessed Nicaragua.

A warm embrace. And tomorrow we will continue at the end of the afternoon meeting with the Municipal Authorities who will ny then have been sworn in by the Supreme Electoral Council everywhere.

A warm embrace, Compañeras and Compañeros and much Love, great Love, Always, Always Further On! An embrace. Thank you.