

New Statue at UN Recalls Legacy of Nelson Mandela

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A statue in tribute to Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) recalls today at the United Nations the legacy of the antiapartheid fighter, to whom this year the multilateral entity dedicated several events.

The sculpture is now part of the numerous works of art shown in the halls and public spaces of the U.N. general quarters in New York.

Recently unveiled during the high-level segment of the General Assembly, the real-size figure is a present from South African president, Cyril Ramaphosa.

In its inauguration on September 24, the South African head of State thanked the enthusiasm showed by the international community on occasion of the hundredth anniversary of Mandela.

He also recalled the first negro South African president is revered in his country as founding father of democracy and that his life of sacrifices continues inspiring different generations.

Over 150 speakers from all over the world were gathered on September 24 at the UN for the Peace Summit Nelson Mandela, and due to numerous applications to speak at the event, previous Tuesday there was a second session of this event.

A resolution to declare the period 2019-2028 as the Decade for Peace Nelson Mandela was also approved.