

**Выступление
Министра иностранных дел В.В.Макея
на открытии художественной выставки
«Лента времени»**

Женева, 9 апреля 2019 г., 13:00, Дворец Наций

Dear Director General,

Dear Madam Executive Secretary,

Уважаемый Михаил Григорьевич [*Михаил Григорьевич Борозна, ректор
Белорусской государственной академии искусств, один из соавторов выставки*],

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start my remarks with words of gratitude to the Mission of Belarus in Geneva and to the Belarusian academy of arts for initiating and carrying out this exhibition, to the UN Office in Geneva for providing member-states with the opportunity to exhibit and to share its cultural heritage, and, of course, to our partners from Japan Tobacco International for supporting the project.

The “Time tape” exhibition symbolically covers decades of evolution in the Belarusian art from mid-60ies of the last century to nowadays. It is an important abstraction born from a random line of billions of personal stories both of artists and of years as if the latter were living beings.

Without clear limits, as the art starts nowhere and ends nowhere, this 50-year long Time tape meets us in our journey back to our routes.

Being considered here in the UN headquarters the exhibition unites the present days to two important anniversaries in the Belarusian diplomacy: 100 years since the first Ministry of foreign affairs of Belarus was established and 50 years from the establishment of the Mission of Belarus in Geneva.

This obvious endlessness of art and its capacity to take humans to travels in time testify how deeply connected to our history we are and how fragile and subtle this connection is.

It is not easy to see beyond the frame, to see not only pictures but to recognize whole stories and worlds they represent. But if you know how, you can read from the Time tape.

Our desire was to bring to you the little piece of our diversity stewed from different cultures, and cooked with lots of wars and hopes. I am convinced that it is in the nation's cultural code, where we must search for the country's sources of its foreign policy.

As you all well know Belarus has been and remains truly committed to multilateralism in world affairs. And I avail myself of this opportunity to reconfirm our strong support to the honorable tasks of the United Nations.

Thank you.