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1992



"Lady Writing Letter," Vermeer.



"The Meeting," Almqvist



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Mount Everest

WORLD HERITAGE

1992

Ngauri's Sagarmatha National Park, in the Himalayas in the eastern part of the country near Tibet, is home to Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. A man-made formation of huge rocks, Stonehenge dates from 2800-1500 B.C. and is one of the world's great enigmas.



Stonehenge



Mountain & Face

EARTH SUMMIT

1992



Mountain & Face



Lake & Boat



Shore Scene

The emphasis at the 1992 Earth Summit was twofold: environment and development, but with a primary emphasis on development and economic change. Since it is the development process that has altered the environment, only through changes in economic behavior and lifestyles, and in management of the development process, can governments produce a way of life that is sustainable in both economic and environmental terms. The Earth Summit sought to promote incentives that alter economic behavior to ensure global environmental security.

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DEFINITIVE

1992



UN Headquarters, NYC

Nestor José Marín of Argentina designed this definitive, which was issued on January 24, 1992, for use on mail from the Geneva offices of the U.N. The House of Queens, the United Kingdom, printed it by offset lithography in an initial quantity of 1.6 million.



Marine Life

A main purpose of these stamps, which were issued March 13, 1992, is to remind people of how important oceans are. A serious deterioration in the condition of the oceans could result in the end of life on Earth. Braidt Broidis designed these and the others in the series.



CLEAN OCEANS

1992



Marine Life

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MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

1992



Outer Space



Outer Space

Mission to Planet Earth is a major international effort involving the U.N. together with other national and international space agencies to use space technology to improve our understanding of the environment. The effort also is a further step to promote the peaceful uses of outer space.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

1992



Children & Doll



Student at Computer

Science and technology are woven into the fabric of civilization, and economic and social development is impossible without these fundamental tools of the modern world. Realizing this, the U.N. focussed international attention on science and technology at 1963 and 1979 conferences.

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"The Oath..." David



"Rocking Chair I," Moore

Born in Paris in 1748, Jacques Louis David was one of the foremost artists of the French Revolution. "The Oath of the Jeu de Paume" depicts the famous "oath" of solidarity which the deputies of the States General exchanged in 1789. The drawing in pen, brown ink, wash, and white lead was first shown in 1791. Henry Moore, born in Yorkshire, England, in 1898, became one of the most renowned sculptors of the twentieth century. Throughout his career, he was fascinated by human figures and their relationships to each other.

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"The Oath," David



"Rocking Chair I," Moore

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WORLD HERITAGE

1992



Iguazu National Park



Abu Simbel

Iguazu National Park has one of the world's most astounding waterfalls and a tropical rain forest. Abu Simbel, on the Nile River, is the site of two huge ancient temples that are carved into cliffs rising from the river valley; they were built by the Egyptian pharaoh Ramses.



Outer Space



Sun

EARTH SUMMIT

1992



Landscape

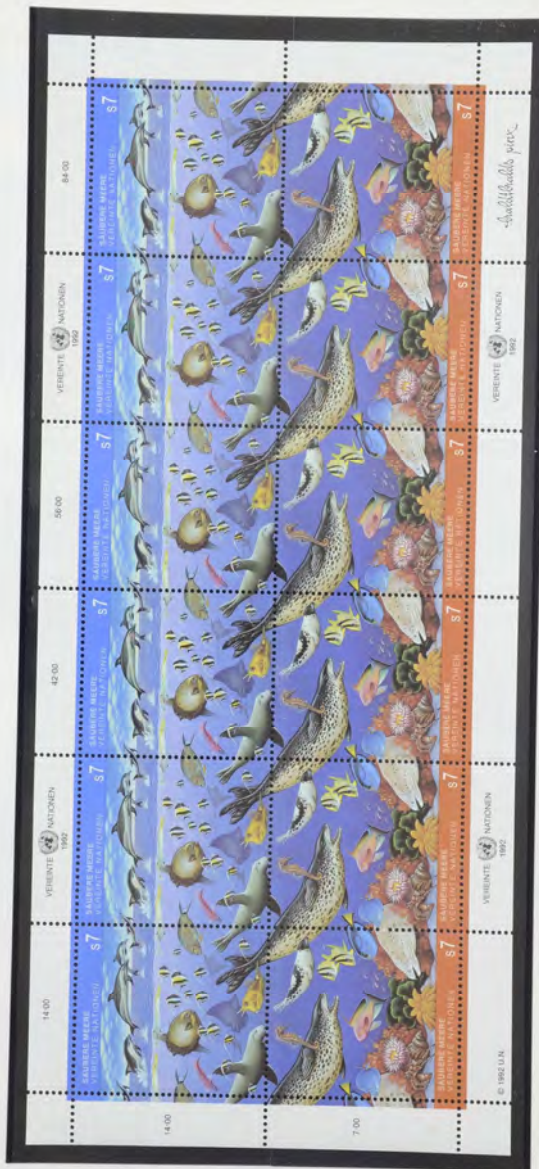


Mountain & Lake Scene

These are among the priorities that were established for the world community at the Earth Summit. Revitalization of the economies of developing countries; reversal of the outflow of resources from developing countries and promotion of their access to new resources; transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries; and strengthening the capabilities of their own institutions to promote sustainable development; reversal of the destruction of renewable resources, soil, forests, biological and genetic resources.

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DEFINITIVES

1992



Woman, Rose, Birds



Vienna International Centre

CLEAN OCEANS

1992



Marine Life



Marine Life

The U.N. has exerted much effort to keep oceans clean. In 1982, the Convention on the Law of the Sea created a legal order to protect and preserve the marine environment, and the International Maritime Organization and U.N. Environment Program have fought marine pollution.

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MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

1992



Horizon & Space Technology



Horizon & Space Technology



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

1992



Girl, Book, Computer



Hand & Flowers

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1992



"Les Constructeurs," Lager



"Sunday Afternoon..." Seurat

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MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION



MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

Space has given us a new perspective on the universe, our solar system and our own planet.
Can it also give us a new perspective on ourselves?

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT



In the preamble to its resolution 44/14A of 26 October 1989, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, stressed the central role that science and technology play as vital instruments for the improvement of the quality of life and the eradication of poverty in the context of the promotion of economic growth and sustained development in developing countries.



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General Assembly



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ENDANGERED SPECIES

1993



Queensland Hairy-nosed Wombat



Whooping Crane



Giant Clam

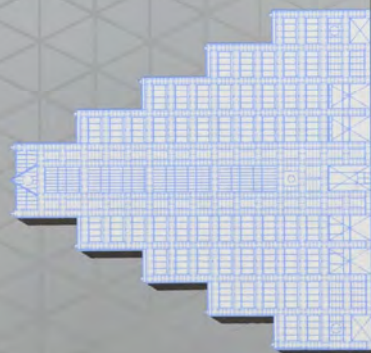


Giant Sable Antelope

Issued March 3, 1993, this series focuses on the need to protect the world's endangered species. Norman Adams designed these 29¢ values. Two of the species in this quartet—the Queensland hairy-nosed wombat and the whooping crane—are so rare that fewer than 150 of each exist.



Official Opening of the
**UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY BUILDING**



**TOKYO, JAPAN
FEBRUARY 1993**

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION



In making available a permanent headquarters building to the United Nations University, the people and Government of Japan have shown their faith in and commitment to the concept that a better world for all can be achieved through action-oriented research and knowledge.

日本の国民と政府は国連大学に恒久本部ビルを提供してくれましたが、それによって、人類すべてにとってもっとのより良き世界は、そのための行動の基となる研究と知識によってこそ実現され得るという考えに対する自らの信念を示し、また実行したのです。

Basim Rantawi Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations
国際連合事務総長

These new modern facilities will enable the United Nations University to strengthen its unique character as an international community of scholars with vigorous roots in the academic community of Japan.

この新しい近代的な施設は、日本の学界と確たる結びつきを持った国連の学術共同体として、他に類を見ない国連大学の特質を強化してくれるであろう。

Helene Gurgulins de Souza
Rector, United Nations University
国連大学学長

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AGEING: DIGNITY AND PARTICIPATION



Family

1993

A World Assembly on Ageing in 1982 adopted the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing, which the UN General Assembly endorsed. The Plan called for programs to guarantee economic and social security to older persons and encouraged society to respond more fully to their needs.



Health & Nutrition

DEFINITIVE

1993



"United Nations"

This 5¢ definitive was issued May 7, 1993. Its design is adopted from Salim Abdallah Khandani's motif for the 53¢ postal card of 1982. An initial quantity of 1.5 million copies of the stamp was printed by offset lithography at The House of Quetta in the United Kingdom.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

1993



Human Being

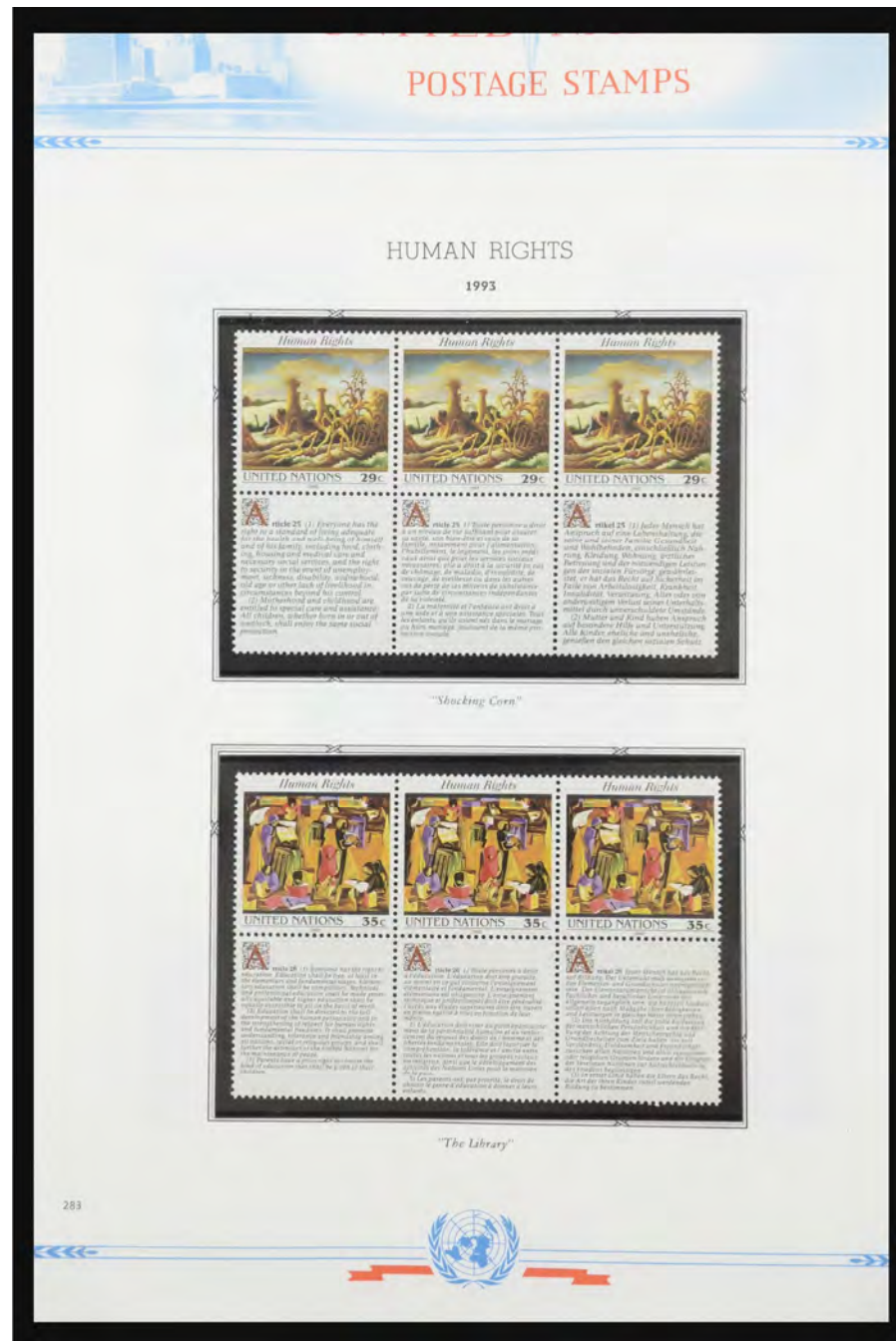
May 7, 1993, was the issue date of these stamps for the 45th anniversary of the World Health Organization. Milton Glaser designed the sextet. The 29¢ value's motif symbolizes personal environment (the mind, body and life-styles). Family environment is the theme of the 50¢ stamp.



Family







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"Shocking Corn"



"The Library"



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"Peace"

PEACE

1993



"Peace"



"Peace"

In 1981, the UN General Assembly declared that the third Tuesday of September, when it opens its annual regular session, "shall be officially dedicated and observed as the International Day of Peace." To mark this event, the UNPA issued three set-tenant blocks on September 21, 1993.



"Peace"



ENVIRONMENT — CLIMATE

1993



Chameleon



Storm, Ocean, & City

Brecht Bruids of the Netherlands designed the set-tenant strips of "Environment — Climate" stamps issued October 29, 1993. The chameleon at the left of the 29¢ design symbolizes the ability of animals—including the bird of paradise, deer, and antelope—to adapt to changing nature.



Waterpoint



Bird of Paradise





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Gorilla

ENDANGERED
SPECIES

1993



Peregrine Falcon





Amazonian Manatee

Betina Ogden designed these Swiss denomination stamps. Of all animals, the great apes are not only closest to man in physical appearance but also closest in intellectual capacity. Once found all over the world, the peregrine falcon now is extinct in some places and rare elsewhere.



Snow Leopard

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1993



"Three Musicians"

"Voice of Space"

The undisputed pivotal figure of 20th century art is Spanish-born Pablo Picasso. He painted two versions of "Three Musicians" in 1921, both of which are considered masterworks in the Cubist tradition, showing masked, mysterious figures who emerge as distinct personalities. The work resonates in painting that followed in later decades. "Voice of Space" (1931) is by René Magritte, one of the main figures of the Surrealism movement in art. The Belgian is considered a master of Magic Realism, a form involving the fantastic juxtaposition of elements or events that do not normally belong together.

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1993



"Three Matricians"



"Voice of Space"

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POSTAGE STAMPS

PEACE

1993



"Peace"



"Peace"



"Peace"



"Peace"

The Peace commemoratives were designed by Hans Erni of Switzerland and printed by a combination on one color intaglio (white) and four colors in offset. The Swiss denomination was issued in a printing of 2.4 million copies, and the other two values in a quantity of 2.8 million each.

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POSTAGE STAMPS

ENVIRONMENT — CLIMATE

1993



Polar Bears



Whale & Seals



Elephant Seal



Penguins

The danger of an intensely hot sun making the polar icecap is dramatized on this searient strip. Since the early 1970s, scientists have worried about the possibility of major global warming and that the "greenhouse effect" could warm the earth significantly within fifty years.



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POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1993



Grey's Zebra



Humboldt's Penguin



Desert Monitor

Steve Brennan designed this quartet. Though exploited, none of these animals faces extinction. The zebra and desert monitor have been hunted for their skins; Humboldt's penguins' flesh and eggs are sought after. Predatory wolves have been eliminated from highly populated areas.



Grey Wolf

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AGEING: DIGNITY AND PARTICIPATION

1993



Housing



Education

The designs of these Vienna stamps focus upon the need for good housing for seniors and the value of elderly people as transmitters of knowledge and as continuing learners. These and the other four stamps in the set were issued on February 5, 1993. C.M. Dudash designed them.



Globe and Doves

DEFINITIVE

1993

Morek Kwatkowski designed this stamp, which was issued May 7, 1993, using his motif for the 404 definitive of 1982. This new stamp was printed by the photogravure process in an initial quantity of 1.5 million copies at Helio Courvoisier S.A. of Switzerland.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

1993



Symbolic Ocean



The World

The S 6 value focuses on regional and national environment, such as disaster preparedness, food safety, and energy and industrial policy. The high value has continental and global environment as its theme: atmospheric and marine pollution, emergency relief, and epidemic reporting.

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"Peace"

PEACE
1993



"Peace"



"Peace"

The Peace stamps are the second set created for the United Nations by Hans Erni in 1984; he did the Refugees issue. He also is the designer of many Swiss, erland, and Liechtenstein stamps. Erni used a set-tenant format for the Peace stamps so that the set-tenant block appears as one large picture.



"Peace"

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ENVIRONMENT — CLIMATE

1993



Monkey & Child



Bluebird & Smokestacks

This Austrian value strip shows nature's potentially destructive climatic force via an erupting volcano. As a corollary, man-made environmental threats are symbolized by industrial smokestacks and a nuclear plant in the midst of a onetime forest disintegrated into a full-blown desert.



Volcano & Nuclear Plant



Owl & Stumps



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HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION 1948-1993

"A healthy environment is essential for mankind and planet Earth; the well-

being of the one depends on the other. It is people that must be at the centre of environmental and developmental concerns. Each and every one, entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature and worthy of human dignity, bears the responsibility to restore and sustain the environment to be enjoyed by present and future generations."

Boutros Boutros-Chali

Boutros Boutros-Chali
Secretary-General of the United Nations



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PEACE

Today, more than at any other time since the end of the Second World War, we are within reach of the world of our Charter: peace, freedom, justice and social progress. The ills of hunger, disease, intolerance and threats to our environment must not be allowed to prevent us from reaching this goal which is so fundamental for our future and that of our children.



Boutros Boutros-Chali
Boutros Boutros-Chali
Secretary-General
of the United Nations



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ENDANGERED SPECIES

1994



Chimpanzee



St. Lucia Amazon



American Crocodile



Dama Gazelle

Kertie Madgeford designed these stamps. The chimpanzee is an animal kingdom relative of man; the St. Lucia parrot is found in a St. Lucia Caribbean rain forest; the American crocodile is native to south Florida and Central and South America; the dama gazelle is a graceful, sturdy creature of the African desert.



POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

1994



Adults & Children



Poverty in Families



Hands Forming Bridge

PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

1994

Since 1951, UNHCR (the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) has been an independent body of the UN responsible for assisting and protecting refugees and advancing lasting solutions to their problems. To commemorate its work, these stamps, designed by Françoise Peyroux, were issued April 29, 1994.



"Sleeping Child"



"Dove of Peace"



"Mourning Owl"

These definitives were issued April 29, 1994. A mosaic Pope John Paul II presented to the UN during his 1979 visit is on the \$1.00 stamp; eighteenth century enameled were used to make it. A detail of a stained glass Poland gave to the UN that same year is on the 194 denomination; it is based on a drawing by the Polish painter Stanislaw Wyspianski (1869-1907). The woman in Canadian Vanessa last's 1985 drawing on the \$1.00 value symbolizes Mother Earth.



POSTAGE STAMPS

DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

1994



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part

With the objective of reducing the loss of life, property damage, and social and economic disruption resulting from natural disasters, the UN in 1989 designated the 1990's as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction. These stamps were issued May 24, 1994, during a world conference in Japan on the subject.



Map & Globe Part



POSTAGE STAMPS

POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1994



Boy & Girl



Family Group

These and similar Geneva and Vienna stamps issued September 1, 1994, mark the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, Egypt, September 5-13, 1994. Its aim was to forge a consensus that population concerns are at the center of all economic, social, political, and environmental activities.

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

1994



Map & Bands of Color



Map & Bands of Color

Issued October 28, 1994, these stamps mark the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which aims to spur economic growth and development, mainly in third world countries. Luis Sarda of Spain designed the offset printed adhesives.



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Mexican Prairie Dog

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1994



Jabiru



Blue Whale

Paul Margocky designed these stamps, issued March 18, 1994. Burrowing squirrels, Mexican prairie dogs are social rodents; the Jabiru, of the tropical Central and South America wetlands, is one of the world's largest storks; the blue whale is the world's largest creature; eastern Brazil's golden lion tamarin is a tiny monkey.



Golden Lion Tamarin

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POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

1994



Responsible Parenthood



Extended Family

Rocco J. Callan designed these and the other International Year of the Family stamps, and Catherine Litvin-Rabin created the emblem for the UN-sponsored observance, which called attention to the family as the basic unit of society, in part because it is a primary means of transmitting cultural values.



Hand Holding Refugee

Between 1951 and 1994, UNHCR helped more than thirty million refugees, earning two Nobel Peace Prizes in the process. In 1992, it repatriated some 2.4 million refugees; and in 1994, over twenty million looked to the international community for assistance and protection, with some 10,000 people fleeing their homes every day.

PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

1994

POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1994



People Buying & Selling

Jerry Smith designed these and similar 1994 New York and Vienna stamps, which focus upon population and development concerns requiring attention in the 1990's, including family planning programs, the aging of population, and the interaction between demographic variables and socio-economic development.



Family Groups

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POSTAGE STAMPS

DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

1994



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part

Kenji Koga of Japan designed the shattered globe motif for the New York, Geneva, and Vienna International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction emblem blocks, which were printed by the offset process. Each design stresses an important aspect of natural disaster reduction: warning, assessment, and preparedness.



Map & Globe Part

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DEFINITIVES

1994



Palais des Nations, Geneva



Tapestry



Palais des Nations, Geneva

September 1, 1994, was the release date of these Swiss denomination definitives, which met current and make-up postage needs. Rocco J. Callori designed all three stamps. The motifs of the 0.60 and 1.80 values are based on photographic views. That of the 0.80 stamp is from "Creation of the World," a tapestry by Olli Maki of Finland. The tapestry, which hangs in the Palais des Nations, was donated to the United Nations by the Wihuri Foundation of Finland.

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

1994



Map & Bands of Color

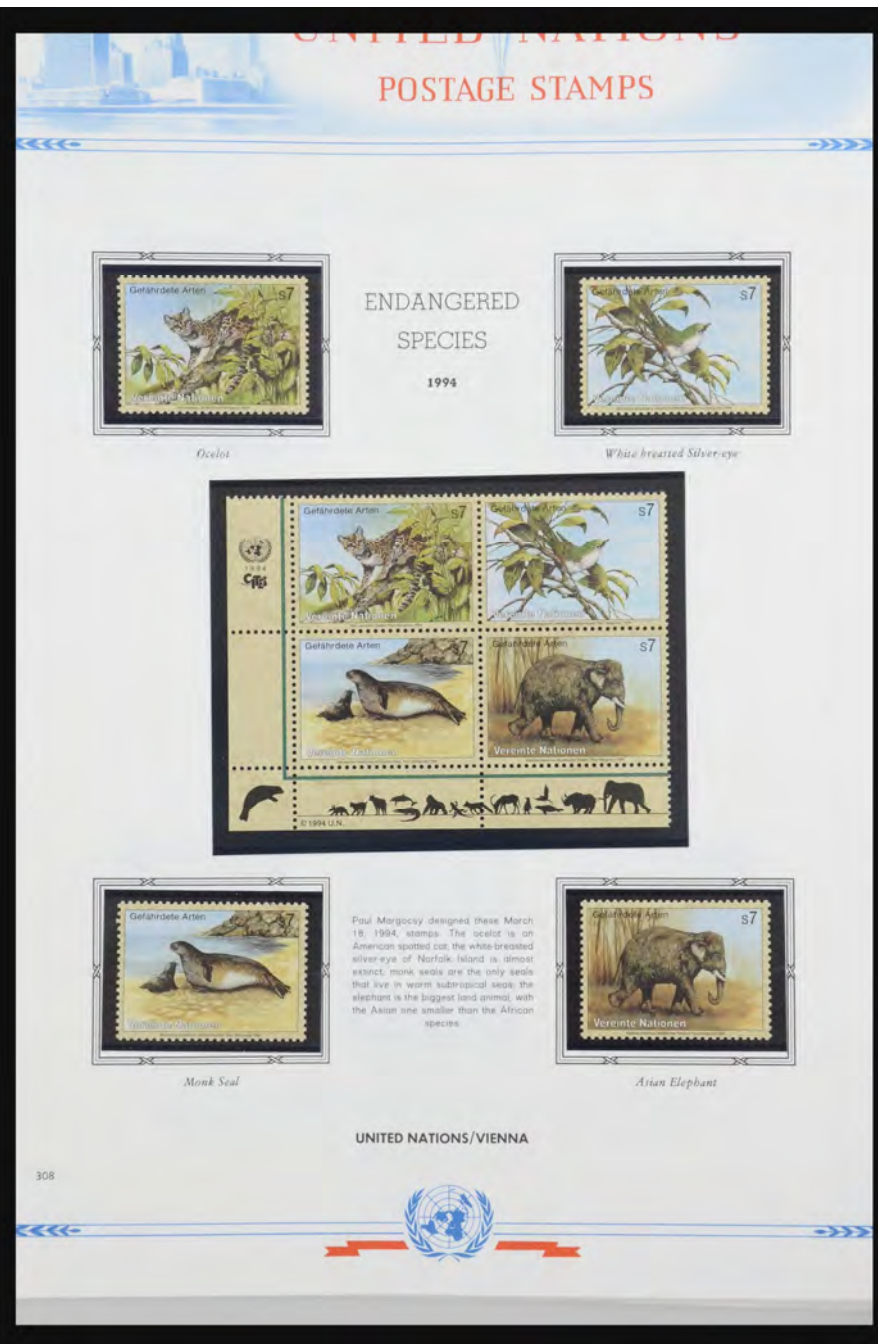
UNCTAD pursues its mission by analyzing countries' policies; monitoring development programs; providing technical cooperation; convening intergovernmental meetings; and encouraging consensus-building and negotiations. It is comprised of member states of the United Nations.



Map & Bands of Color

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

1994



Family Group



Sharing Domestic Duties

An aim of the International Year of the Family was to move local, national and international institutions to develop, implement, and monitor policies concerning families during a period when the nature of the social unit was changing. For example, family size has decreased, with more emphasis on the "nuclear family."

PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

1994



Hands Protecting Refugees

UNHCR seeks durable, long-term solutions to the plight of refugees: voluntary repatriation to their country of origin if feasible; or integration in the country where they first sought asylum; or resettlement in a third country. It strives to ensure that no one is involuntarily returned to a country where persecution is likely.

DEFINITIVES

1994



Birds Around Tree



Birds & UN Emblem



Globe & Bird

Robert Stein of the United Nations staff adapted designs of earlier definitives for these April 29, 1994, Vienna stamps. The motif on the 50g value is by Masatoshi Hiki (Japan) and had been used both for a 1978 F.s. 0.35 definitive and a 1979 50g definitive. The \$4 design is by Ramon Alcantara Rodriguez of Mexico and also is the motif of the 1986 F.s. 0.50 definitive. And Israeli Eliezer Weishoff's 194 1979 definitive motif was adapted for the \$30 stamp.

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DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

1994



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part



Map & Globe Part

Natural disasters continue to cause unacceptable and rising levels of losses despite the wealth of scientific and engineering know-how which could be effectively used to reduce losses. The problem is particularly acute in developing countries, which need to establish early warning systems and disaster-resistant structures.

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POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1994



Women Working

The S5.50 Vienna Population and Development stamp shows how the enhanced roles and socio-economic status of women affect such population dynamics as adolescent motherhood, education, and employment. The S7 commemorative illustrates the interrelationships between population, development, and environment.



Family Group

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

1994



Map & Bands of Color

UNCTAD's Trade and Development Board, its executive body, deals with international implications of economic policies and with problems and issues in trade, finance, and structural adjustment. It also monitors UN action programs for Africa and the world's least developed countries.



Map & Bands of Color

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
FEBRUARY 4, 1994
UNITED NATIONS
1994 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY



"The family offers a framework for numerous international plans and programmes of action in social, economic and environmental issues. The 1994 International Year of the Family focuses the attention of the world on the family as an agent and a beneficiary of sustainable development."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations





United Nations
Postal Administration



Population and Development

"Without development, there can be no peace. Without development, democracy and human rights are unattainable. A rapidly growing population strains development efforts. Population, sustainable development, peace and security are therefore closely interrelated."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Giant Armadillo

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1995



Bald Eagle



Banded Iguana

Chris Caffie designed these stamps. The giant panda's range has declined due to climatic changes and the spread of people. The bald eagle has been endangered by hunting and pesticide poisoning. Deforestation threatens both the banded iguana and giant armadillo.



Giant Panda



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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Anniversary Emblem

January 1, 1995, was the issue date of this stamp as well as the Geneva and Vienna values, which mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. Rocco J. Calari designed them, and the Swiss Postal Service printed the trio by intaglio and offset.

SOCIAL SUMMIT

1995



People

Bringing together heads of state and government, the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, Denmark, March 6-12, 1995, outlined types of national policies and forms of international cooperation which could foster worldwide social progress.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

1995



Mother & Child

Released September 5, 1995, these stamps and similar ones in Swiss and Austrian currency commemorate the Fourth World Conference on Women, which was held in Beijing, China, September 4-15, 1995. The theme of the gathering, in which thousands participated, was Action for Equality, Development, and Peace. Ting Shao Kuang designed the set, which was printed by the photogravure process.



Women & Birds

DEFINITIVE

1995



UN Headquarters & Flags

John B. De Santis, Jr., designed this definitive which replaces a 1979 20c stamp using a combination of illustration and computer graphics. Its semicircle motif represents the universality of the United Nations. The stamp was issued September 5, 1995.



POSTAGE STAMPS

YOUTH: OUR FUTURE

1995



Youth & World

Designed by Gottfried Kumpf, these stamps, plus four Geneva and Vienna values commemorate the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year. Most of the world's youth live in developing countries and suffer from lack of education and training opportunities.



Cyclists

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Hand Signing Charter



Veterans' Memorial Opera House



To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter, these stamps and sheet, as well as parallel adhesives for the UN's Geneva and Vienna offices, were issued on June 26, 1995. The father and son team of Paul and Chris Calic collaborated on the designs, Inge Madle engraved them, and the stamps and sheets were printed by a combination of intaglio and offset.



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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World

While the efforts of the world's peoples working in the United Nations have not always met with success, they have made a difference—in rights, emergency relief, disarmament, peace-keeping, and the growth of free and democratically elected governments. The UN is not a world government, and it cannot enforce its resolutions. But it can take part in collective action as agreed upon by its members.

UNITED NATIONS

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Through the United Nations, the peoples of the world are united in a common goal: to build a better world for all. As such, through its component organizations, it provides coordination, and fosters cooperation in such diverse fields as war and peace, transport, use of the seas and outer space, telecommunications, the press, health, science, energy, meteorology, protection of children, the environment, and safeguarding the world cultural heritage.

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*We the Peoples of the United Nations...
United for a Better World*





Crowned Lemur



Giant Scops Owl



Zetek's Frog



Wood Bison

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

1995

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Anniversary Emblem

As part of the UN's golden anniversary observance, a "Global Teach-In" encouraged schools worldwide to organize classes during the year to study the organization and issues on the global agenda, since youth are key constituents of the future United Nations.

SOCIAL SUMMIT

1995



Symbolic Design

Frederich Hunderwasser of Austria designed the three Social Summit stamps, which Wolfgang Seiden, also of Austria, engraved. The adhesives were printed by intaglio and photogravure of Austria's Government Printing Office and issued February 3, 1995.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

1995



Woman & Birds



Women

Participants in the Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women assessed how women's lives had changed in the decade since the third conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1985 and took steps to keep issues of concern to women high on the international agenda.

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YOUTH: OUR FUTURE

1995



Youth & Landscape

Issued May 26, 1995, these as well as the New York and Geneva Youth stamps, focus attention upon young people as major human resources for a country's development, since they are usually the key agents for social change and technological innovation.



Youth & Landscape

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Hand Signing Charter



Veterans' Memorial Opera House



At 1943 Moscow and Tehran meetings of Big Five leaders, creation of an international group to keep peace and security was offered. A blueprint for this body was prepared in 1944 at a meeting in the Dumbarton Oaks mansion in Washington, D.C., and reaffirmed at Yalta in February of 1945. Thus before the end of World War II, war-weary world leaders were planning for a peacekeeping organization.

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995

*Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World*

When the UN Charter came into effect on October 24, 1945, it heralded the birth of an international organization created to maintain world peace and foster international cooperation and progress. October 24, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the UN, was the issue date of these stamps and the others of similar motif. Ben Verheulink designed the stamps and the others of similar motif. Ben Verheulink designed the stamps and the others of similar motif.

UNITED NATIONS / GENEVA

*Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World*

UNITED NATIONS

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995

*Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World*

poored, defended human rights and envisions, oversee the repair of a damaged world environment, and focused more on crime and helped achieve sovereignty to their people. The golden anniversary, therefore, was a time not only for reflection on the achievements and lessons of the past, but also for charting a course of action for the 21st century.

UNITED NATIONS / GENEVA

*Peoples of the World**Peoples of the World*

POSTAGE STAMPS

1995 - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS - 1995



 *Vous, peuples des Nations Unies...
alliés pour un monde meilleur*



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Black Rhinoceros

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1995



Douc Langur



Golden Conure

Poachers prize black rhinoceros horns. Brazil's golden conure is threatened by bird clearance. The douc langur is found only in Viet Nam and Laos. The Arabian onyx has been reintroduced after becoming extinct in the wild. Salvatore Catalano designed these stamps.



Arabian Onyx

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Anniversary Emblem

For the UN's 50th anniversary, activities took place under the aegis of national committees, UN associations, and other non-governmental organizations whose common goal was a UN capable of meeting the rising demands and expectations of the 21st century.

SOCIAL SUMMIT

1995



Symbolic Design

The Social Summit increased global awareness of social issues and affirmed the highest political commitment to addressing matters of poverty alleviation, employment, and social integration—interrelated problems of special concern in developing countries.



Women & Trees



Woman & Swan

WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

1995

The Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women analyzed obstacles to women's advancement, recommended steps for overcoming them, and focused upon such areas as violence against women and access to education, health, and employment.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

YOUTH: OUR FUTURE

1995



Youth & Dwellings



Youth & Dwellings

In 1985, International Youth Year, the world youth population was 940 million (19% of the world's people). The 1995 youth population was estimated at 1.03 billion (17% of the world's total). By 2025, young people will number 1.36 billion (16% of the total population).

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Hand Signing Charter



Veterans' Memorial Opera House



Starting on April 25, 1945, representatives of fifty nations met at the Veterans' Memorial Opera House in San Francisco to create a new international organization that would help maintain peace and bring a better life to all peoples. On June 26, 1945, the representatives signed the Charter of the United Nations, whose 111 articles spell out the purposes, principles, and structure of the UN.

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UNITED NATIONS 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World

The UN Charter's preamble says: "We the people of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, women and men, have decided to place in the hands of future generations a Charter of the United Nations, the purpose of which is to maintain international peace and security, to develop friendly relations among nations, to achieve co-operation between them, and to promote human rights, in the equal rights of men and women." The U.S. signers were Edward R. Stassen, in San Francisco, and Sol Bloom, Charles E. Eaton, Harold Stassen, and Virginia C. Oberholser.

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UNITED NATIONS

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1995



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Peoples of the World



Designed by the United Nations, the issue was
designed by the United Nations, and they were printed by offset lithography. When the UN Charter came into force on October 24, 1945, it heralded the birth of an
international organization created to maintain peace and security and to work for social progress. From the fifty original nations in 1945, the
UN had a membership of 153 member states.

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UNITED NATIONS

POSTAGE STAMPS

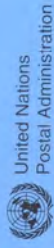
1995 - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS - 1995



*Wir, die Völker der Vereinten Nationen...
gemeinsam für eine bessere Welt*



SOCIAL SUMMIT



World Summit for Social Development

"The World Summit for Social Development, meeting at Copenhagen in 1995, will address age-old problems that in our time have become global in scale and urgency. Building on a continuum of United Nations-sponsored international conferences on issues of common concern, the World Summit will provide an opportunity to achieve a comprehensive vision as well as a shared commitment to practical steps towards reducing poverty, expanding employment and strengthening social integration. The World Summit for Social Development is the keystone of this 50th anniversary year of the United Nations."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations



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YOUTH: OUR FUTURE



UNITED NATIONS
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

10th Anniversary of the International Youth Year



Youth symbolizes generosity, spontaneity and creativity, attributes that stand for hope and life. But far from all youth are able to share such promise today. The problems of global social development - unemployment, poverty and dislocation, fall disproportionately heavily on youth. The tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year is a time to generate momentum toward a more equitable society, making the maximum of the potential of the youth of all nations.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations



1995

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Masdevallia Veticiana

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1996



Carnegiea Gigantea



Cephalotus Follicularis

Masdevallia is an orchid. *Carnegiea gigantea* (Saguaro) is a giant columnar cactus, carnivorous. *Cephalotus follicularis* (West Australian Pitcher Plant) has leaves adapted to catch insects, though many *Encephalartos* look like palms, they are not related to them.



Encephalartos Horridus



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

CITY SUMMIT

1996

June 3, 1996, the issue date of these and the other City Summit (Kipote) stamps (which Teresa Fasolino designed), also was the opening day of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey, for twelve days. The Summit focussed upon the urbanization process, as cities and towns learn to accommodate a growing majority of the world's population in the twenty-first century.



Deer & Flowers



Man, Child, & Town



Park & City



Woman, Child, & River



Bird & Flowers



Nos. 993-997 1997

MARSHALL ISLANDS



Christmas — A163

1999, Oct. 26 Litho. Perf. 13½
722 A163 33c multi .65 .65

Events of the 20th Century Type of 1997

Events of 1970-1979: a. Jumbo jets enter transatlantic service. b. China advances on world stage. c. Terrorists range the world. d. Space stations orbit earth. e. Oil crisis strangles world. f. China unveils underground army. g. Reign of death devastates Cambodia. h. Superpower proclaim era of Merle. i. America celebrates bicentennial. Personal

computers reach markets. k. Diagnostic tools revolutionize medicine. l. Automobiles transport millions. m. Prospect of peace in Middle East. n. Compact disc revolutionizes recording. o. Islam's prophets resurgent.

1999, Nov. 15
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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1996

Pursuant to its founding principles as set forth in the Olympic Charter, the International Olympic Committee, which was founded in 1894, is pledged to contribute to building a peaceful and better world through competitive sports and the Olympic ideal.



Basketball Players



Women's Volleyball



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

WFUNA

1996



Face, Sun, Rainbow

Rudolf Mier of Switzerland designed this stamp and the other two that were issued February 2, 1996, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. The trio was printed by the offset lithography process.

DEFINITIVES

1996



Fernand Leger Maral



Fernand Leger Maral

February 2, 1996, was the release date of these definitive stamps. They were issued to meet current U.S. postage rates, to which the UN Postal Administration conforms: the 32¢ basic first class letter rate and the 60¢ basic international airmail rate.

A PLEA FOR PEACE

1996



Birds in Egg

These and the other stamps in the "Plea for Peace" set were designed by children of China, printed by offset lithography, and issued September 17, 1996. The design motifs depict images that are indicative to children of the joy and hope of a peaceful world.



Bird & Flowers

50th ANNIVERSARY OF UNICEF

1996



"Yeh-Shen"

The world's advocate for child survival, protection, and development, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) began after World War II as a tiny group supplying children with dried milk. These fiftieth anniversary stamps were issued November 20, 1996.



"The Ugly Duckling"



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Paphiopedilum Delenatii

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1996



Pachypodium Baronii



Sternbergia Lutea

Paphiopedilum delenatii is an Asian Slipper Orchid; *Pachypodium baronii* grows on hillsides in northwest Madagascar; *Sternbergia lutea* (Winter Daffodil) is a bulbous plant popular in gardens; *Darlingtonia Californica* (Cobra Lily) is a carnivorous "pitcher" plant.



Darlingtonia Californica

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



POSTAGE STAMPS

CITY SUMMIT

1996

The City Summit (Habitat II), which was held twenty years after the first such United Nations conference (in Vancouver, Canada), considered ways and means of making the world's cities, towns, and villages more healthy, safe, equitable, and sustainable for its inhabitants. Two of the major concerns at the gathering were adequate shelter for all and the development of sustainable human settlements in an urbanizing world.



Mother, Child, & House



Mother & Children in Park



Woman Selling Vegetables



Young Men in Park



Elderly Couple in Park



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SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1996

When the International Olympic Committee was founded in Paris on the initiative of French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the group's first action was to revive the Olympic Games, which had been held in Greece between 776 B.C. and A.D. 393.



Cyclists



Sprinters



UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA

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POSTAGE STAMPS

WFUNA

1996



Boat, Fishermen, Fish

WFUNA, which is headquartered in Geneva, has consultative status with the UN's Economic and Social Council and works closely with other UN specialized agencies and programs to promote public awareness and understanding of the UN and its agencies.

A PLEA FOR PEACE

1996



Birds in Tree



Flowers

The "Plea for Peace" commemoratives draw attention to the continuing worldwide commitment of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to help youngsters ravaged by war and also to work toward the goal of reducing child mortality, disease, and illiteracy.

DEFINITIVES

1996



Horse & Swallow



Palais des Nations, Geneva

The F.s. 0.40 value features "The Galloping Horse Treading on a Flying Swallow," a Chinese bronze from the Eastern Han Dynasty (25-220 A.D.). The view on the F.s. 0.70 stamp is taken from a photograph by Catherine Charbonnier Casile of France.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF UNICEF

1996



"The Sun and the Moon"



"Anante"

Originally conceived as a temporary effort, UNICEF by 1996 was providing \$600 million in worldwide assistance to humanitarian projects and relief efforts, increasingly turning its attention to such "silent emergencies" as poverty and preventable diseases.

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POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED
SPECIES

1996



Cypripedium Calceolus



Aztekizm Rütleri



Euphorbia Cremersii



Dracula Bella

Cypripedium calceolus (Lady's Slipper Orchid) is widespread in Europe, Siberia, and Korea; *Aztekium ritteri* is a globular cactus; *Euphorbia cremersii* occurs only in northwest Madagascar; *Dracula bella*, which requires high humidity, grows in Colombia.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA





UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

CITY SUMMIT

1996

For centuries, cities have been the source of prosperity and progress, but they also are faced with unemployment, crime, disease, and pollution. The Istanbul conference dealt with five major areas that were identified as in urgent need of attention: urban poverty reduction and job creation, urban environment and health, governance, disaster preparedness, mitigation, and redevelopment, and access to shelter and land.



Market Scene



Women, Grain Sacks, & Camel



Woman & City



Woman with Grain



Elephant Carrying Log



UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1996



Men's Parallel Bars



Handstand

LeRoy Neiman, who designed the stamps and sheets, first painted sports in 1953, did paintings of the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, California, and in 1972 and 1976, was the television on-camera artist for the Munich and Montreal Olympics.



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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

WFUNA

1996



Harlequin & Dove

The World Federation of United Nations Associations, with member groups in some twenty countries, is the only international non-governmental organization that is devoted entirely to the support of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

DEFINITIVES

1996



United Nations Flag



"Oil on Linen"

Karl Krorb of Austria did the abstract work that is reproduced on the S 10 denomination. The painting is displayed in the Vienna International Centre. These stamps and the four other February 2, 1996, definitives were printed by offset lithography.

A PLEA FOR PEACE

1996



Bird

UNICEF won the 1965 Nobel Peace Prize. Accepting it, the director said: "The most important message of this Nobel award is the solemn recognition that the welfare of today's children is inseparably linked with the peace of tomorrow's world."



Bird & Flowers

50th ANNIVERSARY OF UNICEF

1996



"Hansel and Gretel"

The UNICEF 50th anniversary stamps depict scenes created by The Walt Disney Company that illustrate popular children's tales from around the world, four continents and Pacific oceans. They thus pay tribute both to children and the creators of the works.



"How Man Stole Fire from the Gods"

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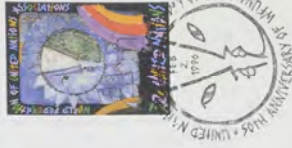
United Nations Postal Administration

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) has an important role to play in support of the work of the United Nations. The thousands of individuals from United Nations Associations (UNAs) and, indeed, from other non-governmental organizations around the world, who work voluntarily to promote the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter, could be described as the incarnation of the compelling declaration with which the Preamble to the United Nations Charter begins:

"We the peoples of the United Nations...
do commend WFUNA and its member UNAs for the valuable contribution they have made during the past fifty years as well as the contributions of all other non-governmental organizations in mobilizing popular support for the work and goals of the United Nations. Together, we will dedicate the next half century to a new collective effort in favour of peace, development and democracy.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations



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United Nations Postal Administration

"The rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child are for all children to enjoy and all adults to respect. Fifty years after its founding, the United Nations Children's Fund is the world's foremost advocate for the protection of children's rights, helping to meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations



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UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1997



Tajikistan Flag



Georgia Flag



Armenia Flag



Namibia Flag



Liechtenstein Flag



Republic of Korea Flag



Kazakhstan Flag



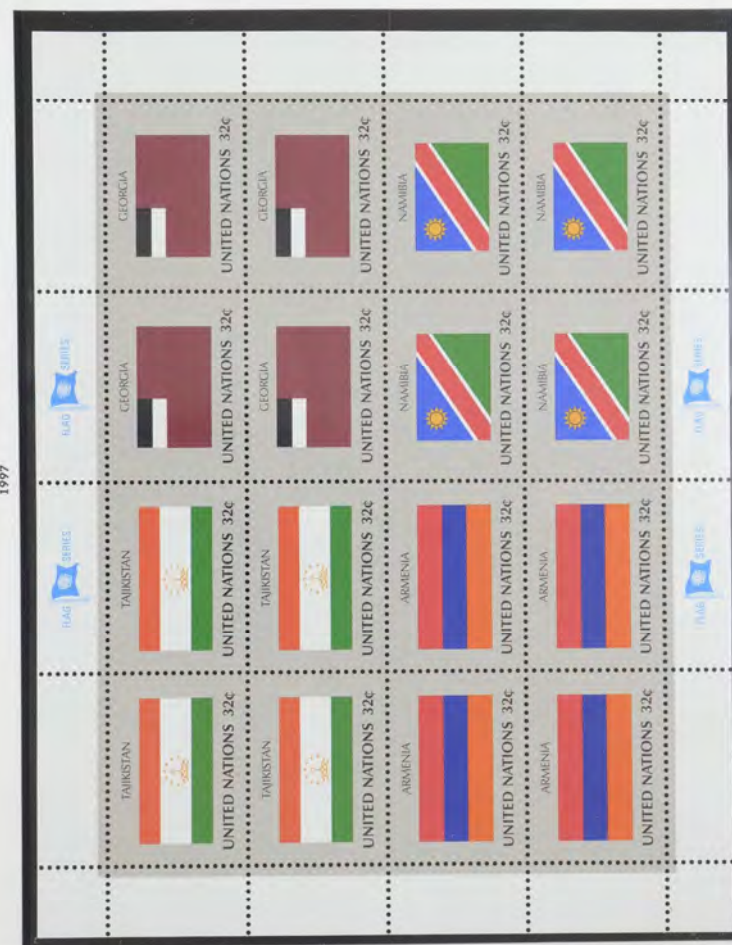
Latvia Flag

Between 1980 and 1989, the United Nations issued stamps showing the flags of all 159 member nations. In subsequent years, more countries joined the world organization, so on February 12, 1997, this first installment of eight stamps in a new series was released. The sixteen stamps were designed by Oliver Corwin and Robert Stein, using a concept by Ole Hamann, and were printed by photogravure.



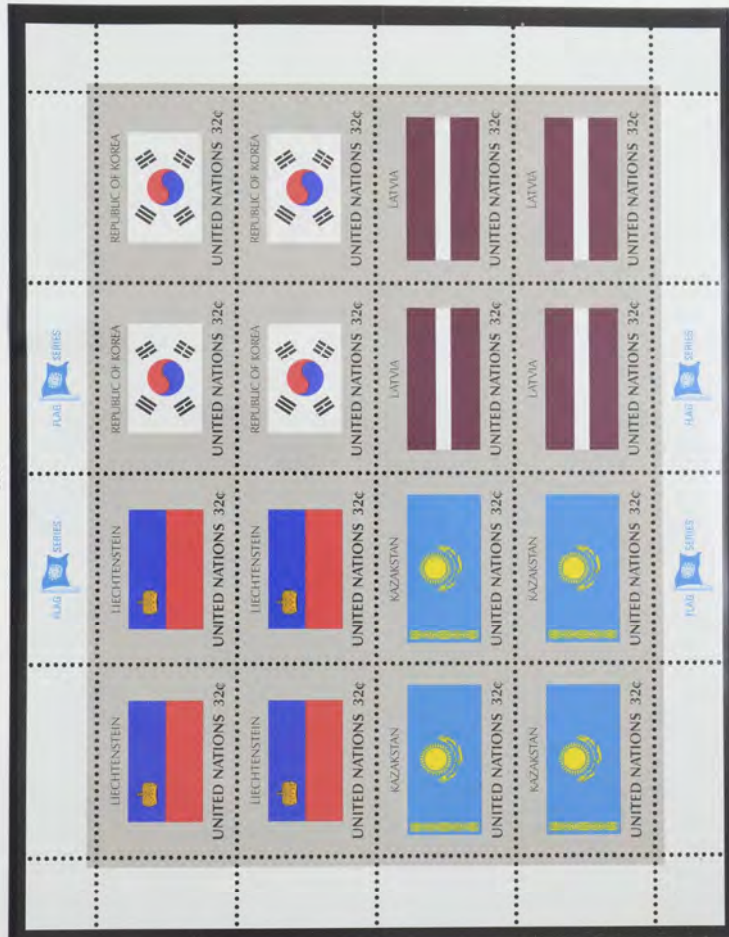
UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1997



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1997



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES 1997



African Elephant



Major Mitchell's Cockatoo



Black-footed Ferret

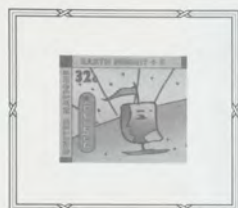
These animals are threatened by the growth of human settlement and agriculture, and thus destruction of natural habitats. The African Elephant also is threatened by ivory poachers, and the cockatoo by collectors. These stamps were issued March 13, 1997.



Cougar



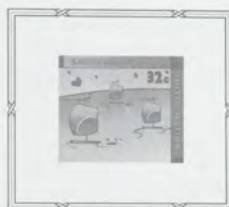
UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Ocean Scenes

EARTH
SUMMIT

1997



Ocean Scenes



Mountain Landscape

May 30, 1997, was the issue date of these stamps for the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (dubbed the Earth Summit). American pop artist Peter Max designed these and the Geneva and Vienna stamps in the set.



Mountain Landscape



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

EARTH
SUMMIT

1997



Sailboats, Sea & Mountains



PACIFIC 97
World Philatelic Exhibition
San Francisco, California
29 May - 8 June 1997

Sailboats, Sea & Mountains

Peter Max's ocean scene on these \$1.00 souvenir sheets is typical of his dynamic neo-expressionism, including his use of dynamic colors and unique symbolism. One sheet has Pacific 97 overprinting to note the UNPA's participation in the event.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

TRANSPORTATION

1997

August 29, 1997, was the release date of these and other stamps on the theme of Transportation, which mark the 150th anniversaries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.



Clipper Ship



Steam & Sail Ocean Ship



Ocean Liner



Hovercraft



Hydrofoil



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

DEFINITIVES

1997

Shown on these stamps are cherry blossom trees and Peace roses in the gardens at United Nations headquarters in New York that were donated to the world organization. These definitives were printed by offset lithography and issued February 12, 1997.



Cherry Blossom Trees



Peace Rose

TRIBUTE TO PHILATELY

1997

These stamps and the other four on the Tribute to Philately theme were printed by offset lithography and issued October 14, 1997. All of the designs reproduce stamps the United Nations issued in 1986 on the theme "Philately - The International Hobby."



1986 Stamp



1986 Stamp

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

1997

This series for the twenty-fifth anniversary of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention was issued November 19, 1997. The Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum and its terracotta armored warriors—discovered in 1974—were placed on the World Heritage List in 1987.



Terracotta Warrior



Terracotta Warriors



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Polar Bear

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1997



Blue Crowned Pigeon



Marine Iguana

The Polar Bear, Guanaco, and blue crowned pigeon are hunted for sport, food, and (the pigeon) for plumes. The Marine Iguana, found on the Galapagos Islands, is the victim of predators on its eggs and hatchlings. These stamps were issued March 13, 1997.



Guanaco

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Mountain Landscape

EARTH SUMMIT

1997



Head & Mountain



River & Mountain

At the Earth Summit, which was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1-12, 1992, participants adopted an Earth Charter or Declaration of basic principles to guide the conduct of countries and peoples as they try to achieve environmentally sound development.



Mountain & Human Figure

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Mountain Scene

EARTH SUMMIT

1997

This Swiss value sheet was printed—like the rest of the stamps and souvenir sheets in the Earth Summit set—by the photogravure process. In the mountain scene montage, the vibrant color palette of designer Peter Mox is evident.

DEFINITIVES

1997



United Nations Flag

These Geneva denomination definitives were printed by offset lithography and issued February 12, 1997. The high value design is from a fresco by Italian artist Massimo Campigli, who was born in Florence in 1895. Several architects can be seen in the foreground.



Palais de Nations Construction

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Zeppelin & Fokker Trimotor

TRANSPORTATION

1997

Wherever people move goods or travel for business or pleasure, their activity profits from international standards, including simplifying border crossings, and coordinating national regulations and the development of road, rail, and inland waterway systems.



"Clipper" & "Constellation"



"Comet" & "Ilyushin"



Jumbo Jet



Concorde



UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

TRIBUTE TO PHILATELY

1997



1986 Stamp

Robert Stein designed the Tribute to Philately stamps, incorporating the 1986 stamps designed by Ingvald Azeleson and engraved by Czeslaw Slonia. Through its tribute to philately, the UN recognizes the hobby's importance in supporting the UN's goals.



1986 Stamp

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

1997



Head of Warrior

After years of drilling, excavation, and research at the northern foot of Mount Lishan, archeologists determined the site was an attendant burial pit of the huge army of terracotta warriors and horses in the mausoleum of China's first feudal emperor, Qin Shi Huang.



Terracotta Warriors

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1997



Barbary Macaque



Blue Crane



Przewalski's Wild Horse

The North African Barbary Macaque is endangered due to logging in its habitats. Agriculture and domestic cattle is encroaching upon the habitats of the Blue Crane, Giant Anteater, and Mongolian Przewalski's horse. These stamps were issued March 13, 1997.



Giant Anteater

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



River & Trees

EARTH
SUMMIT
1997



River & Trees



River & Tree

Participants at the Earth Summit approved Agenda 21, which established the agreed work program of the international community for the period beyond 1992 and into the twenty-first century. It included over 2,500 specific recommendations for action.



River & Tree

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

EARTH
SUMMIT
1997

The rainbow in the background of this Austrian denomination sheet and the multicolored running figure are typical Peter Max motifs. He also designed the dozen UN stamps issued in 1992 to commemorate the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.



River & Forest Scene

DEFINITIVES

1997



Phoenix

These February 12, 1997, stamps show details from a painting called "Hoo-ei Paig" ("Phoenixes Flying Down") by Sageni Yoshida of Japan. The sacred birds are descending to earth, where peace prevails. The painting is housed at the Vienna International Centre.



Phoenix

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

TRANSPORTATION

1997

The Economic Commission for Europe is the forum in which the countries of North America, and western, central, and eastern Europe come together to forge the tools of their economic co-operation. It was formed in 1947 primarily to help rebuild post-war Europe.



"Darrague" & "Rocket"



Steam Engine & Streetcar



Double-decker Bus & Train



Trailer Truck



Electric Car & Train



UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

TRIBUTE TO PHILATELY

1997

Jose Arce, Argentina's UN delegate, submitted a draft resolution which led to the creation of the UN Postal Administration and the issuance of the first stamps in 1951. He believed stamps would help carry messages of the purposes, ideals, and work of the UN.



1986 Stamp



1986 Stamp

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

1997

Portrayed obviously from true life, the sculpture warriors wear different facial expressions covering a full range of emotions, and they are of different ages and social strata. China's pottery-making art had reached a consummate level over 2,000 years ago.



Head of Warrior



Terracotta Warriors

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

Stamps are many things at once: artistic objects of great beauty and innovative design; highly effective vehicles for communication about the issues, events and personalities of our times; and rich symbols that remind us of the diversity of life on earth. Thus it is little wonder that stamp collecting, since beginning in the 1800s, has become such a popular pastime. As countries around the world celebrate Stamp Collecting Month, the United Nations — whose stamps have contributed to the international character of philately — pays tribute to what has become the truly global hobby.

*Tribute to
Philately*

Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1998



Micronesia Flag



Slovakia Flag



North Korea Flag



Azerbaijan Flag



Uzbekistan Flag



Monaco Flag



Czech Republic Flag



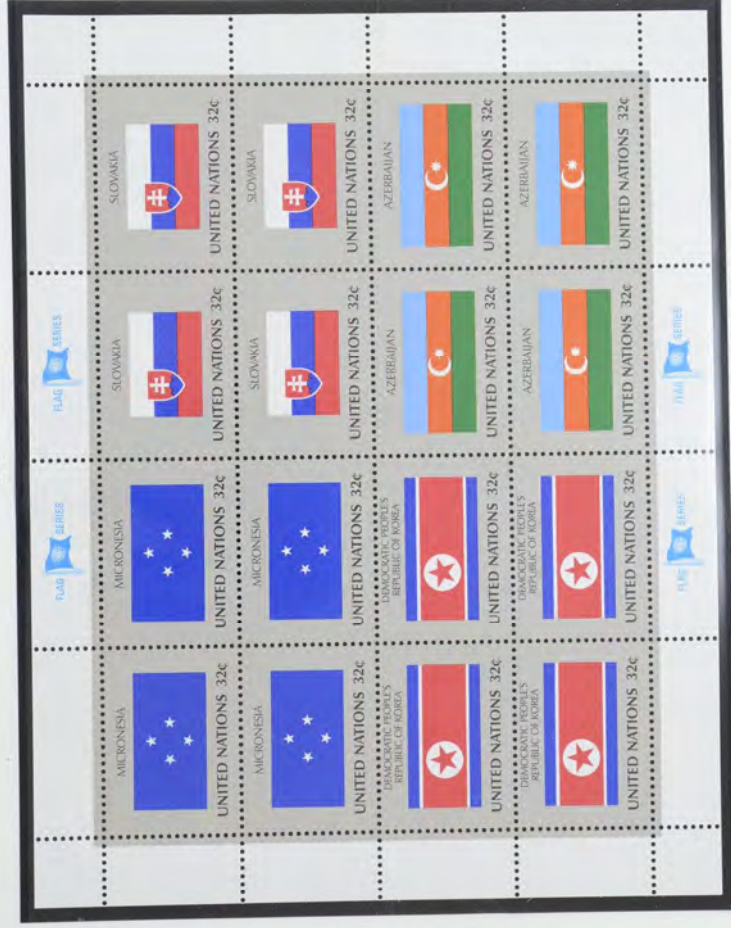
Estonia Flag

This twelfth group in the continuing flag series was issued February 13, 1998. The flags are identical to those flying outside the United Nations headquarters in New York City on May 22, 1997, except that they are in true proportions. Ole Hamann of Denmark is credited with the original design concept for the series, which was launched in 1980. A total of 718,000 of each of these stamps was printed by photogravure.



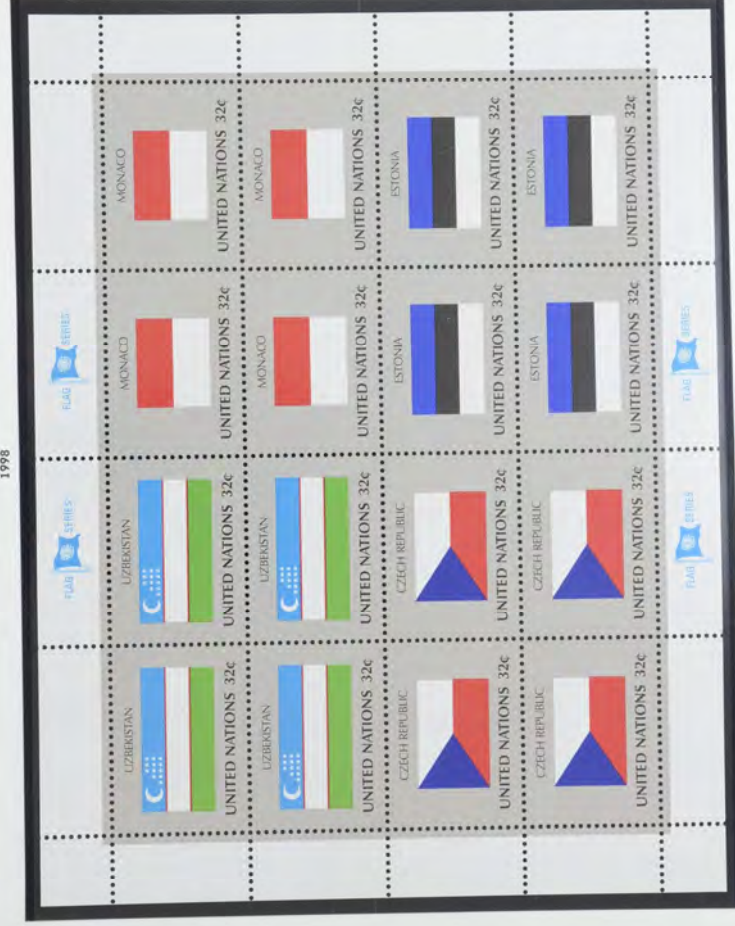
UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1998



UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1998



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

1998 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN - 1998



Temperate Ocean Life

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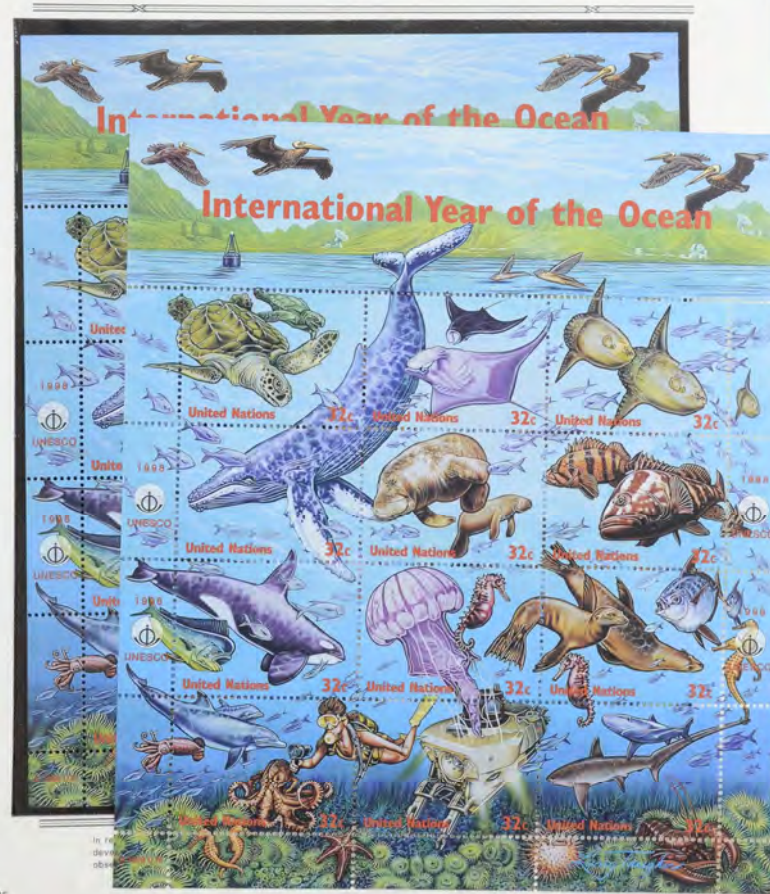
Temperate Ocean Life

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN
1998



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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

DEFINITIVES

1998



Boy & Dove



Dancing Figures



Birds Over Foliage

These and the two other February 13, 1998, definitive stamps were issued to meet current and make-up postage rates. Zhang Le Lu of China designed the 18 denomination, Robert Stein of the United Nations staff did the 24 motif, and Gregory Hobbs of the Philippines created the motif for the 21¢ value. One million copies of each were printed by the offset lithography process at The House of Quenda in the United Kingdom.

RAINFORESTS

1998



Jaguar in Rainforest

These and the other Rainforests stamps were issued June 19, 1998, to mark the 150th anniversary of the World Health Organization. Rick Garcia of the U.S.A. designed the adhesives, which were printed by the offset process at the Government Printing Bureau of Japan.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

1998



UN Peacekeeper



UN Peacekeeper

September 15, 1998, was the issue date of these and the other stamps marking fifty years of United Nations peacekeeping. The international community determines the period of service of each operation based on its contribution to an ongoing peace process.

HUMAN RIGHTS

1998



Man in Flight



Stylized Figures

Jean-Michel Folon of Belgium designed these and the other October 23, 1998, stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was described as being "the common standard of achievement" for all people and all nations.



The Gloriette



Wall Painting on Fabric (Detail)

SCHONBRUNN PALACE

1998

December 4, 1998, was the release date of the six stamps and three postage booklets featuring Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens in Vienna, Austria, a site inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List as a well-preserved example of the Baroque princely residential ensemble.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS SCHONBRUNN PALACE

1998



Vase, The Porcelain Room



Wall Painting on Fabric (Detail)



Stove, The Bedchamber



Schonbrunn Palace



The Great Palm House

From the sixteenth century onwards, Schonbrunn ("Beautiful Spring") was the site of a hunting lodge and summer residence of the Hapsburg family. After some destruction in 1683, the palace was rebuilt by architect Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach in 1695.



The Gloriette

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

1998 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN - 1998



Polar Ocean Life



Polar Ocean Life



Polar Ocean Life



Polar Ocean Life



Polar Ocean Life



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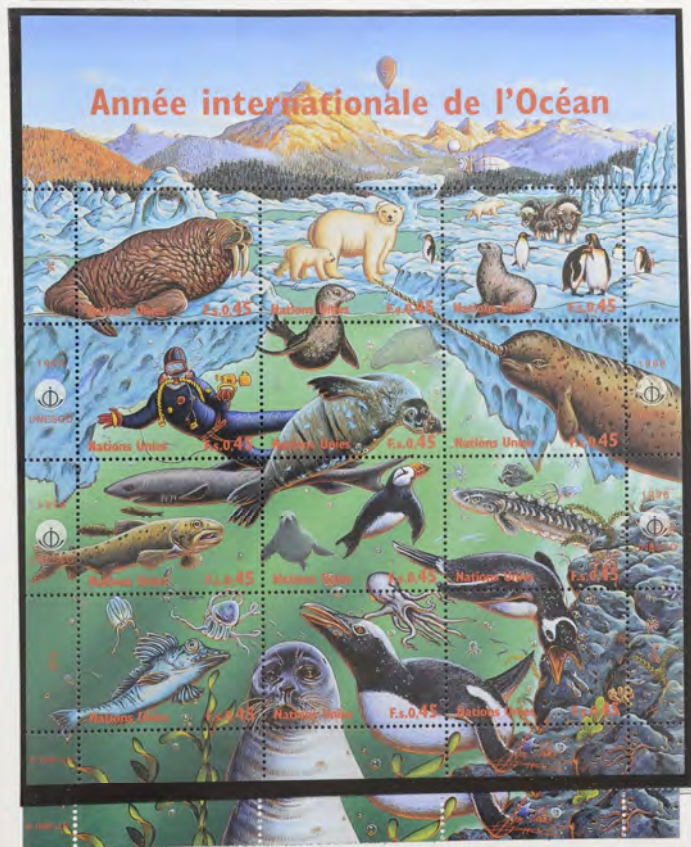
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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN
1998



Artistic license was taken in preparing the stamps.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

DEFINITIVE

1998



Palais de Nations, Geneva

An anonymous United Nations photographer took the picture used for this stamp. Flags of member countries in the plaza of the Palais de Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. A total of 550,000 copies were produced by the offset lithography process in sheets of twenty.

RAINFORESTS

1998



Orang-utan with Baby in Rainforest

Like all forests, those of the tropics and sub-tropics perform an array of ecological functions with respect to soil fertility, water balance, species diversity, and climate. Above all, they play a vital global role in sustaining natural ecosystems and their biodiversity.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



UN Peacekeeper & Children

UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

1998

The United Nations peacekeeping program was conceived in mid 1948 to answer a practical question: How could the world organization supervise an agreed upon truce and also help prevent further fighting while the search for a negotiated settlement continued?



UN Peacekeeper & People



Doves in Flight

HUMAN RIGHTS

1998

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the standard by which respect for human dignity and quality of life is measured, and its golden anniversary was an occasion for the world to take stock of what was achieved and to reflect upon what was yet to be accomplished.



Hand & Birds

SCHONBRUNN PALACE

1998

When conceived in 1685, the new building was to be a "pleasure house," but during its construction, its function was changed to an imperial summer residence, and thus its size was increased. The palace and gardens remain basically as they were in the eighteenth century.



The Great Palm House



Vase, The Porcelain Room

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS SCHONBRUNN PALACE

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The Gloriette

Schonbrunn Palace contains precious eighteenth century interiors. The vast Baroque gardens and their buildings testify to the imperial dimensions and functions of the palace. The public has had full access to the gardens and park since late in the eighteenth century.



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1998 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN - 1998



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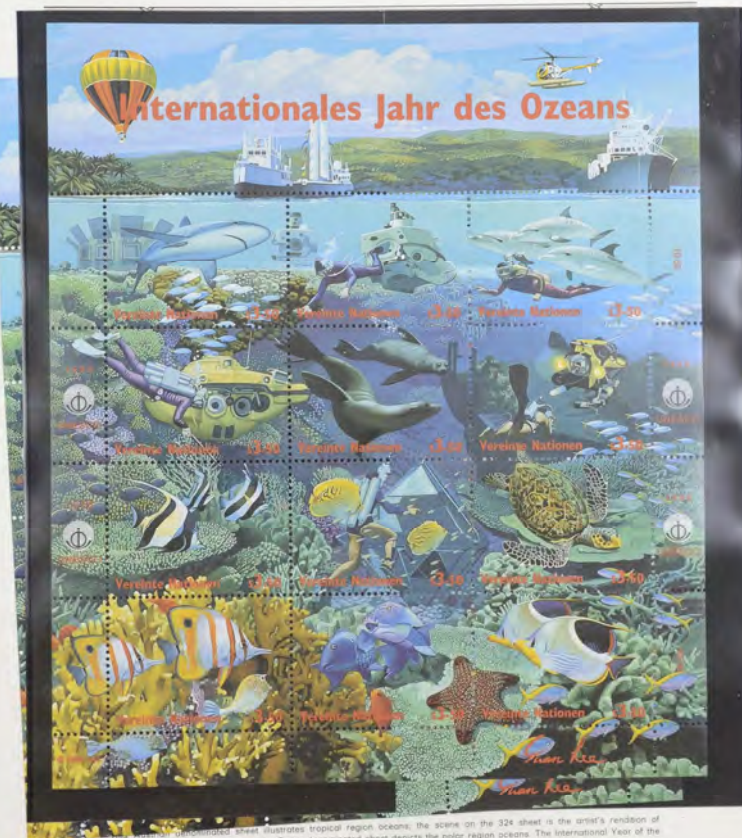


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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN

1998



The 1998 International Year of the Ocean (IYO) is a global event aimed at raising awareness of the oceans as finite economic assets, but also to obtain government commitments to give oceans the priority that they deserve.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Japanese Peace Bell, Vienna

DEFINITIVES

1998

Hans Pfeifer of Austria designed the S 6.50 value, and the firm Pagnerl of Austria took the photograph that is on the S 9 stamp. The Japanese Peace Bell was donated to the UN by the Tokyo-based Drug Abuse Prevention Center and the Japan Susho Association.



Vienna International Centre

RAINFORESTS

1998



Ocelot in Rainforest

Tropical forests provide the habitat for between fifty and ninety percent of all of the earth's species of fauna and flora. Forest destruction by land use changes and by excessive and destructive exploitation cause an irreversible loss of biological diversity in the tropics.



UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

1998

Designed by British Andrew Davidson, the UN Peacekeeping stamps were printed by the Helagotrykk, printed UN peacekeeping is a tool to enforce international peace and security, and during the first fifty years, forty-eight operations were initiated around the world.



Peacekeeper Distributing Food



Peacekeeper Supervising Voting

HUMAN RIGHTS

1998

Like no international document before it, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 identified important new challenges to humanity and opened new avenues of development. Domestic constitutions and laws of many countries on all continents reflect its influence.



Face on Flower Pot



Cogwheel



Schonbrunn Palace



Stove, The Red Chamber

SCHONBRUNN PALACE

1998

The Schonbrunn zoological gardens on the grounds were founded in 1752 and thus are the world's oldest. Since the palace passed to the ownership of the Republic of Austria in 1918, its protection and maintenance as the country's major cultural site has been assured.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS SCHONBRUNN PALACE

1998



Vase, The Porcelain Room



Wall Painting on Fabric (Detail)



Stove, The Bedchamber



Schonbrunn Palace



The Great Palm House

It is impossible to separate the gardens from the palace of Schonbrunn, of which they form an organic extension. The original intent when they were laid out in the eighteenth century was to combine the glorification of the House of Hapsburg with a homage to nature.



The Gloriette

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1998 - UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING - 1998

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

50 YEARS OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

The accomplishments of United Nations peacekeeping — as well as the setbacks — have provided important lessons that can serve us well as we continue and refine our efforts to contain and resolve conflict.



K. Annan

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

1999



Lithuania Flag

San Marino Flag

Turkmenistan Flag



Marshall Islands Flag

Moldova Flag



Kyrgyzstan Flag

Bosnia/Herzegovina Flag

Eritrea Flag

February 5, 1999, with the release date of these additions to the series showing the flags of United Nations member states. One of the original design concepts, and like their predecessors over the years, these multicolored stamps were produced by the photogravure printing process. The flags depicted are identical, save for their proportions, to those outside United Nations headquarters as of April 20, 1998.



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UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

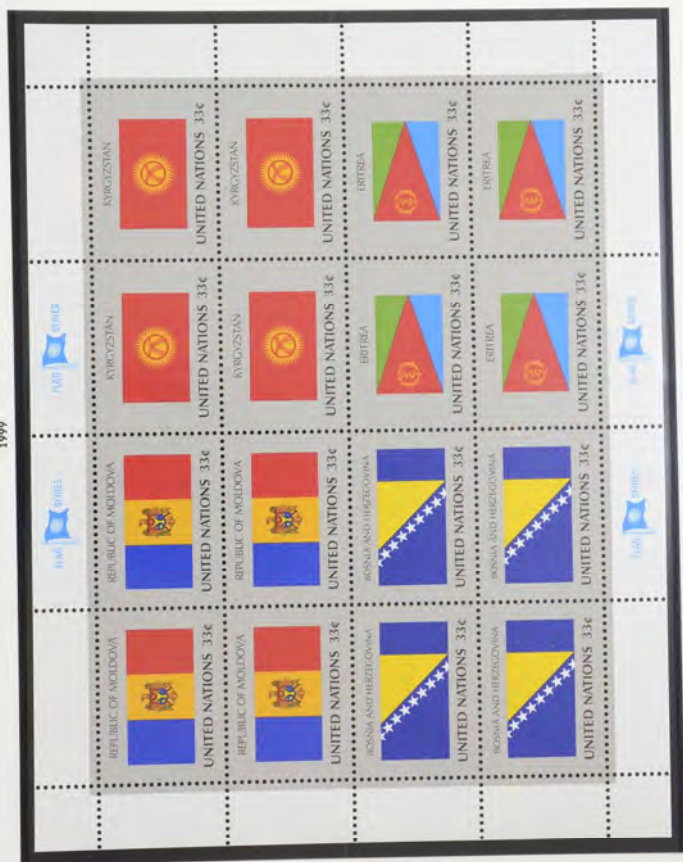
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DEFINITIVES

1999

Issued February 5, 1999, these definitives were designed by Blake Tarpley (USA) and Pierre Kutz (USA), both from the United States. The first stamp was printed by the offset lithography process, and the latter by photogravure, plus various visual effects.



Person, Flag, Globe



Roses

WORLD HERITAGE — AUSTRALIA

1999

These and the other stamps in the Australia World Heritage series were issued March 19, 1999. The Willandra Lakes Region is a fossil area much the same since the end of the Great Ice Age. The Wet Tropics of Queensland are on Australia's northeast coast.



Willandra Lakes Region



Wet Tropics of Queensland

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Tiger



Secretary Bird

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1999



Green Tree Python



Long-tailed Chinchilla

Designed by Jimmy Wang of China and issued April 22, 1999, these stamps depict the largest member of the cat family, a bird found in sub-Saharan Africa, a snake whose rain forest habitat is disappearing, and a medium size rodent from South America's Andes.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



People & Means of Mail Delivery

UNIVERSAL
POSTAL
UNION
1999



People & Types of Communication



People & Types of Communication

These and other stamps in the series were issued August 23, 1999, to mark the 125th anniversary of the United Nations and also to coincide with the Universal Postal Congress in Beijing, China. Mark Hass of the United States designed the three se-tenant blocks.



People & Types of Communication



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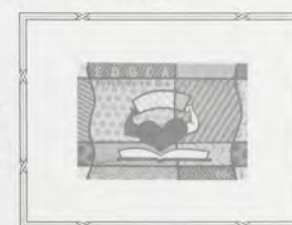
EDUCATION — KEYSTONE TO THE 21st CENTURY

1999



Two People

Romero Brito of Brazil designed these and the other stamps in the Education series that were issued November 18, 1999. Utilizing a multitude of mediums, Brito expresses himself with vibrant colors, playful themes, and hard-edged compositions.



Reading a Book

IN MEMORIAM

1999



United Nations Headquarters, New York

Every day around the world, men and women serve under the United Nations flag to build and maintain peace, to relieve human suffering, and to promote human rights. This and the other In Memoriam commemoratives were issued September 21, 1999.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

The Palais Wilson in Geneva became the Headquarters of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on June 15, 1998, and now is known as the House for Human Rights. The stamp, issued February 5, 1999, was produced by photogravure.



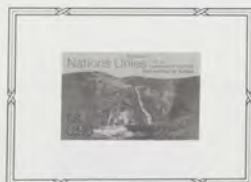
Palais Wilson in Geneva

DEFINITIVE

1999

WORLD HERITAGE — AUSTRALIA

1999



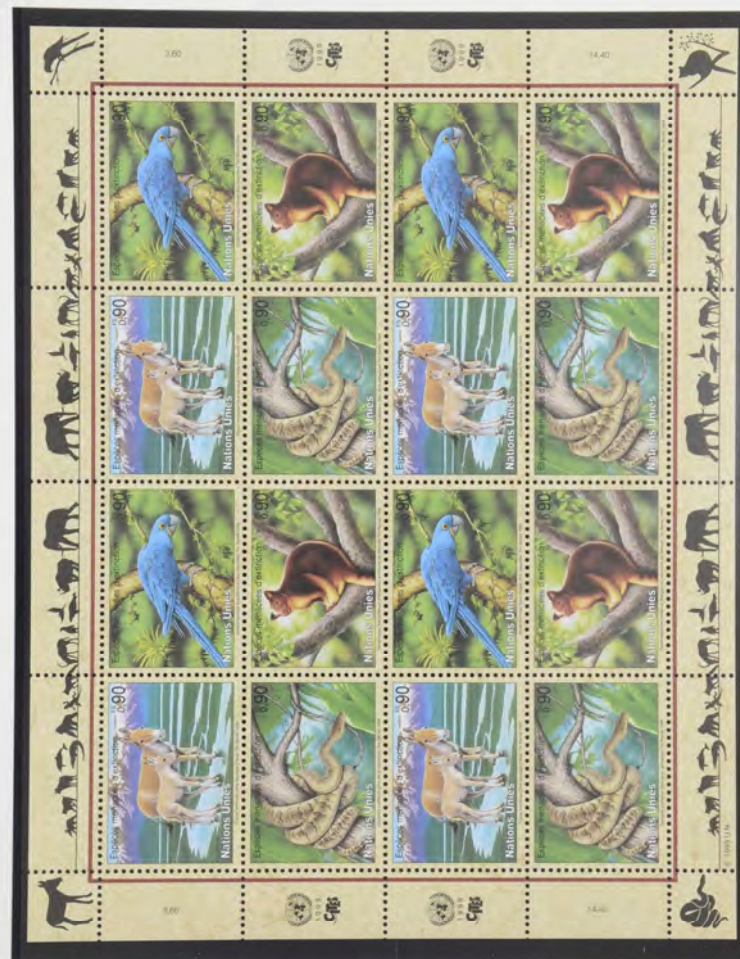
Kakadu National Park

Kakadu National Park has interacting ecosystems as well as escarpments that shelter spectacular galleries of Aboriginal art. The Great Barrier Reef is a living organism, a superlative natural phenomenon of 134,633 square miles along Australia's northeast coast.



Great Barrier Reef

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Asiatic Wild Ass

ENDANGERED
SPECIES
1999



Hyacinth Macaw



Jamaican Boa

American Tim Barrall designed these stamps. The Asiatic Wild Ass has been in decline for 2,000 years, the Hyacinth Macaw is the largest parrot, the Jamaican Boa's forests have been encroached upon, and Tree-kangaroos are the only kangaroos that live in trees.



Bennett's Tree-Kangaroo

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



People & Types of Communication

UNIVERSAL
POSTAL
UNION
1999



People & Types of Communication



People & Types of Communication

When world postal administrations combined forces in 1874 to create the General Postal Union (the name was changed four years later), they started the world's largest physical distribution network. The UPU became a specialized agency of the UN in 1948.



People & Types of Communication

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

EDUCATION — KEYSTONE TO THE 21st CENTURY

1999



Children

Since its founding in 1946, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has been the focus of the world body's efforts in education to advance everywhere the cause of basic education for all the right for all to realize their potential.



Fish & Map

IN MEMORIAM

1999



United Nations, Geneva

Robert Stein of the United Nations staff designed this and the rest of the In Memoriam set, which pays tribute to over 1,580 UN military and civilian peacekeepers from some 85 countries who died while serving under the UN flag in the twentieth century.



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DEFINITIVE

1999



"Volcanic Landscape"

Featured on this February 5, 1999, definitive is an adapted detail from a painting called "Vulkanische Landschaft" by Peter Pongratz of Austria. The work is on display at the Vienna International Center. The stamp was printed by offset lithography.

WORLD HERITAGE — AUSTRALIA

1999



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park takes its name from two geographical features: a huge sandstone monolith and steep-sided domes. The Tasmanian Wilderness contains Australia's last great wild river system, its deepest lake, and its most spectacular mountain ranges.



The Tasmanian Wilderness

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA





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Orang-utan



Dalmatian Pelican

ENDANGERED SPECIES

1999



Yellow Anaconda



Caracal

Jeffrey Terres of the U.S. designed these stamps. The Orang-utan is the only Asian great ape, less than 4,300 Dalmatian Pelicans remain in the world, the Yellow Anaconda is sought after for the live pet trade, and the Caracal is the largest of the African small cats.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



People & Means of Mail Delivery

UNIVERSAL
POSTAL
UNION
1999



People & Types of Communication



People & Types of Communication

The 189 countries that are UPU members agree that they will carry and deliver mail originating in other member countries in the same manner as they handle mail originating within their own borders. Fees and standards are set by agreement of the members.



Computer Age Communication

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



POSTAGE STAMPS

EDUCATION — KEYSTONE TO THE 21st CENTURY



Children & Book

1999

According to the UN, the main threats to peace and security are exclusion, poverty, and underdevelopment. Education is among the best responses that society has to offer: education for development, education for justice and liberty and peace.



Children & Adults

IN MEMORIAM

1999



United Nations, Vienna

In 1997, the United Nations Security Council established the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal as a tribute to the sacrifice of those who had lost their lives as a result of service in peacekeeping operations under the operational control and authority of the UN.



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POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

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UNIVERSAL
POSTAL
UNION

As one of the oldest of the international agencies, the Universal Postal Union has been working for one hundred and twenty-five years to fulfil its fundamental goal, which is to connect every citizen, within each country and around the globe, through the safe, efficient and orderly movement of international mail.



Kofi A. Annan

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General of the
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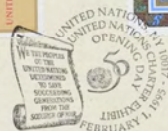
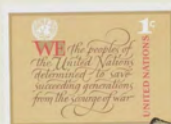
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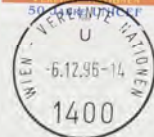
We the peoples of the United Nations
determined to save succeeding generations
from the scourge of war...

Nous, peuples des Nations Unies,
résolus à préserver les générations futures
du fléau de la guerre...





Die UNPA - Wien zu Gast auf der
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in Wien



香港'97
HONG KONG'97



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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

The General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed 2000 the International Year of Thanksgiving by a resolution enacted on November 20, 1997. These three stamps commemorating the dedication of the first year of the new century were released January 1, 2000.



Stained Glass Window

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THANKSGIVING

2000

55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN

2000



General Assembly Hall



UN Complex from North



This set of six stamps and three souvenir sheets commemorating the 55th anniversary of the United Nations contain a photographic history of the construction of the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York. The 33c value shows renovations to the General Assembly Building in 1956. The 1951 photograph on the 55c value, taken from the north, shows the East River, the Conference Building, the Secretariat Building and the steel framework of the General Assembly Hall.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL FLAG OF PEACE

2000



International Flag of Peace

This stamp is based on the winning entry in the Peace Flag Project sponsored by the UN CyberSchoolBus, the UN Postal Administration and the International Olympic Committee. It was released September 15, 2000, opening day of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

WORLD STAMP EXPO 2000

2000



The UN Postal Administration overprinted this \$2.00 UNISPACE III souvenir sheet to mark its participation in World Stamp Expo 2000 held in Anaheim, California, from July 7 to 15, 2000. The overprinted version of the 1999 souvenir sheet was placed on sale July 7, 2000.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

2000



People Planting



Unloading Equipment & Supplies



People Voting



Vaccinating Child



People & Sacks of Grain



Construction Workers

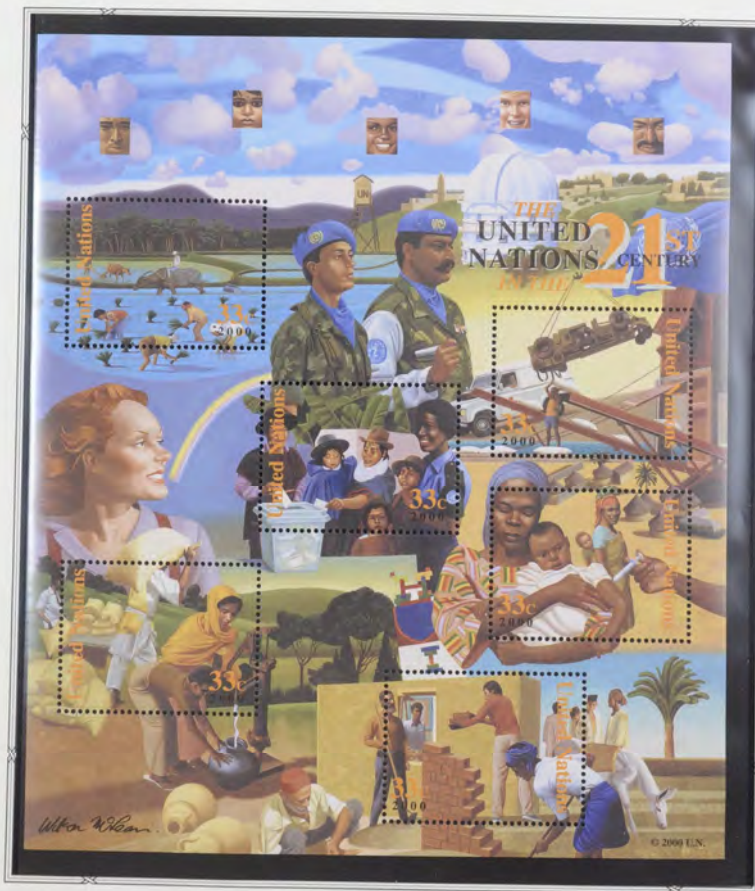
Reflecting on the goals of the United Nations at the start of the new millennium, the United Nations Postal Administration issued these stamps on September 15, 2000. A set of three panoramic designs with the central design elements set off by perforations to create the individual stamps, the sheets were designed by Wilson McLean of The United Kingdom, who had been asked to illustrate the day-to-day work of the United Nations.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

2000



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

OUR WORLD 2000

2000

The Our World 2000 set, issued May 30, 2000, reproduces paintings submitted to the Winsor and Newton World-wide Millennium Painting Competition. The art on the 33¢ value is by American Sam Yeates; the 60¢ value shows a work by Masakazu Takahara of Japan.



"Crawling Toward the Millennium"



"Crossing"

WORLD HERITAGE — SPAIN

2000



Alhambra & Albayzin



Roman Remains, Merida

This sixth United Nations World Heritage stamp issue was released on October 6, 2000. The 33¢ stamp shows The Alhambra fortress and residence, a masterpiece of Nasrid Moorish architecture, and The Albayzin residential quarter containing steep, cobbled streets, mosques converted into churches, and Moorish palaces. Augusta Emerita, on the 60¢ value, was founded in 25 B.C. as the Roman provincial capital of Lusitania.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

RESPECT
FOR
REFUGEES

2000



Refugees

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) commemorated its 55th anniversary with the issuance of this set of three stamps and three souvenir sheets designed by Yuri Geyvargon Yuroz and released on November 9, 2000.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF
THANKSGIVING

2000



Stained Glass Window

The Glory Window in the Chapel of Thanksgiving at Dallas, Texas is depicted on the stamps of this set. Gabrielle Loire of Chartres, France designed and made the stained glass windows, which are owned by the Thanksgiving Foundation.

55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN

2000



Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony



Window Cleaner



A scene from the cornerstone dedication ceremony, October 24, 1948, is depicted on the F.s. 0.90 stamp. The cornerstone was laid by Trygve Lie, the first Secretary-General, with Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, and delegates of the member states in attendance. The F.s. 1.40 value shows a window cleaner at work outside the Secretariat Building in September 1951. In the background is the General Assembly Hall, which was under construction at that time.

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THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

2000



People



Carrying Bricks



Soldier & Civilians



Dam & Doves



People Digging



Irrigating Fields

United Nations agencies work to promote respect for human rights, protect the environment, fight disease, promote development, and combat poverty. Organizations of the United Nations also define standards for safe and efficient air and sea transportation, work to improve telecommunications, enhance consumer protection, coordinate allocation of radio frequencies, and lead campaigns against illicit drug trafficking and terrorism.

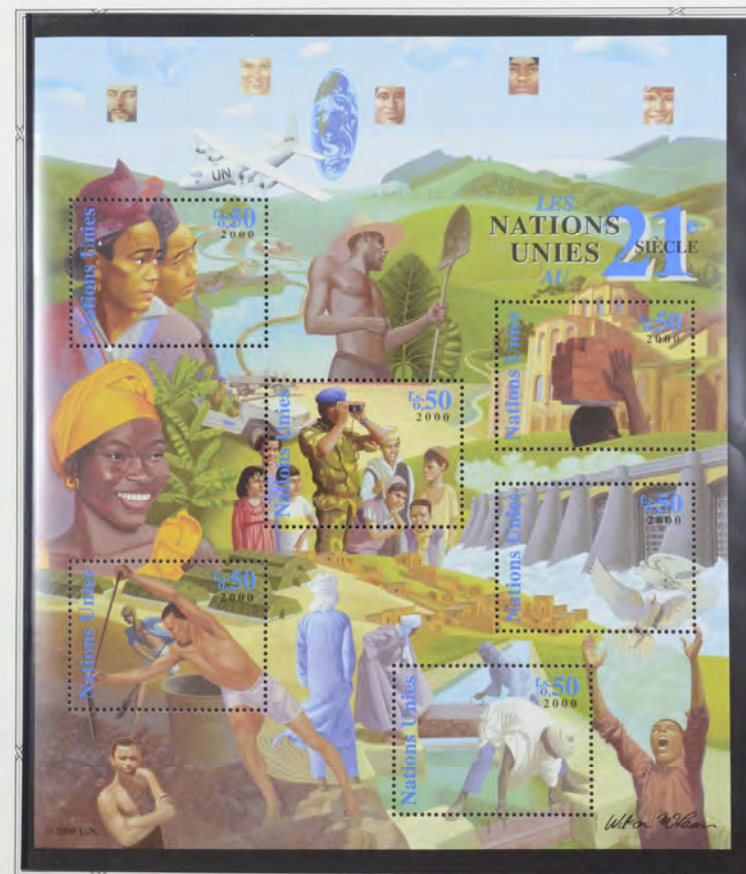
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2000



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"The Embrace"



"Living Single"

OUR WORLD 2000

2000

Lebanese Rita Adami created the prize-winning entry on the F.s. 0.90 stamp. She explains the sphere as "everything we are looking for: what we neglect to approach and are frightened to know." The painting on the F.s. 1.10 stamp is by Kenyan Richard Kimani.

WORLD HERITAGE — SPAIN

2000



Hanging Houses of Cuenca



Historic City of Toledo

Built by the Moors on a defensive position in the heart of the Caliphate of Córdoba, Cuenca is a very well preserved medieval city. Cuenca is renowned for its hanging houses—wooden structures built on the sheer cliffs of the Tagus and Huecar rivers. In its eighteen century history, Toledo has been a Roman town, the capital of the Visigothic kingdom, a stronghold during the emirate of Córdoba and the imperial city of Carlos V.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

RESPECT FOR REFUGEES

2000



Refugees

The UNHCR provides international protection and assistance to large numbers of refugees during major emergencies as well as in more stable circumstances. Assistance may include provision of food, shelter, education and the search for more durable solutions.



UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF
THANKSGIVING

2000



Stained Glass Windows

In dedicating the year 2000 as International Year of Thanksgiving, the U.N. celebrates an awareness among peoples and governments of the importance of gratitude as much in the personal and civic life of every human being as between countries and cultures.

55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN

2000



Secretariat & Structure



"Topping-out" Ceremony



The photograph on the 57 value shows the completed Secretariat Building through the steel structure of the dome of the General Assembly Hall as it looked in August 1951, during the construction of the General Assembly Hall. A "topping-out" ceremony, depicted on the 59 stamp, was held to mark the completion of the steel framework of the 39-storey Secretariat Building in October 1949. Secretary-General Trygve Lie is shown with the UN flag prior to its unfurling atop the structure.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

2000



Harvesting Equipment



Children & UN Worker



Tending Crops



Clearing Land Mines



High-tech Worker



Disabled People

It is natural, on the arrival of the new century and millennium to consider both the successes and failures of mankind in the prior century and to establish objectives for the next. To this end, The Millennium Summit, a gathering of heads of State and Government to address the role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century, was held from September 6 to 8, 2000, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

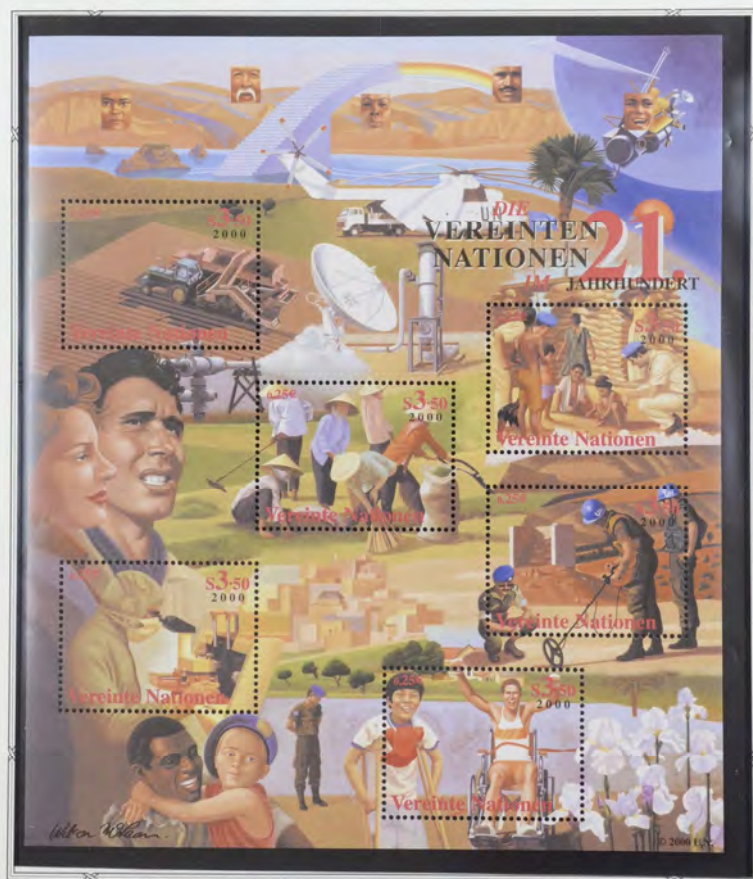
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THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

2000



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OUR
WORLD 2000

2000

Two children represent our future on the 57 value by Philippine artist Yolanda Perez. On the 58 value Dimitris Nalbandis of Greece shows the head of an ancient Greek sculpture representing the past; a fluttering white shirt symbolizes optimism for the new millennium.



"Tomorrow's Dream"



"Remembrance"

WORLD HERITAGE — SPAIN

2000



Aqueduct at Segovia



Guell Park, Barcelona

The Roman aqueduct of Segovia, dating from 50 A.D., channels water 18 km from the River Frio. Segovia's well-preserved curtain walls encircle an extraordinary collection of buildings, including the eleventh century Alcazar fortress and Romanesque twelfth and thirteenth century churches. Barcelona is notable for the architecture of Antonio Gaudi y Cornet which leads the way to contemporary creations unrestrained by the past.

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RESPECT
FOR
REFUGEES

2000



Refugees

By the end of the twentieth century, the total number of people of concern to UNHCR was approximately twenty-one million, and growing. Placed in perspective, this was one out of every two hundred fifty people on the planet at that time.

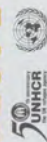


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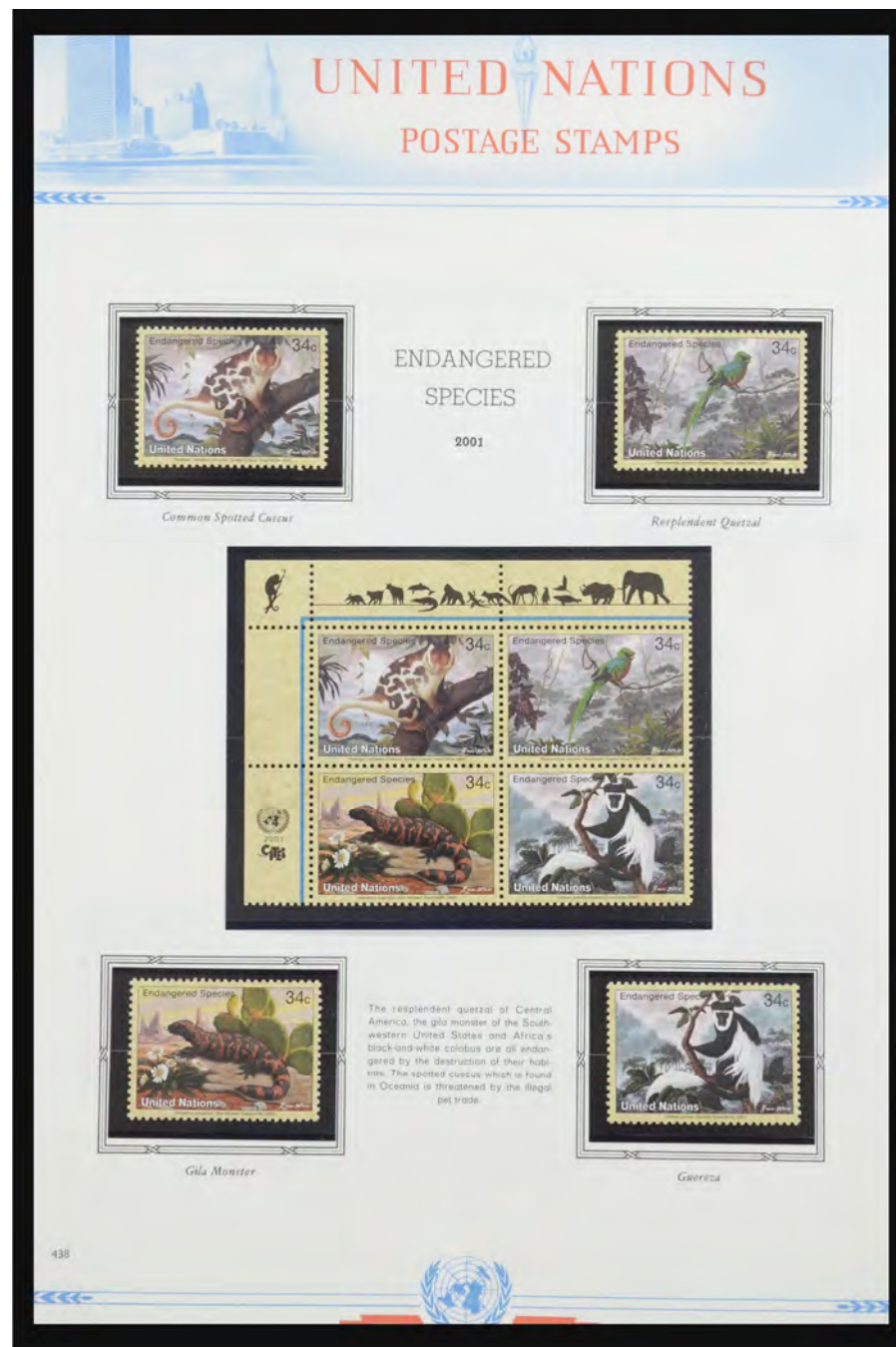


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POSTAL ADMINISTRATION



IN THE YEAR 2000, THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MARKS A HALF-CENTURY OF HELPING TENS OF MILLIONS OF DISPLACED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. BUT WITH MORE THAN 21 MILLION PEOPLE STILL UNDER ITS CARE, UNHCR'S LONGEVITY IS NO CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION. IN FACT, REFUGEES ARE A REFLECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S COLLECTIVE FAILURE TO CURB THE HATRED AND CONFLICT THAT CAUSE DISPLACEMENT. UNHCR'S 50TH YEAR SHOULD BE A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO HONOUR THE COURAGE OF MILLIONS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE OVERCOME DIFFICULT ODDS TO REBUILD THEIR SHATTERED LIVES, AND A TIME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REAFFIRM ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR UNHCR'S VITAL MISSION.

Kofi A. Annan
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

2001



Slovenia Flag

Palau Flag

Tonga Flag



Croatia Flag

Macedonia Flag



Kiribati Flag

Andorra Flag

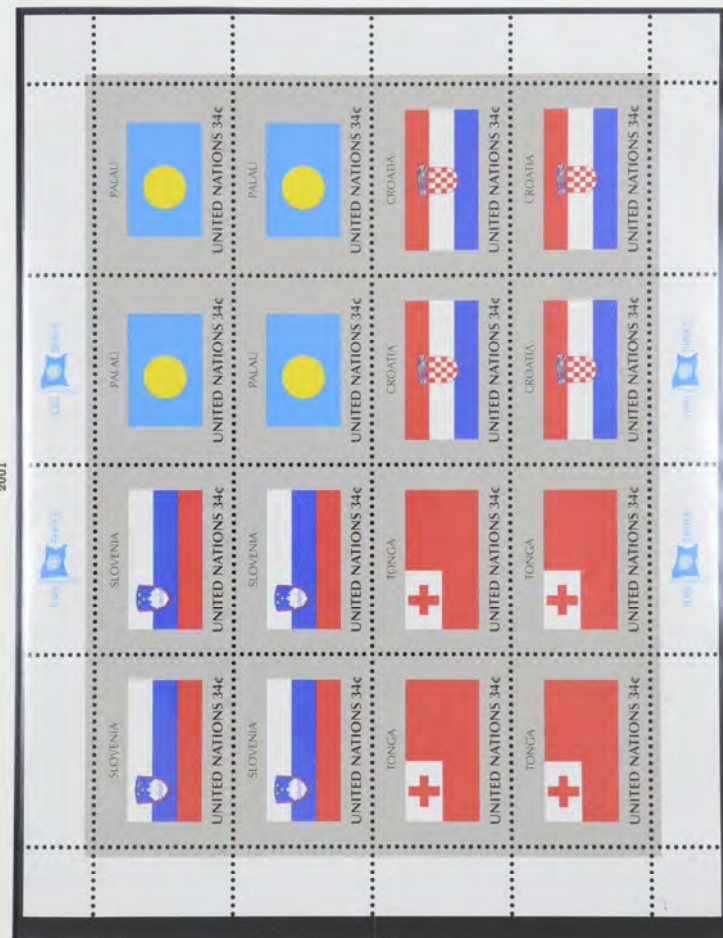
Nauru Flag

Slovenia and Croatia became UN Member States in 1992, Andorra and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia entered in 1993, Palau entered in 1994, and Tonga, Kiribati and Nauru become members in 1999. This latest group of eight Flag stamps was issued on May 23, 2001. With their addition, the total number of stamps in the Flag Series now stands at 192.



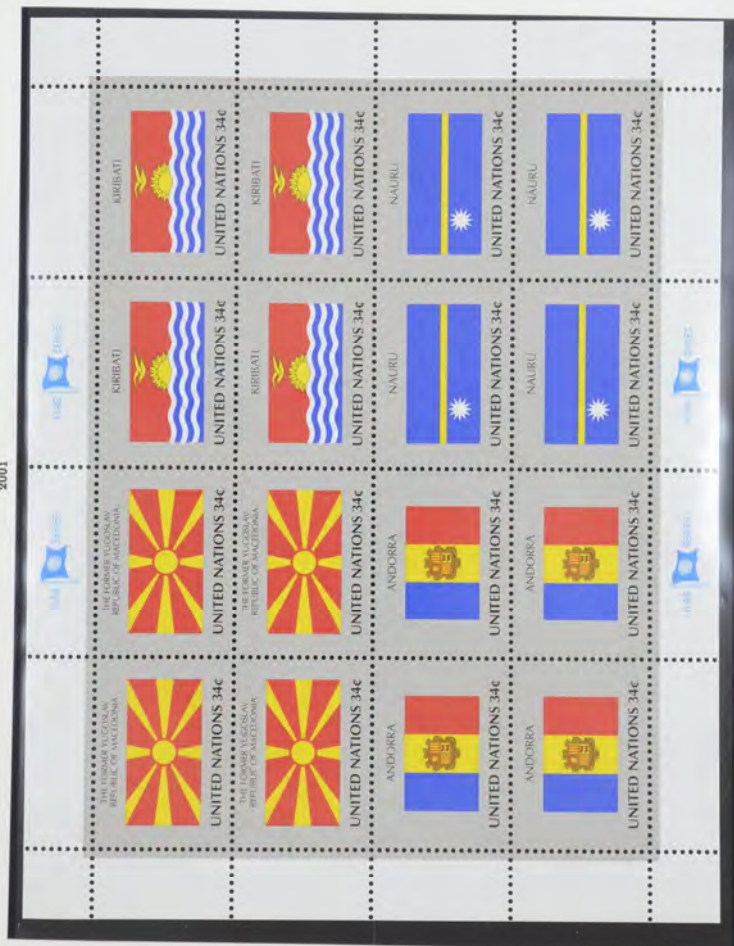
UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

2001



UNITED NATIONS FLAG SERIES

2001



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

2001



Painting Based on Poem "Weather"



Painting Based on Poem "The Electric Dance"

These stamp designs derive from the "One Heart, One World" exhibition of 100 poems and 100 corresponding works of art. The 34c stamp is from a design by Jesse Zaragoza of Brazil while the 80c stamp is based on Australian John Terry's creation.

DEFINITIVES

2001



Sunflower



Rose

Close-up illustrations of a sunflower and a rose are the subjects of these stamps which were designed by Rorie Katz of the United Nations. Issued May 25, 2001, they were printed in offset lithography in the Netherlands by Joh. Enschede Stamps Security Printers.

UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION 50th ANNIVERSARY

2001



Stamps & Confetti



Stamps & Packages

The first United Nations postage stamps were issued October 24, 1951. On October 18, 2001 this set was released to celebrate the golden anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration. The innovative souvenir sheet contains the first circular United Nations stamps.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

CLIMATE CHANGE

2001



Greenhouse, Butterfly & Goose



Penguin & Tomato Plant

Designer Robert Givati of the United States illustrated these stamps using images of environmentally sensitive areas which are most susceptible to climate change. Among these are coastal areas, polar territories, deserts, mountains and agricultural regions.



Palm Tree & Solar Still



Hand & Plant

