



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

WORLD HERITAGE — JAPAN

2001



Kyoto



Shirakawa-go & Gokayama

Kyoto has been a center of Japanese culture for over a thousand years. It was the seat of Japan's imperial court from its founding in 794 AD until 1868, when the capital was transferred to Tokyo. The Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama are located in an isolated mountainous region. The steeply pitched thatched roofs of the large houses in the villages are designed to prevent the build-up of snow.

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

2001



Profile of Dag Hammarskjöld

Dag Hammarskjöld was twice elected unanimously to the post of UN Secretary-General. During his second term, he died in a plane crash while on a peace mission in the Congo. This stamp, issued September 16, 2001, marks the fortieth anniversary of his death.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

2001



United Nations Flag

This stamp was a last minute addition to the UNPA 2001 stamp program. It was released December 10, 2001, the same day the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations and Secretary-General Kofi Annan for their work towards a more peaceful world.

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PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS WORLD HERITAGE — JAPAN

2001



Kyoto



Shirakawa-go & Gokayama



Nara



Itsukushima



Himeji-jo



Nikko

As of December 2000, ten sites within Japan had been placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The intent of the World Heritage Convention is to recognize cultural and natural assets of universal value and to protect them from damage or loss. The six World Heritage sites which appear in this prestige booklet have been included in recognition of their significance as cultural legacies.



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North American Lynx

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2001



Green Peafowl



Galapagos Giant Tortoise

The North American Lynx, green peafowl, Galapagos giant tortoise and the sportive lemur have all become endangered due to hunting and the destruction of their habitats. American artist Higgins Bond designed the stamps which were issued on February 1, 2001.



Sportive Lemur

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION 50th ANNIVERSARY

2001



Stamp, Postman & Globe



Stamp & Horn

Argentina first proposed the idea of United Nations postage stamps in 1947. The Geneva office of UNPA issued the first UN stamps in Swiss francs on October 4, 1969. These 50th Anniversary stamps were designed by United Nations artist Ronie Katz.



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CLIMATE CHANGE

2001



Flowers & Coastline



Making Sun-dried Bricks



Non-polluting Factory



Couple Picnicking by Lake



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Les Nations Unies
et
le Secrétaire général Kofi A. Annan
lauréats
du prix Nobel de la paix - 2001



10.80

8.10

5.40

2.70

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Painting Based on Poem "Ignored Olympiads"

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

2001

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers to recognize and promote volunteer activities worldwide. Ernest Pignon-Ernest designed the F.s. 0,90 stamp and Paul Siche was the designer of the F.s. 1,30 stamp. Both artists are French.



Painting Based on Poem "Poetry, my Sweetheart..."



Nara

WORLD HERITAGE JAPAN

2001

Among the historic monuments of Ancient Nara are Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and the remains of the Imperial Palace from the eighth century A.D. The Itsukushima Shinto shrine is located on the island of Itsukushima in the inland sea of Seto. The main shrine is believed to date from 593 A.D.



Itsukushima

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

2001



Profile of Dag Hammarskjöld

Born July 29, 1905, Dag Hammarskjöld received a doctorate in economics from the University of Stockholm in 1933. Prior to becoming Vice-Chairman of the Swedish delegation to the UN in 1951, he served in various high-level governmental and diplomatic posts.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

2001



United Nations Flag

In its centenary year, the Norwegian Nobel Committee cited the United Nations as an organization "at the forefront of efforts to achieve peace and security in the world." It further proclaimed "that the only negotiable route to global peace goes by way of the United Nations."

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Spectacled Bear

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2001



Laysan Duck



Andean Condor

Australian Betsy Ogden's designs depict the spectacled bear, found in the Andes Mountains of South America, the Laysan duck from Laysan Island in the Hawaiian archipelago and the silvered leaf monkey of southern Asia.



Silvered Leaf Monkey

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION 50th ANNIVERSARY

2001



Stamps & Balloons



Stamps & Cake

The United Nations Postal Administration is the only postal authority in the world which issues stamps in three different currencies. The first Austrian schilling denominated United Nations stamps were issued by the Vienna office in August 24, 1979.



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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

CLIMATE CHANGE

2001



Solar Service Station



Bicyclists, Blimp & Horse Rider

Modern internal combustion engines have contributed greatly to global warming. The designs on these stamps depict environmentally cleaner modes of transportation including electric cars, bicycles, balloons, zeppelins, horses, sailboats, walking and mass transit.



Walkers, Sailboat & Balloon



Train & Symbols of Clean Transportation



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Die Vereinten Nationen
und
Generalsekretär Kofi A. Annan
Empfänger des
Friedensnobelpreises 2001



84-00

50-00

42-00

21-00

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Painting Based on Poem "Bridges"

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

2001

Nguyen Thanh Chuong of Viet Nam created the painting on which the 5.10 stamp design is based. The 5.12 stamp design is derived from a computer graphic by Japanese designer Ikuo Tanaka. These stamps were issued on March 29, 2001.



Painting Based on Poem "Hands"



Himeji-jo

WORLD HERITAGE JAPAN

2001

Himeji (Himeji) Castle is actually comprised of 83 buildings which are protected by highly developed defense systems dating from the beginning of the Shogun period. The shrines and temples of Nikko are situated in a harmoniously integrated forested natural site.



Nikko

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

2001



Profile of Dag Hammarskjöld

As Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld worked for the peaceful resolution of conflicts throughout the world. He was also responsible for the organization of UN conferences on the peaceful uses of atomic energy and for the application of technology to benefit underdeveloped nations.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

2001



United Nations Flag

The 2001 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded equally to Kofi Annan and the UN, to which Annan has devoted almost his entire working life. As Secretary-General he has faced new challenges to global peace and security such as HIV/Aids and international terrorism.

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PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS WORLD HERITAGE — JAPAN

2001



Kyoto



Shirakawa-go & Gokayama



Nara



Irikiwaka



Himeji-jo



Nikko

The World Heritage—Japan stamps and prestige booklets were issued to coincide with the opening of the Phiarappon World Stamp Exhibition held in Tokyo. This is the 16th time that the United Nations has issued World Heritage stamps in the prestige booklet format. A total of 78,000 Austrian schilling/Euro dual denominated booklets were printed by offset lithography.

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2001 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS - 2001

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION



The International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV 2001) provides a unique opportunity to highlight the vital contribution of volunteers to our societies and to improving the lives of people everywhere. The millions of volunteer workers are a shining example in action of the values of solidarity and shared responsibility that the Millennium Summit proclaimed as essential to international relations in the twenty-first century. Their courage and their dedication should be an inspiration for others — for all of us — to act.

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General
of the United Nations



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Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2002



Bighorn Sheep



Cheetah

The San Esteban Island chuckwalla is found only on San Esteban Island in the Gulf of California. Cheetahs live in North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and South-West Asia and are threatened by severe depletion of their prey base and by direct persecution by man. Bighorn sheep are found in the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico. Hoffmann's two-toed sloth ranges from northern Brazil to Nicaragua. Both are threatened by reduction of their habitat and by local hunting.



San Esteban Island Chuckwalla



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DEFINITIVE

2002



Children & Stamps

Jerry Smith of the United States designed this unusually large 80-cent definitive bearing an illustration of children celebrating the hobby of philately. The stamp was printed by Österreichische Staatsdruckerei in Austria and released on March 1, 2002.

EAST TIMOR INDEPENDENCE

2002



Carved Wood Mask

Issued May 20, 2002, these stamps celebrate the independence of East Timor which became effective on that date. East Timor's move to constitute itself as an independent nation began August 30, 1999 when 78 percent of the population voted for independence.



Decorative Door Panel



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Kahn Tengri, Kyrgyzstan

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS

2002



Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Mount Foraker, USA

To increase awareness of the global importance of mountain ecosystems, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 2002 the International Year of Mountains. Mountains are a source of valuable resources, such as water, energy and biological diversity, as well as centers of culture and recreation.



Paine Grande, Chile



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Sun & Earth

JOHANNESBURG SUMMIT

2002

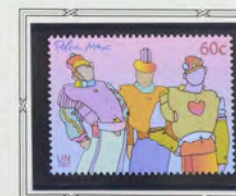


People



Sailboat on Water

The World Summit on Sustainable Development was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from August 26 to September 4, 2002. The meeting brought together heads of state and government, national delegates, and leaders from non-governmental organizations for the purpose of improving people's lives while conserving natural resources.



People



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WORLD HERITAGE — ITALY

2002



Florence



Amalfi Coast

The extraordinary artistic creativity of artists such as Giotto, Brunelleschi, Botticelli and Michelangelo can be seen in Florence's thirteenth-century Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral, Santa Croce Church, Uffizi Palace, and the Pitti Palace. Towns in the Amalfi coastal area, such as Amalfi and Positano, contain architectural and artistic works of great significance. The Duomo di San Andrea cathedral in Amalfi was founded in the ninth century and contains Romanesque, Byzantine, Gothic and Baroque elements.

AIDS AWARENESS

2002



Red Ribbon on UN Building

For almost two decades the United Nations has been a leader in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Beginning in 1986, the World Health Organization helped countries set up much needed national programs to combat AIDS — in preventing the spread of HIV, providing care and support for those infected and alleviating the socioeconomic and human impact of the epidemic.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS WORLD HERITAGE — ITALY

2002



Florence



Amalfi Coast



Pisa



Aeolian Islands



Pompeii



Rome

Italy ratified the World Heritage Convention in 1978, and as of December 2001, 35 sites in Italy had been included on the World Heritage List, of which six are represented in this issue. The purpose of the World Heritage List is to draw attention to the wealth and diversity of Earth's cultural and natural heritage.







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White Ukari

ENDANGERED
SPECIES

2002



Honey Badger





Manul

Boie's monitor, native to most of sub-Saharan Africa, is hunted for its skin and for local consumption. The animal is threatened by poaching campaigns to control the pika population — one of its food sources — and has been hunted for its fur in China, Mongolia, Afghanistan and the Soviet Union. Habitat destruction and local hunting threaten the white ukari of the upper Amazon. The honey badger, which ranges throughout Africa and east into Asia and India, has also been impacted by habitat destruction.



Boie's Monitor

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Année Internationale de la Montagne



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Weisshorn, Switzerland



Mount Fuji, Japan

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS

2002



Vinson Massif, Antarctica



Kamet, India

Because of the growth of globalization, urbanization and tourism had begun to threaten mountain communities, the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit placed mountains on equal footing with tropical deforestation, desertification and climate change in the global debate on the environment and development.

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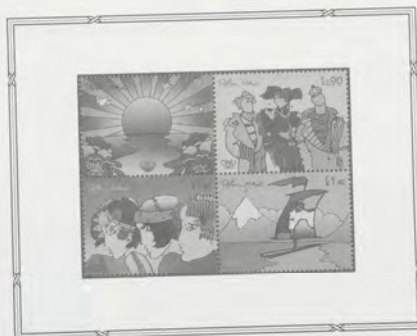
Sun & Water

JOHANNESBURG
SUMMIT

2002



People



People

The problem of sustainable development was addressed at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and an unprecedented global plan of action, designated Agenda 21, was adopted. The Johannesburg summit sought to identify quantifiable targets for implementing Agenda 21 based on the knowledge gained over the intervening decade.



Sailboat on Water

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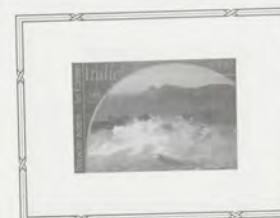
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WORLD HERITAGE — ITALY

2002



Pisa



Aeolian Islands

The Piazza del Duomo, in Pisa, houses four masterpieces of medieval architecture that considerably influenced monumental art from the eleventh to the fourteenth centuries: including the leaning tower or campanile, the cathedral, the baptistery, and the cemetery. The Aeolian Islands, less than 40 km off the northern coast of Sicily consist of seven islands and five small islets which provide an outstanding record of volcanic island building, destruction, and ongoing volcanic phenomena.

AIDS AWARENESS

2002



Red Ribbon on UN Building

By the mid-1990s, the relentless spread of HIV, and the devastating impact of the epidemic on human lives and on social and economic development, had created an emergency that would require a greatly expanded United Nations effort. The result was the creation, in 1996, of the UNAIDS program which was jointly sponsored by six existing UN organizations and later joined by two additional such organizations.



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DEFINITIVE 2002



Armillary Sphere in Ariana Park

A Robert Stein photo of the Armillary Sphere in Ariana Park, Geneva, appears on this March 1, 2002 definitive. The Armillary Sphere was designed by American sculptor Paul Manisha and was presented to the League of Nations in 1939 by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

SWITZERLAND 2002



Dove & Dove

This definitive stamp, issued October 24, 2002 honors the admission of Switzerland as the one hundred nineteenth member nation of the United Nations in September 2002. Swiss artist Thierry Clouet designed the stamp which consists of his graphic interpretation of the cross of the Swiss flag and a dove.

EAST TIMOR INDEPENDENCE 2002



Male Statue

Following East Timor's choice of independence in its August 1999 referendum, violence broke out throughout the nation. Stability was restored by a UN sponsored peace force in September and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration provided badly needed humanitarian assistance.



Lime Powder Container

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



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Sumatran

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2002



Jackass Penguin



Banded Linsang

Sumatras of Malaysia and Sumatra are endangered by logging, agriculture and the pet trade. Found only off the coast of South Africa and Namibia, the jackass penguin is in decline because of egg collection, commercial fishing and habitat degradation. The banded linsang of Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia is a tree dwelling nocturnal animal threatened by habitat destruction. The Sonoran green toad, found only in southern Arizona and northern Mexico, was listed as endangered from 1975 to 2000 due to demand from amateur collectors.



Sonoran Green Toad

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Internationales Jahr der Berge



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Mount Cook, New Zealand

INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF
MOUNTAINS

1992



Mount Robson, Canada



This set of four Japanese "Mountains" Year of Mountains stamps released May 24, 1992, reproduces photographs taken by Japanese photographer Toshiro Shira during his climb to the craggy, snow-capped Mt. Japan. In the center, Shira stands atop Mt. Japan's highest peak, Mt. Fuji. The set also includes two other stamps, each valued at €0.22, and has been sold in Japan.



Belaga, Palau



Belaga, Palau

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Rainbow

JOHANNESBURG
SUMMIT

2002



People



People

The twelve Johannesburg Summit stamps were created by Peter Max of the United States and were released June 27, 2002. Peter Max's vibrant contemporary art had previously appeared on the USPS' Preserve the Environment stamps in 1974, on the UN's 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit stamps, and on the UN's 1997 stamps for the Earth Summit + 5 Conference.



Wave & Doves

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EAST TIMOR INDEPENDENCE

2002



Container with Stopper



Weaving Loom

By the time the official date of independence had arrived, peace and security had been established, and much physical infrastructure had been rebuilt. Most districts had restored running water, electricity, and functioning medical clinics. Additionally, banks, hotels, restaurants and shops had reopened, and tourists had started returning to the country.

WORLD HERITAGE — ITALY

2002



Pompeii



Rome

The two flourishing Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum were engulfed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. Since the mid-eighteenth century, these have been progressively uncovered, providing remarkable insight into the early Roman Empire. Founded in 753 B.C., Rome contains some of the major monuments of antiquity, such as the Augustus Mausoleum, the Hadrian Mausoleum, the Pantheon, the Marcus Aurelius Column, and numerous religious and public buildings.

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AIDS AWARENESS

2002



Red Ribbon on UN Building

A special session of the UN General Assembly was held in June 2001 which concluded with a unanimously adopted Declaration of Commitment aimed at enhancing coordination and intensification of national, regional and international efforts to combat the problem of HIV/AIDS in a comprehensive manner.



UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA

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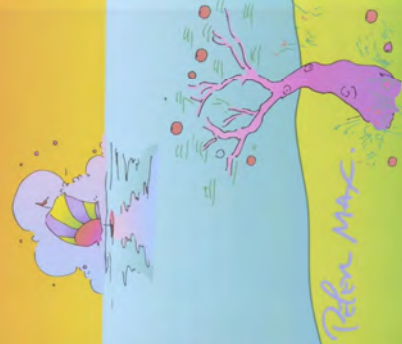


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World Summit on Sustainable Development

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We live on one planet, connected in a delicate, intricate web of ecological, social, economic and cultural relationships. If we are to achieve sustainable development, we will need to display greater responsibility — for the ecosystems on which all life depends, for each other as a single human community and for the generations that will follow our own. The Johannesburg Summit is an opportunity to rejuvenate the quest to build a more sustainable future, and to show that sustainable development is not only a necessity but also an exceptional opportunity to place our economies and societies on a more durable footing.

Kofi A. Annan
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Secretary-General
of the United Nations



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INDIGENOUS ART



INDIGENOUS ART

2003

The United Nations commenced this series of issues highlighting Indigenous Art on January 31, 2003 with the release of three souvenir sheets focusing on the Caribbean and Latin America. On this dollar-denominated sheet are shown: a Peruvian Paro "linen style" textile, c. 600-200 B.C.; a Columbian Atchapa-zoomorphic pendant, c. 150-900 A.D.; Mexican Huastec Indian Embroidery; a back ornament created by the Rikpakas people of Brazil in the 20th century; wool crafts from Chile; and a Huastec feathered hat from Bolivia, 700-1000 A.D.

DEFINITIVES

2003



Interlocking Hands



United Nations Headquarters Complex



United Nations Emblem

Rorie Katz designed the 23c and 37c values and collaborated with Robert Stein in designing the 70c value of these three definitive stamps. The United Nations emblem and the background text "United Nations" in the U.N.'s six official languages on the 37c value were produced in hot stamped gold foil by House of Quests. The high value in the set is the United Nations first holographic stamp, and was produced by Walsall Security Printers in the United Kingdom. The stamps were placed on sale on March 28, 2003.





Great Hornbill

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2003



Scarlet Ibis



Knob-billed Goose

The great hornbill is a forest dwelling bird found in southwest India, south China, Malaysia and Sumatra. The scarlet ibis lives in the wetlands of Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guyana and Brazil. The knob-billed goose is distributed throughout sub-Saharan Africa as well as Columbia and Argentina. The whistling duck is native to sub-Saharan Africa and to Argentina and Uruguay. These 37c Endangered Species stamps were designed by Joseph Hautman, who has won several state migratory bird stamp design contests and two U.S. Federal Duck Stamp competitions.



White-faced Whistling Duck



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESHWATER

2003



This surreal scene of pristine waters and vegetation reveals a number of disquieting details on closer examination — disjointed tree trunks, skulls in the center of the orchids and an unhealthy looking butterfly hanging on the end of a leaf — suggesting that something is at the edge of collapse. Rick Garcia designed the set of three set-tenant pairs released June 20, 2003 commemorating the International Year of Freshwater.



Swamp Scene



Person in Canoe, Trees & Swamp Creatures



Propeller in Motion



Propeller in Motion



CENTENARY OF FLIGHT

2003

The world's first sustained powered flight was made by Orville Wright on December 17, 2003 near Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, lasted for about 12 seconds and covered a distance of about 120 feet. These tele-achse stamps celebrating the centenary of that event were designed by Rorie Katz and released March 28, 2003.



RALPH BUNCHE

2003



Ralph Bunche

Ralph Bunche was an early student of Africa, colonialism and the problems of race, earning a Ph.D. in government from Harvard University. He was a lifelong civil rights activist, a founder in 1936 of the National Negro Congress, and in the 1960s he joined Martin Luther King and other black leaders in the march from Selma to Montgomery and the march on Washington.

IN MEMORIAM

2003



Flag & United Nations Emblem

Twenty-two United Nations staff members tragically lost their lives and many more were injured in a terrorist suicide bombing at the U.N. complex, on August 19, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. As a tribute to the sacrifice made by all those who lost their lives, The United Nations Postal Administration issued three commemorative stamps on October 24, 2003.

WORLD HERITAGE — U.S.A.

2003



Mountains of Yosemite

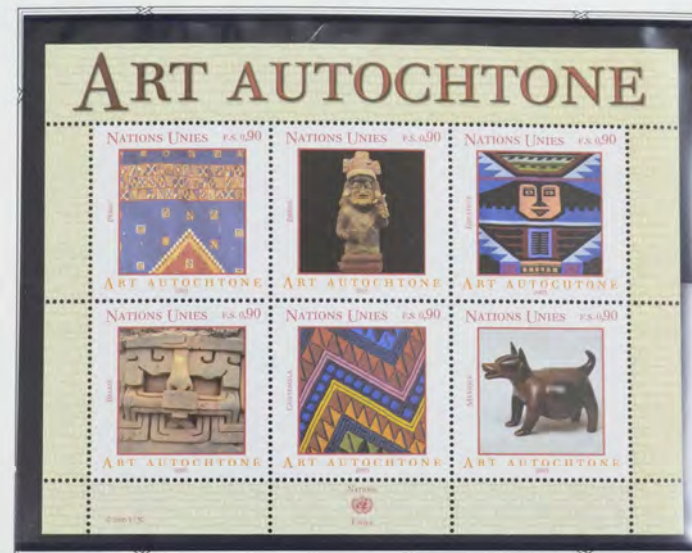
Yosemite National Park, located in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains harbors a grand collection of waterfalls, meadows and forests, and a grove of giant sequoia trees — the world's oldest living things. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park contains native subtropical rainforest and mesic forest communities which provide habitats for several threatened and endemic species, including rare birds and forests of giant ferns.



Hawaiian Volcano

INDIGENOUS ART

2003



Shown on this Swiss Franc denominated sheet are: a detail from an Inca poncho from south coastal Peru c. 1430-1532 A.D.; a seated figure from the Brazilian Bahia culture, c. 500 B.C.; a 20th century blanket from Ecuador bearing a face and geometric designs; a Mayan stone sculpture from the ruins of Xunantunich in Belize; a Guatemalan multicolored embroidered fabric; and a Mexican Colima terracotta dog sculpture, c. 500 B.C.-100 A.D. The release of this issue was inspired by the "Voices" exhibition of Indigenous art held at the United Nations New York Headquarters from May 13 to May 24, 2002.

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POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2003



Red-breasted Goose



Bald Ibis



Fulvous Whistling Duck

Red Breasted geese breed over the great expanse of the Russian Arctic and winter in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. The bald ibis inhabits the highlands of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. The whistling duck is widely distributed over the southern United States, northern and eastern South America and also parts of Africa, Asia and India. Channel-billed toucans live in the rainforests of Venezuela, Guyana and eastern Brazil. The four stamps reproduce paintings by James Houtman, who won the U.S. Federal Duck Stamp contest in 1990.



Channel-billed Toucan

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Over 140 national parliaments are members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, which was established in 1889 to promote the core values of democracy and good governance. The inauguration of the IPU's new headquarters building is commemorated by this adhesive designed by Cyril Wursten of Switzerland and released February 20, 2003.



New IPU Headquarters

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION

2003

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESHWATER

2003



Waterfall & Trees

A mountain scene of a waterfall, a bright sunny day, the crystal-clear water of a mountain lake and people enjoying the outdoors reveal, on closer examination, images of skulls camouflaged in the scenery. Like the other paintings in this set, the contrast conveys a warning of the growing threat of mankind's imminent loss of fresh water.



Surrealistic People & Lake

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



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RALPH BUNCHE

2003



Ralph Bunche

Ralph Bunche viewed United States leadership essential to the achievement of peace on earth. He helped create the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945, and had a central role in the adoption of three chapters of the U.N. Charter dealing with post-war colonialism. For two decades, he was Under-Secretary General of the U.N. and played a leading role in peacekeeping functions.

IN MEMORIAM

2003



Flag & United Nations Emblem

Throughout the world, men and women serve under the United Nations flag to secure and maintain peace, to alleviate human suffering, to promote human rights and to foster sustainable development. Among those who lost their lives in the attack of August 19, 2003 was Sergio Vieira de Mello, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and head of the U.N. Mission in Iraq.

WORLD HERITAGE — U.S.A.

2003



Great Smoky Mountains

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park protects one of the world's finest temperate deciduous forests. The area supports 1,520 flower species, 130 varieties of trees, and 27 different salamanders. Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park sits on top of a thermal plume of molten rock that feeds a chamber 11,000 feet below the surface. Hot springs and geysers for which the park is famous are created by ground water seeping through the earth's crust toward the magma chamber.



Bison, Geysers & Pool

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



POSTAGE STAMPS

INDIGENOUS ART

2003

The Euro-denominated souvenir sheet shows: a Punan mask depicting two figures; a Peruvian Mochica vessel in the form of a llama; a detail of Bolivian abaco woven cloth; masks from a Havana, Cuba market; a 19th century Mexican Aztec priest's feathered headdress; and a bird-shaped staff head from Columbia, c. 100-1600 A.D. Rolf Kott and Robert Stein, both of the United States designed the sixteen stamps in the set of three sheets.



DEFINITIVES

2003



Schloss Eggenberg, Graz



Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna



Belvedere Palace, Vienna

A photograph of the Eggenberg Palace in Graz, provided by Graz Tourismus GmbH, is shown on the 0.04-euro value of these definitives. The 0.25-euro value shows a photograph of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna credited to Österreich Werbung / Bohmacker. A photograph of the Belvedere Palace in Vienna from Österreich Werbung / H. Wiesenhofer appears on the high value. The low value was issued on August 7, 2003, while the other two values were released March 28, 2003.

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POSTAGE STAMPS



Baikal Teal

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2003



Hadada ibis



Toco Toucan

The Baikal teal breeds in eastern and central Siberia and winters in southern Siberia, Korea, Japan, Mongolia and eastern China. The hadada ibis is distributed widely throughout sub-Saharan Africa. The toco toucan inhabits the canopy of tropical rainforests from Guianá through Brazil to northern Argentina. Preferring wetlands and open areas, the Egyptian goose is found in the Nile valley and throughout Africa south of the Sahara. The stamps were designed by Robert Houtman who has won two U.S. Federal Duck stamp contests and a number of state Duck Stamp competitions.



Egyptian Goose

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



POSTAGE STAMPS



Ralph Bunche

RALPH BUNCHE

2003

In 1949, as U.N. mediator in Palestine, Ralph Bunche negotiated the Armistice Agreements between Israel and four of her Arab neighbors — for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. These U.N. stamps, issued August 7, 2003 to mark the centenary of his birth, reproduce charcoal drawings by noted economist, statesman, presidential advisor, and accomplished artist Leo Cherne.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESHWATER

2003



Trees, Bridge & River

In the high mountains, heavy snowfall adorns an empty river. Ghostlike horses are seen drinking from the patches of ice on the riverbed warning of the passing of a once common scene. This is the second U.N. issue based on paintings by Florida artist Rick Garcia, the first being the 1998 rainforest stamps and souvenir sheets.



Stream & Ghost-like Horses

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



POSTAGE STAMPS

IN MEMORIAM

2003



Flag & United Nations Emblem

This euro-valued stamp and two others in dollar and Swiss franc denominations were released without prior announcement at the American Stamp Dealers Association's Mega Event in New York City. The design used on all three in Memoriam values was created by Jenny J. Karia and Robert Stein and printed by the French firm of Cartor Security Printing.

WORLD HERITAGE — U.S.A.

2003



Sea Stacks in Sunset

In the northwest corner of Washington State, 7960 feet tall Mount Olympus towers above the surrounding mountains. Olympic National Park, surrounding the snow-capped peak, contains glaciers, alpine meadows and one of the few temperate zone rainforests in the world. The Everglades consists of a freshwater river 6 inches deep and 50 miles wide that flows across the flat expanse of land at the southern tip of Florida, creating an exceptional habitat for a large variety of birds, reptiles and threatened species such as the manatee.



Sawgrass, Trees & Water

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2004



American Black Bear



Musk Deer



Golden Snub-nosed Monkey

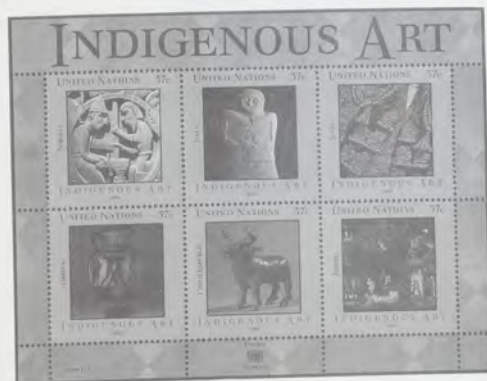
The American black bear is found in densely forested mountains throughout North America from Canada to Mexico. Musk deer are native to forested, mountainous parts of Asia and eastern Russia. The golden snub-nosed monkey is indigenous to deciduous and conifer forests in the high mountains of western China. The wild yak lives in the desert plains of northern Tibet. Yuan Lee designed the 2004 Endangered Species set.



Wild Yak



POSTAGE STAMPS



INDIGENOUS ART

2004

This installment of the United Nations Indigenous Art series, released March 4, 2004, features European works. Illustrated on the souvenir sheet are a Viking church pew carved in the 12th century; a sculptured masculine stele from the Italian region of Lunigiana; a detail of a Spanish matador suit; a Greek amphora decorated with black fighting figures; a bronze bull figurine with iron inlays from the Czech Republic; and a Russian lacquer box decorated with a scene from a story by Alexander Pushkin.



Car, Map & Skyline



Car Falling from Hand

ROAD SAFETY

2004

Motor vehicle injuries are a global problem, taking 1.2 million lives each year and injuring hundreds of thousands. The majority of such injuries occur in developing countries among pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and users of public transportation who often would be unable to afford a private motor vehicle.



POSTAGE STAMPS

JAPANESE PEACE BELL

2004



Japanese Peace Bell

The Japanese Peace Bell was conceived by Chiyoji Nakagawa, and was cast from coins collected by people from sixty different countries. It was presented to the United Nations in June 1954 by the United Nations Association of Japan, and is housed in a wooden structure made of cypress wood resembling a Shinto Shrine.

WORLD HERITAGE - GREECE

2004



Acropolis, Athens



Delos

The Parthenon, on the low value of this duo, was built almost entirely of Pentelic marble between 447 and 438 B.C., and was dedicated to Athena Parthenos, the patron goddess of Athens. It is universally recognizable as an international symbol of ancient Greek civilization. The mythological creatures on the 80-cent stamp are located in the ruins of a classical city on the island of Delos, which was a prosperous trading port and according to Greek mythology was the birthplace of Apollo.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2004



Flags, Children & Dove

In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly declared that the International Day of Peace be observed on September 21 each year. In support of this resolution, the UN Postal Administration decided to commemorate the day with the issuance of an annual peace stamp set for three years; of which these September 21, 2004 stamps were the first.



Dove, Hand, Olive Branch & House

HUMAN RIGHTS

2004



Men, Women & Prison Bars

Armenian born artist, Yuri "Yuroz" Gevorgian who designed this 2004 UN Human Rights set, explains that "Every single thing we have and do in life is a human right. I can dress how I want, and I can read what I want. Freedom is the ability to make choices in every aspect of life." He explains his designs for these stamps as a mosaic of people struggling and people exercising their freedom. The set was released October 14, 2004.



Men, Women & Scales of Justice

DISARMAMENT DEFINITIVE

2004



Man, Weapon & Slogans

This definitive released on October 15, 2004 draws attention to disarmament efforts of the United Nations which range from community weapons collection to the elimination of weapons of mass destruction and land mines. French artist Michel Granger designed the stamp which was released October 15, 2004.

UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2004



Asiatic Black Bear



Northern Andean Deer



Lion-tailed Macaque

Asiatic Black bears are distributed throughout much of South-eastern Asia. Northern Andean deer are confined to alpine meadows, slopes and rugged hills of the northern Andes. The lion-tailed macaque lives in the evergreen broadleaf forest of Western Ghats in India. The wild gaur, a species of wild cattle, is still found in South and Southeast Asia from India to Malaysia. The Endangered Species set of twelve stamps was released January 29, 2004.



Gaur

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



INDIGENOUS
ART

2004

This Swiss franc denominated sheet features: a Swiss mountain pasture decoration; a Neolithic Romanian terracotta figure of a woman; plaques from the French Alps used to stamp butter with the trademark of the producer; a detail of a herald's tabard from United Kingdom made of silk, beads and metallic thread; a 1493 woodprint of the town of Cologne by Michael Wohlgemuth; and a terracotta mother and child from Serbia circa 5000-4000 B.C.E.



Man in Hand



Man & Seat Belt

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA

ROAD
SAFETY

2004

To raise awareness of the importance of road safety, the World Health Organization designated Road Safety as the 2004 theme of World Health Day, which is celebrated each year on April 7. In support of this objective, organizations around the globe sponsored activities seeking to focus public attention on the consequences and costs of traffic injuries.



JAPANESE PEACE BELL

2004



Japanese Peace Bell

It has become a tradition to ring the Japanese Peace bell on the first day of spring and in September to mark the opening of the General Assembly's yearly session. The sculpture was previously commemorated by the issuance of two UN stamps in 1970 designed by Ole Hamann of Denmark.

WORLD HERITAGE – GREECE

2004



Delfi



Pythagoreion & Heraion of Samos

In ancient Greece, Delphi was the home of the oracle of Apollo. The Tholos, shown on the low value of this set, is located in Delphi and was constructed circa 380 B.C. of multicolored stone with unusually fine workmanship. Statues like those on the high value lined the Sacred Way, a road from the city of Samos to the Heraion of Samos which was one of the most significant sanctuaries dedicated to Hera. The sculptures date from the sixth century B.C.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2004



Hands, Earth & Dove

In creating the International Day of Peace, the General Assembly proposed that the day be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence to be used to honor victims of conflict, to begin a peaceful dialog, to allow mediators to build towards a wider truce and for those engaged in conflict to reconsider the wisdom of further violence.



Woman, Leaves & Dove

HUMAN RIGHTS

2004



Women & Matricians

Human rights have always been fundamental to the purpose of the United Nations, which states in its charter the objective of reaffirming faith "in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small." A number of United Nations bodies, which have as their focus the furtherance of human rights, date from the earliest days of the organization.



Man, Woman, Children & Blue Rose

SPORT 2005

2004



Athletes in Motion

This stamp was issued to promote awareness of the United Nations General Assembly's November 2003 resolution proclaiming 2005 as the International Year for Sport and Physical Education and which invited governments and UN agencies to promote the role of sports and physical education. Roland Hirtler, of Switzerland designed the stamp which was issued November 23, 2004.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2004



Sloth Bear



Eld's Deer



Cherry-crowned Mangabey

The sloth bear is native to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. The Eld's deer is indigenous to Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia. The cherry-crowned mangabey is found in swamp or mangrove forests from Nigeria to Angola. The small herds of Wild water buffalo that remain from prehistoric times are confined to India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Borneo and Mindanao.



Wild Water Buffalo

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



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INDIGENOUS ART

2004

Shown on this Euro-denominated sheet are: illuminated text from the book of Kells c. 700; Ukrainian-style decorated eggs; a paleolithic statue known as the "Venus of Willendorf" c. 24,000-22,000 B.C.E.; an Icelandic Flatunung panel; a neolithic idol from Hungary, circa 6500-3000 B.C.E.; and an illuminated letter from a Portuguese medical text dated 1356. The 2004 Indigenous Art set was designed by Rory Kitz and Robert Stein.



Car & Botslei



Road Through Mountains

ROAD SAFETY

2004

Organizations participating in the World Health Day Road Safety programs, directed attention to issues such as speeding; the influence of alcohol; the use of helmets, seat belts and other restraints; and improving the design of roads and vehicles. The six stamps, designed by French artist Michel Granger, were released on April 7, 2004.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

DEFINITIVE

2004



Schloss Schonbrunn, Vienna

A photograph of Schloss Schonbrunn in Vienna provided by Austrian Views is reproduced on this 0.55-Euro denominated definitive produced to meet current and make-up postage rates. The stamp, which was printed by Imprimerie de Timbrespost of France, was released January 29, 2004.

JAPANESE PEACE BELL

2004



Japanese Peace Bell

The three stamps in this issue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Peace Bell were designed by Swedish artist and engraver Martin Morck and released on June 3, 2004. Morck has designed or engraved over 400 stamps for more than ten different countries, which include the United States, Canada and France.

WORLD HERITAGE – GREECE

2004



Mycenae & Tiryns



Olympia

The Mycenaean civilization contributed greatly to the development of classical Greek architecture and urban design. The Lion Gate at Mycenae is pictured on the lower value of these two stamps. On the high value, is shown the ruins of an arched roof over an entrance tunnel leading to the stadium at Olympia. Olympia was the location of a sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and was the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2004



Barbed Wire, Soldiers & Children



Woman, Doves & Candle

The six stamp designs for this set were created by children, of ages 11 to 13, from around the world as submissions in a poster contest sponsored by Lions Clubs International. The winning design, on the 37c value, was submitted by Sittichok Panyakiet of Thailand. The other five designs were created by children from Israel, Indonesia, Taiwan, Peru and the Philippines.

HUMAN RIGHTS

2004



Men, Women & Children



Men, Women & Dove

As a means of furthering human rights, in 1993 the World Conference on Human Rights declared that states should seek to eradicate illiteracy, promote the full development of the human personality and work to encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Additionally, it called for educational institutions to include human rights, humanitarian law, democracy and the rule of law as subjects in their curriculum.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



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Vanda Coerulea

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2005



Cynoches



Cattleya Trianae

Vanda coerulea, one of 50 orchid species from tropical Asia, is noted for its stout stems, unevenly cut leaf tips and numerous trailing roots. *Cynoches*, native to tropical South America, can have either male or female flowers, often with entirely different appearance. *Cattleya trianae*, the national flower of Colombia, is found only in the upper Colombian Andes. *Aerangis modesta* is native to the humid evergreen forest of Comoros and Madagascar.



Aerangis Modesta



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

NATURE'S WISDOM

2005



Ice Climber



Egret

The 2005 World Exposition was held from March 25 to September 25, 2005, in Aichi, Japan. "Nature's Wisdom" refers the mission of the event, which was to promote sustainable coexistence of humanity and nature through sharing the wisdom of each.

UNITED NATIONS 60th ANNIVERSARY

2005



UN General Assembly

Representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco, throughout 1945, to deliberate the proposals that would become the Charter of the United Nations. Signed by 51 nations, the United Nations was formally established on October 24, 1945, when the Charter was ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, and a majority of the other signatories.



60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SPORT

2005



Yachts

In November 2003, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education, to encourage the implementation of sport for peace development programs and the use of sport to improve health, education and to bridge cultural and ethnic divides.



Runners

WORLD HERITAGE – EGYPT

2005



The Great Sphinx & Great Pyramid

The Great Sphinx is 200 feet long and 65 feet high, making it the largest single-stone statue in the world. Behind the Sphinx, on the stamp, is the Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest and last remaining of the seven wonders of the world. Both are at Memphis, the capital of the Old Kingdom. On the high value is shown the statue of Ramses II at the Temple of Luxor, located at Thebes, the city of the god of Amun. Additionally, the site of many temples and palaces, Thebes offers a striking tribute to Egyptian civilization at its height.



Ramses II

UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2005



Candle & Flags

The art for the 2005 "My Dream for Peace One Day" stamp set, as in 2004, was obtained by agreement with Lions Clubs International who sponsored an annual global peace poster contest for children of ages 11 to 13 years. The theme of the contest held in 2003-2004, which was the source of these designs, was "Create a Brighter Tomorrow."



Light Bulb & Globe

FOOD FOR LIFE

2005



Leaves of Grain, Fathers & Children



Grain, Mothers & Children

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, established October 16, 1945, is one of the first agencies created by the United Nations after its founding in 1945. It is the world's largest humanitarian agency, providing food aid to about 90 million people, including 56 million children, in more than 80 countries.





UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



Laelia Milleri

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2005



Pygmorchis Pusilla





Dendrobium Cruentum

Laelia milleri, discovered in the early 1960s in Mexico and south to Peru and Brazil, has become the origin of over 600 hybrids. *Pygmorchis pusilla* grows in pastures, plantations and forests from Central America south to Columbia and Brazil. The present population of *Dendrobium cruentum* numbers only a few thousand plants scattered over a few Pacific coastal islands. *Orchis purpurea* is widely distributed from the United Kingdom to the Caucasus and south to North Africa.



Orchis Purpurea

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

NATURE'S WISDOM

2005



Children Collecting Water

In May 2001, the Secretary-General agreed to the participation of the United Nations in Expo 2005, and designated the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the lead agency planning and operating the United Nations pavilion at the event.



Ruby Brittle Star

UNITED NATIONS 60th ANNIVERSARY

2005



UN General Assembly

As stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the organization exists to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations; to cooperate in solving international problems and promoting human rights; and to provide a center for harmonizing the actions of nations.

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA

UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SPORT

2005



Wheel Chair Racer

Sport serves society on various levels. For the individual, sport enhances one's personal abilities, health, and self-knowledge. For a nation, sport and physical education contribute to economic and social growth. Globally, sport and physical education have a positive influence on development, public health, peace and the environment.



Bicycles

WORLD HERITAGE - EGYPT

2005



Temple of Isis at Philae



Ibn Tulun Mosque

The Temple of Isis at Philae shown on the stamp, as well as the Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel, were rescued in the 1960s from flooding which would be caused by the completion of the Aswan Dam. The main temple of Isis was built during the third century B.C., which was the last period of ancient Egyptian religion and hieroglyphic usage. The Ibn Tulun Mosque, in what is now downtown Cairo, is the largest mosque in the world and the oldest in Egypt that has survived in near original form. It was constructed of mudbrick in 879 A.D. by Ahmad ibn Tulun.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2005



Dove, Globe & Hands

An objective of the Lions Globe International poster contest was to encourage young people to express creatively what world peace means to them. Grand Prize winner, Vittoria Sorsabashian, a 12 year old Italian, said, "We can only imagine and dream about how wonderful and important peace truly is. I am lucky to be living in a peaceful country, but so many children live every day in a non-peaceful situation."



Dream Catcher

FOOD FOR LIFE

2005



Grain, Plane & Camels



Grain, Women & Trucks

Operations of the World Food Program save lives in refugee crises and other emergencies, and seek to improve nutrition for the world's most vulnerable people at such critical times. Additional objectives of the agency are to foster development by helping people build productive assets and to promote self-reliance of poor people and communities.

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Cymbidium ensifolium

Renanthera lmschootiana

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Ansellia africana

ENDANGERED SPECIES

2005



Phragmipedium kovachii



Cymbidium ensifolium

Ansellia africana is found widely across Africa, and plants may grow as large as a ton in weight. Discovered in 2003, at a roadside stand in Peru and quickly depleted from that site, only about a thousand *Phragmipedium kovachii* survive on a remote cliff in the Andes. Probably the first cultivated *Cymbidium*, *Cymbidium ensifolium* is widely distributed throughout Asia. Native to north-east India and Myanmar, *Renanthera imschottiana* is widely propagated, but endangered because of destruction of its habitat.



Renanthera imschottiana

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS



UN Vienna International Center

HOLOGRAM DEFINITIVE

2005

This second United Nations hologram stamp, released February 4, 2005, depicts the UN's Vienna International Center on the river Danube. Located at this facility, is the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UN Office on Drugs & Crime, the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and the UN Industrial Development Organization.

UNITED NATIONS 60th ANNIVERSARY

2005



UN General Assembly

In celebration of the United Nations' 60th anniversary year, this set of 3 stamps and 3 souvenir sheets was released February 4, 2005. Produced by a combination of offset and intaglio, the stamp design was the last created by world-famous engraver and stamp designer, Czeslaw Slania, before he passed away in March, 2005.



UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA





NATURE'S WISDOM

2005



Desert Landscape



Cheetah Family

In May 2001, the Secretary-General agreed to the participation of the United Nations in Expo 2005, and designated the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the United Nations presence at the event, giving the United Nations position at the event.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SPORT

2005



Horse & Rider



Soccer Player

Roland Herberichs, a graphic designer from Berlin, Brandenburg, was selected as the designer of the International Year of Sport stamps after having won a competition, held in 2004, for the "International Year of Sport 2005" stamp. The stamp was issued on June 1, 2005.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA

WORLD HERITAGE - EGYPT

2005



Alba Mena



Saint Catherine's Monastery

The early Christian holy city of Alba Mena was built in the third century A.D. over the tomb of Menes of Alexandria. Once an oasis of wells and olive trees, only ruins in the desert now remain. Saint Catherine's Monastery was built in the sixth century of the Byzantine Empire. The monastery is one of the oldest and most important Christian monasteries in the world. It is the oldest Christian monastery still in use for its initial function.

UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESTIGE BOOKLET STAMPS WORLD HERITAGE - EGYPT

2005



The Great Sphinx & Great Pyramid



Ramesses II



Temple of Isis at Philae



Ibn Tulun Mosque



Abu Mena



Saint Catherine's Monastery

Signed by more than 175 states, the Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in 1972. The Convention seeks to preserve sites like those of Egypt highlighted on this set.

UNITED NATIONS/VIENNA



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

MY DREAM FOR PEACE ONE DAY

2005



Earth Holding Umbrella of Flags



People & Flag Wrapped Torch

Merit Award Winner Jordan Harik, from the USA, said, "Children are the leaders of tomorrow. If the leaders of tomorrow learn the importance of peace today, the world will be a better place to live in the future." The set of six stamps was placed on sale on the General Assembly's designated International Day of Peace, September 21, 2005.

FOOD FOR LIFE

2005



Corn, Hungry People & Teacher



Grain, Helicopter Dropping Food & Elephants

To heighten public awareness of the world food problem and gain support in fighting hunger, malnutrition and poverty, World Food Day has been celebrated each year on the anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization. In promotion of the World Food Program, the UN issued this set of six stamps, designed by Andrew Davidson, on October 20, 2005.

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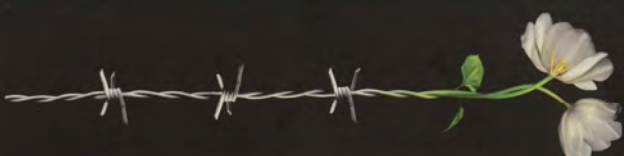


Remembrance and Beyond

"Denying historical facts, especially on such an important subject as the Holocaust, is just not acceptable. Nor is it acceptable to call for the elimination of any State or people. I would like to see this fundamental principle respected both in rhetoric and in practice by all the members of the international community."

Ben Ki-moon

Ben Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations



Gedenken für die Zukunft

„Das leugnen historischer Tatsachen, besonders wenn es um ein so wichtiges Thema wie den Holocaust geht, darf keinesfalls toleriert werden. Ebenso wenig tolerierbar ist es, zur Vernichtung eines Staates oder Volkes aufzuzurehen. Ich würde mir wünschen, dass dieses Grundprinzip von allen Mitgliedern der internationalen Gemeinschaft in Wort und Tat respektiert wird.“

Ban Ki-moon
Generalsekretär der Vereinten Nationen



Du souvenir à l'avenir

« Renier l'histoire sur un sujet aussi important que l'Holocauste n'est tout simplement pas acceptable, pas plus qu'il n'est acceptable d'appeler à l'élimination d'un État quel qu'il soit ou d'un peuple quel qu'il soit. Je voudrais que ce principe fondamental soit respecté tout dans la rhétorique que dans la pratique par tous les membres de la communauté internationale. »

Ban Ki-moon
Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies



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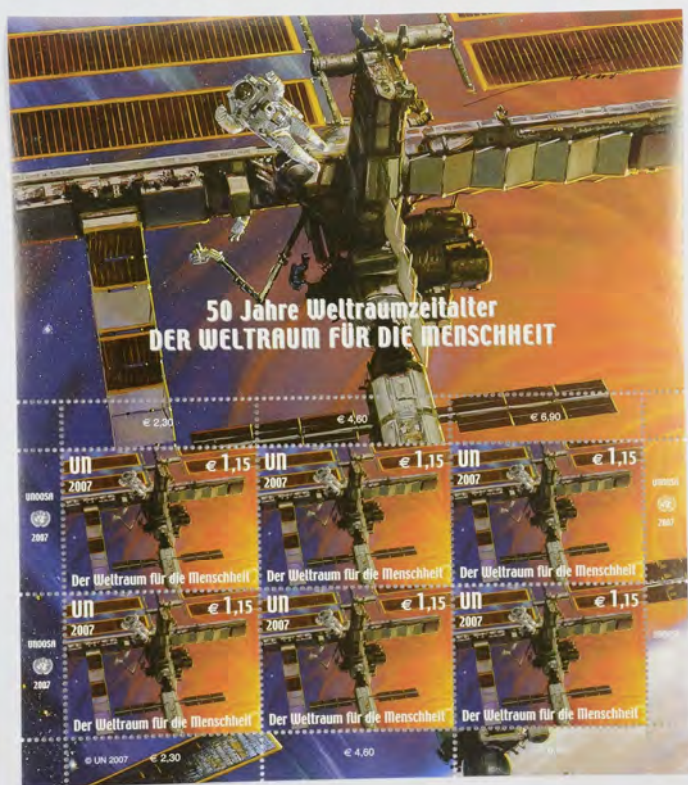


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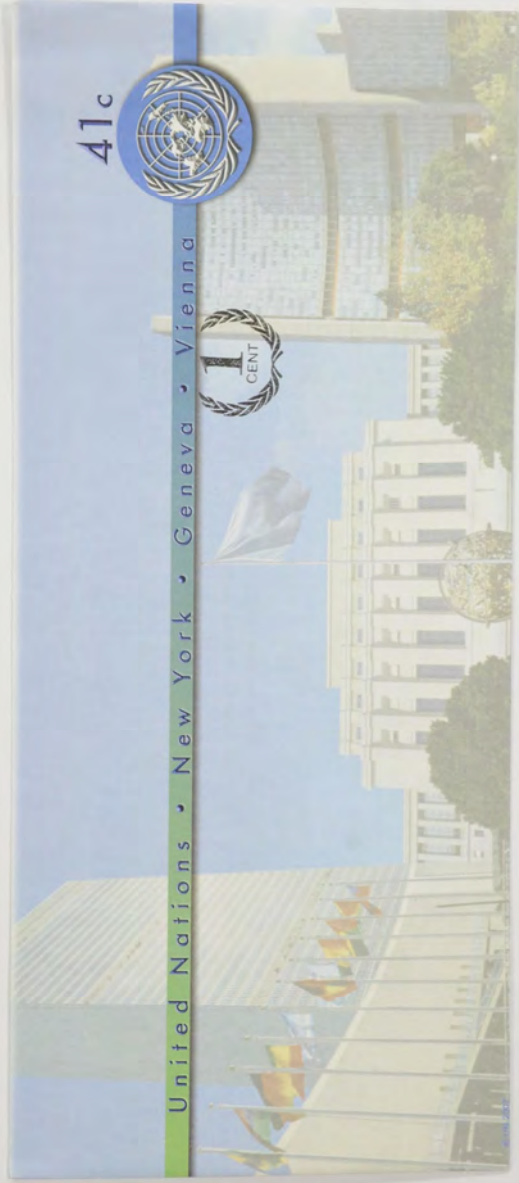
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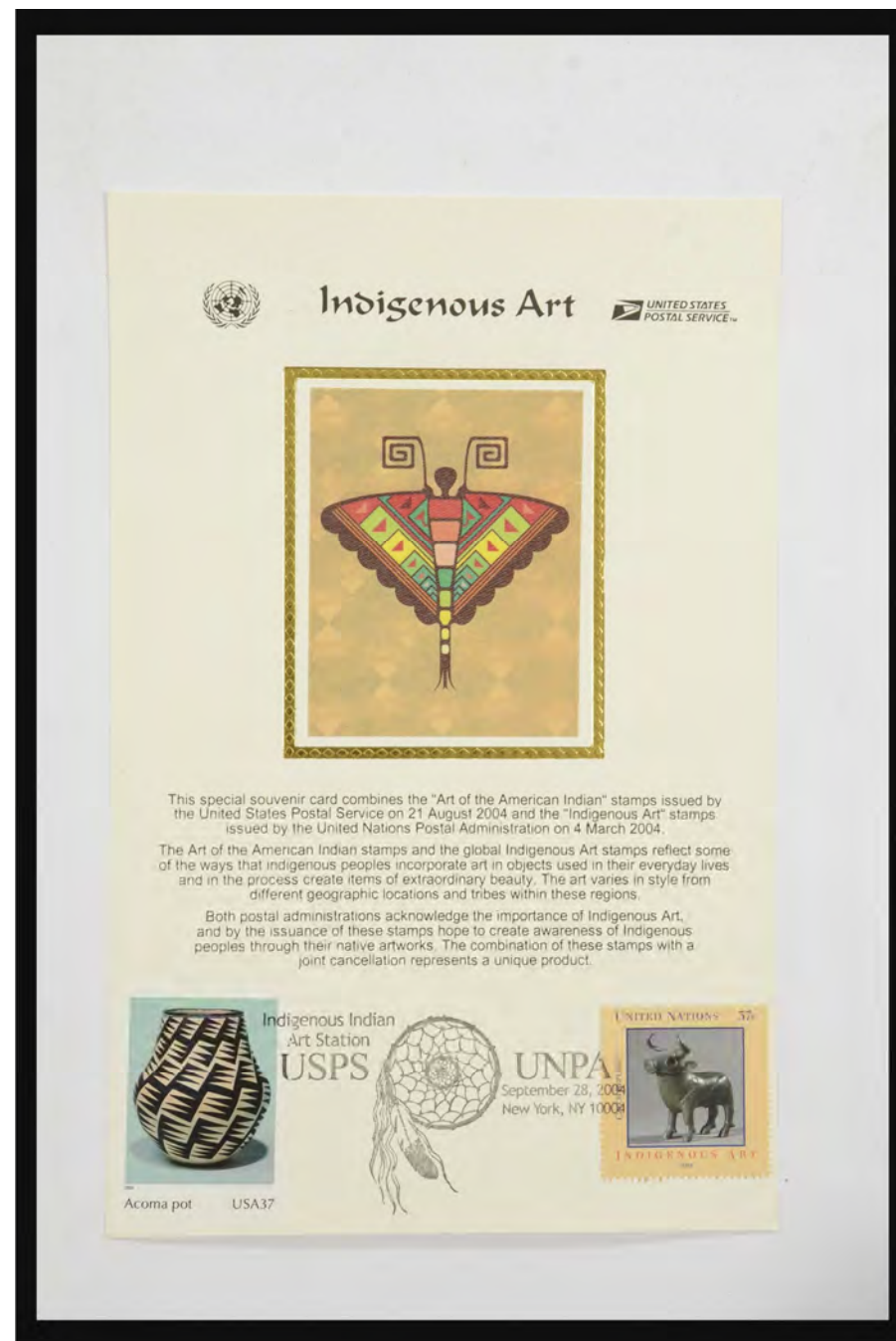


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MÜNZEN- UND FLAGGEN-SERIE

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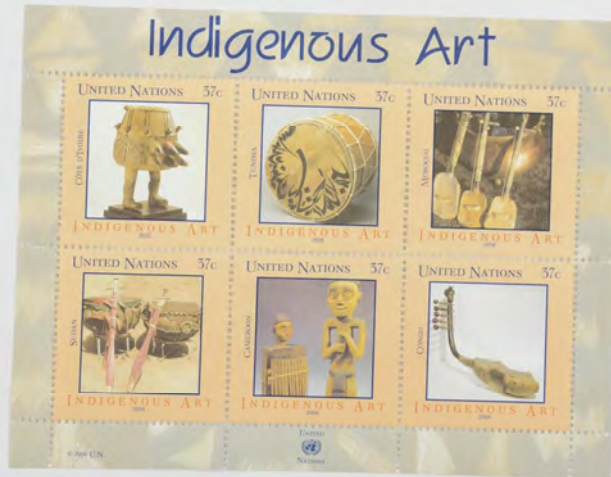
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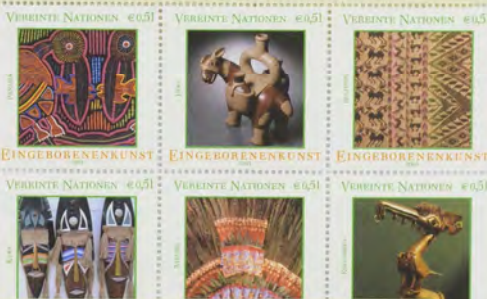




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INDIGENOUS ART





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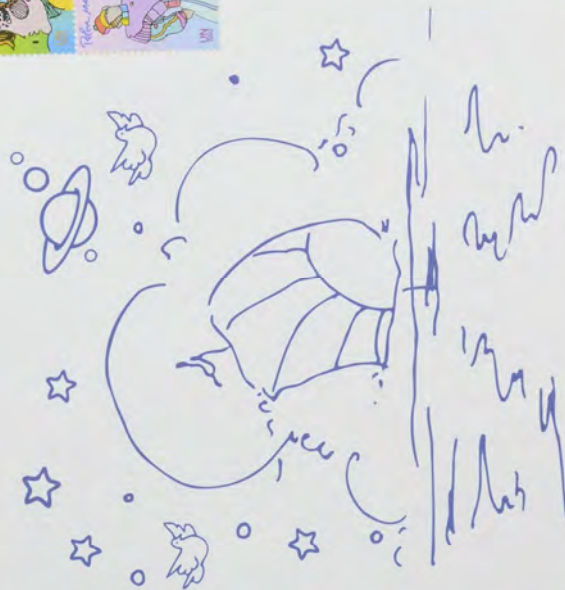
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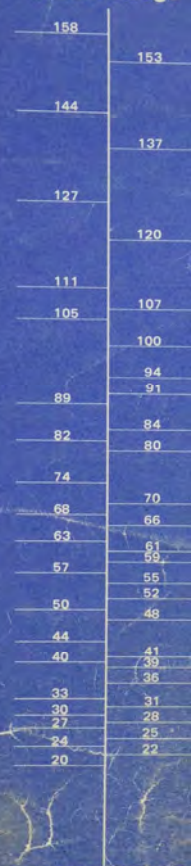
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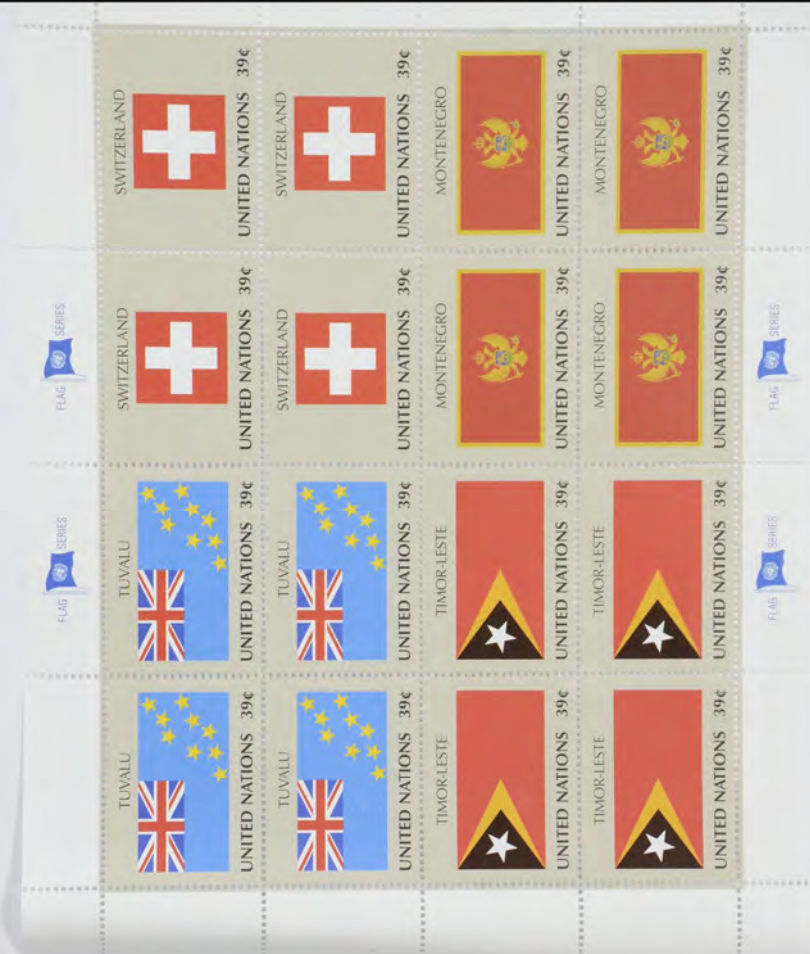
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Die Postverwaltung der Vereinten Nationen freut sich, Ihnen mit der vorliegenden Broschüre die Jahressammelmappe 1995 für die im Laufe des fünfzigsten Gründungsjahres der Vereinten Nationen herausgegebenen Briefmarken vorlegen zu können.

Drei der sieben Briefmarkenausgaben dieses Jahres sind dem fünfzigsten Jahrestag der Vereinten Nationen gewidmet. Die übrigen Ausgaben der Postverwaltung befassen sich mit dem Sozialgipfel, gefährdeten Arten, der Jugend und der Vierten Weltfrauenkonferenz.

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Philatelle hinausgehen und die Aufmerksamkeit auf weltweite Probleme und auf die Tätigkeit der Vereinten Nationen lenken.

Wir beglückwünschen die Vereinten Nationen zu ihrem fünfzigjährigen Bestehen und blicken einer verheißungsvollen Zukunft für die Briefmarken der Vereinten Nationen entgegen.

L'Administration postale des Nations Unies (APNU) est fière de présenter les séries de timbres des Nations Unies émises en 1995, année du cinquantième de l'Organisation.

Trois de ces timbres ont pour thème le cinquantième anniversaire social; les autres la Conférence mondiale sur l'environnement futur; et la quatrième

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Alors que l'Organisation des Nations Unies fête son cinquantième anniversaire, les Nations Unies seront promues à un

The United Nations present the 1995 postage stamps of the United Nations. Three of these stamps are issued for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations; the others are issued for the World Conference on Environment and Development.

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Die Vereinten Nationen präsentieren die vorliegenden Briefmarken für die im Laufe des Jahres der Vereinten Nationen herausgegeben werden können. Die Briefmarkenausgaben dieses Jahres thematisieren die Weltkonferenz über die Umwelt, die Sozialgipfel, gefährdeten Arten, die Weltfrauenkonferenz.

Die Vereinten Nationen sind in ihrer Art einzigartig: weder ein Land noch ein Hoheitsgebiet repräsentieren, sind die einzige Organisation in der Welt, die Briefmarken herausgeben darf. Außerdem sind sie die einzige Postbehörde, die Marken in drei Währungen herausgibt: in US-Dollar, Schweizer Franken und österreichischen Schillingen.

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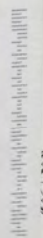
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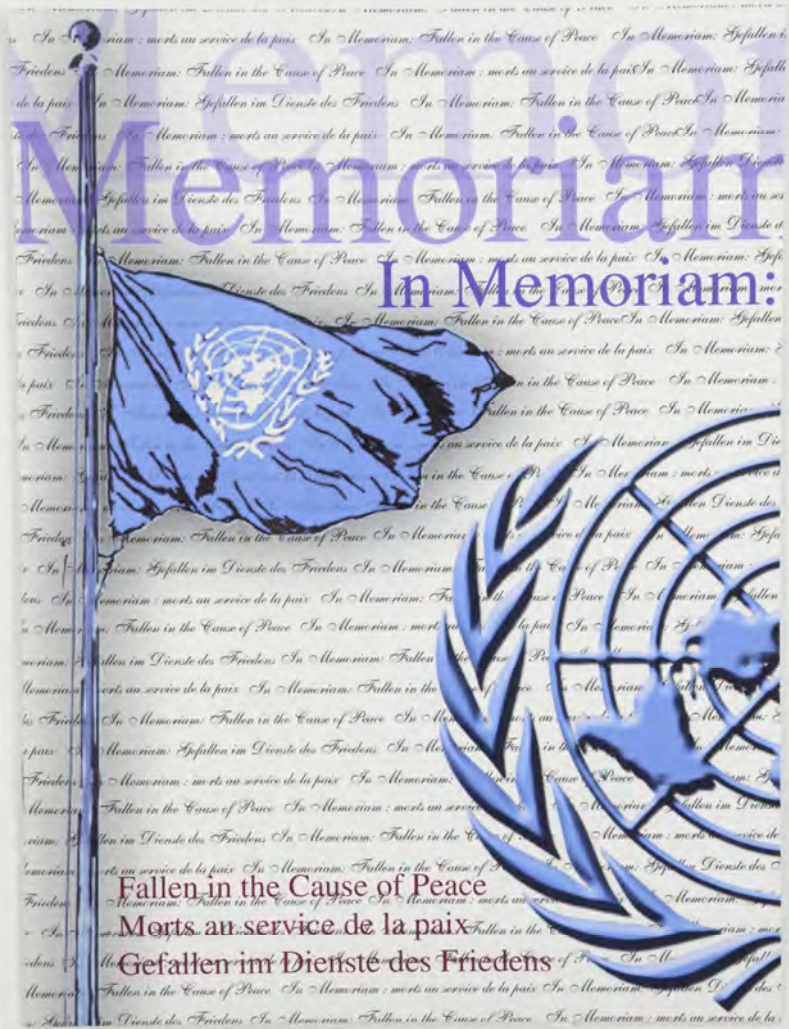
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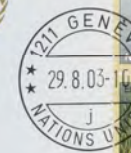


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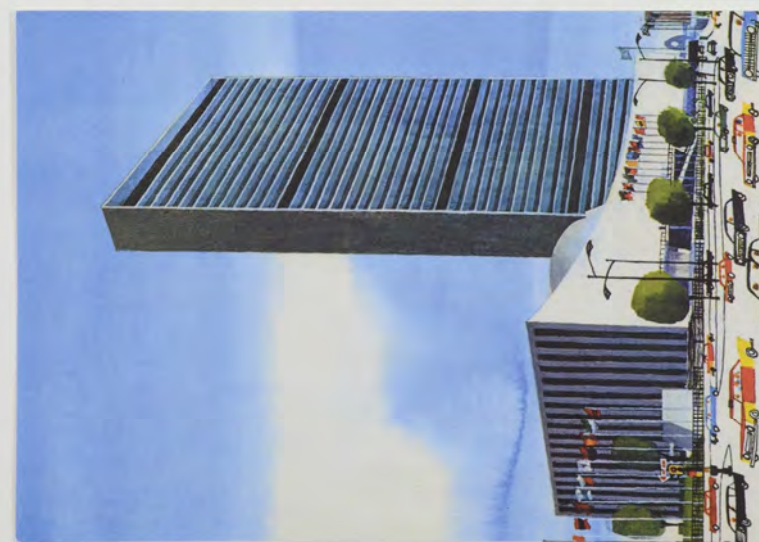
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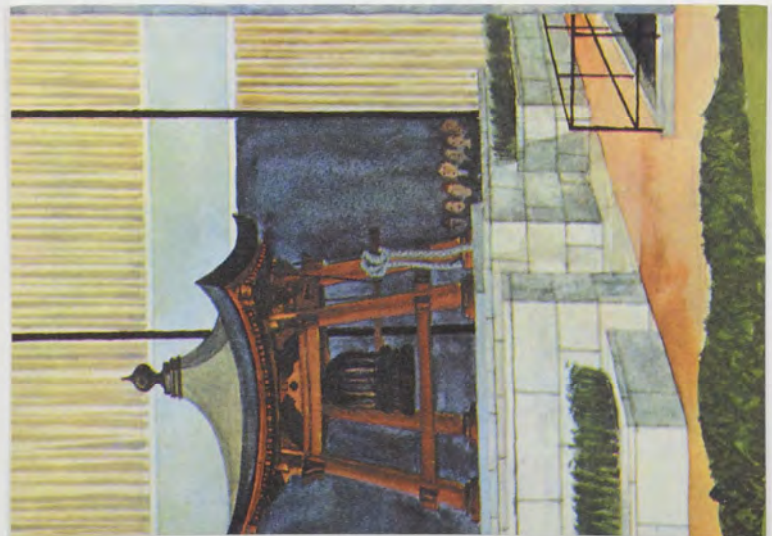


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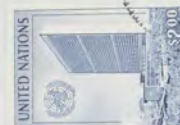
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