



## Secretariat

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### Information circular\*

To: Members of delegations and staff  
From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services  
Subject: **First day of issue: “Respect for Refugees” stamps, souvenir sheets, souvenir card and 2000 annual collections**

#### Commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets

1. On Thursday, 9 November 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme “Respect for Refugees”.

2. The stamps, in denominations of 33 cents, Sw F 0,80 and S 7/euro 0,51, and the souvenir sheets, in denominations of \$1.00, Sw F 1,80 and S 25.00/euro 1,82, were designed by Yuri Gevorgian, **Yuroz** (Armenia).

(United States equivalents: Sw F 0,80 = US\$ 0.48, S 7/euro 0,51 = US\$ 0.48, Sw F 1,80 = US\$ 1.08 and S 25.00/euro 1,82 = US\$ 1.70, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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\* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 November 2000.

#### **Souvenir cards**

3. A souvenir card on the theme “Respect for Refugees” will also be issued on 9 November. The card, which was also designed by **Yuroz**, depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

#### **2000 annual collection folders**

4. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2000 will also be released on 9 November. It should be noted that the 2000 Endangered Species series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate album, which was previously issued in April 2000.

#### **General information**

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet **only**. It should be noted that **Yuroz** also designed the official first-day cachet. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 9 November, at the following locations:

- (a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;
- (b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at *[www.un.org/Depts/UNPA](http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA)*.

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