

**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 — 14 October 2004: “Human Rights” (United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004) stamps; and 15 October 2004: “Disarmament” definitive stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. In its resolution 49/184, the General Assembly proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 1 January 1995 the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education.
2. On Thursday, 14 October 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) marks the end of that important decade with the issuance of six commemorative stamps, on the theme “Human Rights” (United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004).



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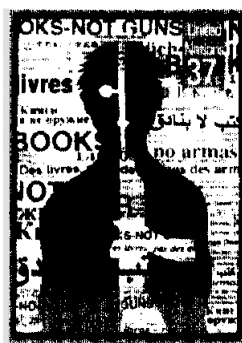


3. The stamps, in denominations of 37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,30, €0,55 and €1,25, will be issued in mini-sheets of eight stamps each. The stamps were designed by Yuri Gevorgian, known as Yuroz, (Armenia).

(United States equivalents: F.s. 0,85: 68¢; F.s. 1.30: \$1.04; r'0.55: 67¢ and €1,25: \$1.53, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

Definitive stamp

4. On Friday, 15 October, UNPA will issue a new 37c definitive stamp on the theme "Disarmament". The stamp was designed by Michel Granger (France).



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 cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain the "Human Rights" issue on Thursday, 14 October, and the "Disarmament" issue on 15 October at the following locations:

- (a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
 - (b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand from 9 a.m. to 4 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 p.m.
7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>.