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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 — 20 October 2005: “Food for Life” stamps and 2005 annual collection folders**

**Commemorative stamps**

1. On Thursday, 20 October 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA), in cooperation with the World Food Programme will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme “Food for Life”. The stamps were designed by Andrew Davidson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

2. Each year on 16 October, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) celebrates World Food Day in commemoration of its founding on that day in 1945 at Quebec City, Canada. The aim of World Food Day, proclaimed in 1979 by the Conference of FAO, is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem and strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In 1980, the General Assembly endorsed observance of the Day in consideration of the fact that “food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity”. This annual celebration, observed worldwide, also coincides with TeleFood — the FAO campaign to raise awareness about the plight of the world’s hungry people and mobilize resources to help them. The World Food Day and TeleFood theme for 2005 is “Agriculture and intercultural dialogue”.

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\* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 October 2005.

3. The stamps will be issued in denominations of 37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, €0,55 and €1,25. (United States equivalents: F.s. 1,00: 81 cents; F.s. 1,30: \$1.06; €0,55: 69 cents; and €1,25: \$1.57 subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



#### 2005 annual collection folders

4. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2005 will be released also on 20 October. It should be noted that the 2005 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, issued in March 2005.

#### 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 staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 20 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The temporary sales counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the newsstand in front of the windows: 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>.