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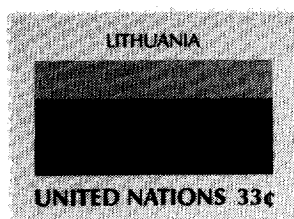
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FLAG SERIES

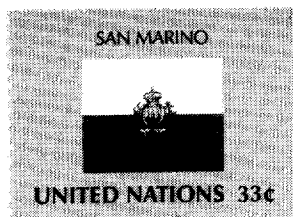
DEFINITIVES AND POSTAL STATIONERY

1. On 5 February 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue eight new stamps in the "Flag Series" which was initially introduced on 26 September 1980.
2. The flags of eight countries are illustrated on the stamps as shown below:

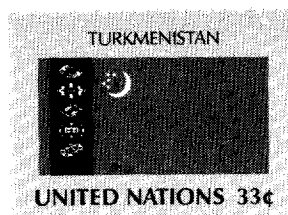
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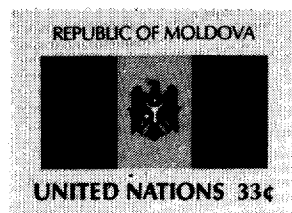
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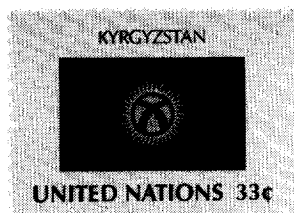
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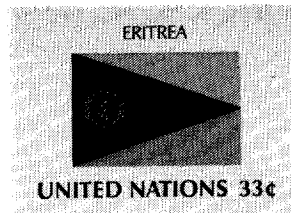
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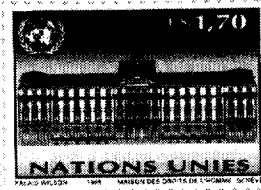
Eritrea



3. As in the past, the mini-sheets of sixteen stamps will accommodate four different flags, each in blocks of four. Each stamp will carry a 33 cent denomination.

4. Also on 5 February 1999, four new definitive stamps of SF. 1.70, US\$ 0.33, 5.00 and AS 8 will be issued.

5.



The SF. 1,70 definitive stamp illustrates the Palais Wilson in Geneva, Switzerland, which became the headquarters of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 5 June 1998. As such, it will be known as the House for Human Rights.

6. On 5 February 1999, a new S 7 postal card will be issued. The imprinted postage area of the card is based on a photograph of the Gloriette and to the left, a photograph of Schönbrunn Palace is reproduced.

7. Staff members and mission personnel wishing to procure these stamps, first day covers and postal stationery can obtain them from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on 5 February 1999, at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

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