



16 March 2001

Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff
From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services
Subject: **First day of issue: 29 March 2001 "International Year of Volunteers" stamps and souvenir card**

Commemorative stamps

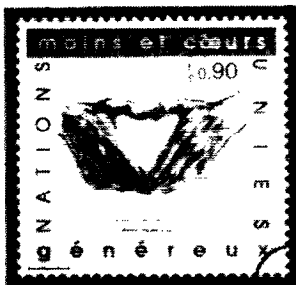
1. On Thursday, 29 March 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "International Year of Volunteers".
2. The designs of the six commemorative stamps are based on works of art that were created for the exhibition entitled "One Heart, One World" — "International Exhibition of the Heart", which opened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 April 2000. The designs were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations).
3. The stamps, in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0,90, Sw F 1,30, S 10/euro 0,72 and S 12/euro 0,87, will be issued in sheets of 20.
(United States equivalents: Sw F 0,90 = US\$ 0.51; Sw F 1,30 = US\$ 0.74; S 10/euro 0,72 = US\$ 0.63; and S 12/euro 0,87 = US\$ 0.75, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)
4. A souvenir card on the theme "International Year of Volunteers" will also be issued on 29 March 2001. The card, which was also designed by Ms. Katz, depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 13 April 2001.





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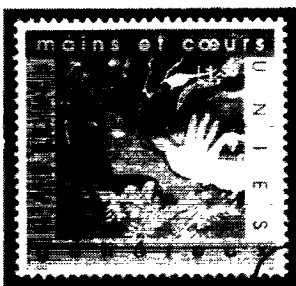
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General information

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 these items on Thursday, 29 March, 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 counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, 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 www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.