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FLAG SERIES 2001

DEFINITIVES AND POSTAL STATIONERY

A. FLAG SERIES

1. On 25 May 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) 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 :

Slovenia



Palau



Tonga



Croatia



The former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia



Kiribati



Andorra



Nauru



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.



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B. DEFINITIVES

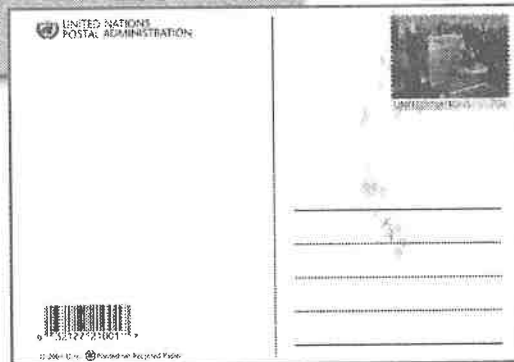
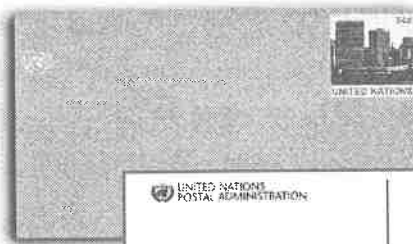
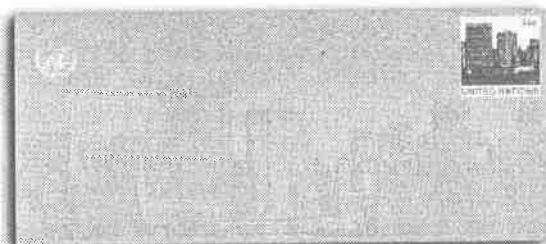
4. On 25 May 2001, two new definitive stamps in denominations of 7 cents and 34 cents will also be issued. They were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

5. The 7-cent definitive stamp illustrates a close-up view of a sunflower in purple and yellow and the 34-cent definitive stamp is a rose design in red and purple tones.



C. POSTAL STATIONERY

6. On the same day, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a 34-cent pre-stamped envelope in both standard and large sizes as well as a new 70-cent air letter and a 70-cent postal card.



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 25 May 2001, 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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