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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

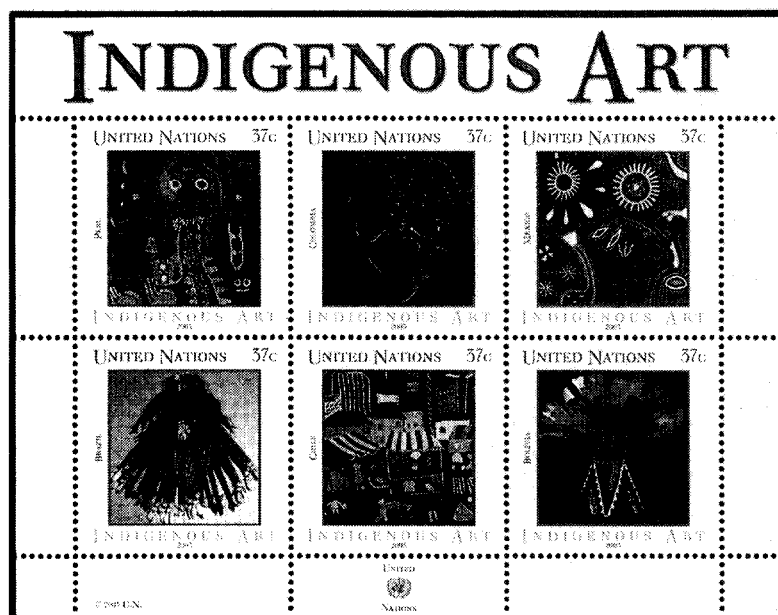
Subject: **First day of issue — 31 January 2003: “Indigenous Art” stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 31 January 2003, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will introduce a new stamp series on the theme “Indigenous Art”, beginning with the art of Latin America and the Caribbean. Each year UNPA will issue three mini-sheets, one each from New York, Geneva and Vienna, each with six different stamps.

2. The stamps, in denominations of 37¢, SwF 0,90 and € 0,51, were designed by Rorie Katz and Robert Stein (United Nations).

(United States equivalents: SwF 0,90: 60 cents; and € 0,51: 51 cents, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)



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Selling units

3. Owing to the unusual format of the six-stamp sheets, collectors are advised that the following selling units are available:

(a) **Mint stamps** — full sheets of six stamps only;

(b) **First-day covers** — one large (jumbo) cover for each denomination with the full sheet affixed.

General information

4. 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 Friday, 31 January, at the following locations:

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

(b) Temporary counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the news-stand, in front of the windows: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. 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.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>.

