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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 — 17 June 2006: “World Heritage — France” stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Saturday, 17 June 2006, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme “World Heritage — France”. This is the twelfth United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites and the tenth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

2. The stamps will be issued in denominations of \$0.39, \$0.84, SwF 1.00, SwF 1.30, €0.55 and €0.75 (United States equivalents: SwF 1.00: \$0.83; SwF 1.30: \$1.07; €0.55: \$0.71 and €0.75: \$0.96, subject to exchange rate fluctuation). The photographs were adapted as stamps by Robert Stein (United Nations, New York).



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Prestige booklets

3. Also on 17 June 2006, UNPA will issue its tenth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets, on the theme “World Heritage — France”, have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue, and each contains a total of 16 pages of text and 6 pages of four stamps each, for a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations. The booklets are priced at \$7.56, SwF 8.40 and €6.80 (United States equivalents: SwF 8.40: \$6.94 and €6.80: \$8.48, subject to exchange rate fluctuation).



Joint issue: UNPA, Geneva — French Post

4. To commemorate the theme “World Heritage — France”, the French Post and the United Nations Postal Administration, Geneva, will issue two joint stamps and a special folder in a limited edition of 10,000 copies containing the following unique philatelic items: two maximum cards, one depicting Mont-Saint-Michel and the other Provins, each of which will have affixed both stamps, with the first-day cancellations of UNPA, Geneva, and the French Post; and two covers, one each for Mont-Saint-Michel and Provins, with both stamps bearing the first-day cancellation of the French Post.



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 Monday, 19 June 2006, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 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 news-stand in front of the windows 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 <http://unstamps.un.org>.
