

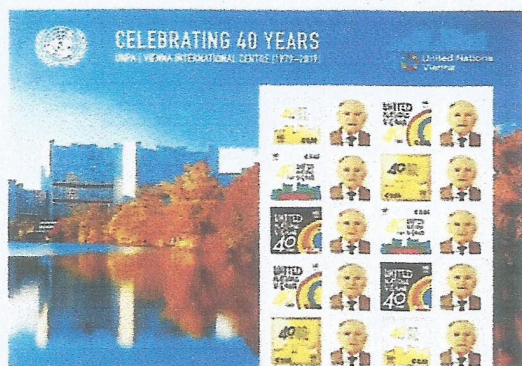
SEVENTY YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

UNITED NATIONS FIRST DAY OF CANCEL POSTAL STATIONERY

The United Nations Organization is the first International Organization to use its own Postal Stationery (PS) (Postcards, Pre-stamped envelopes, Airmail postcards, Airmail pre-stamped envelopes, and Aérogrammes), as distinct from the national issues of the Member States. The United Nations Postal Administration – UNPA – was established at the United Nations Headquarters, New York (USA) on January 1, 1951. There were opened UNPA offices in New York, USA (1951), Geneva, Switzerland (1969), and Vienna, Austria (1979). All Offices had been issued Postal Stationery.

There were presented chronologically, as a single issuing country, all PS with First Day Cancel – FDC - and for reprinting and revalued (with surcharge) with First Day of Cancel Use – FDCU – issued since the first (2 ¢ Headquarters Postcard, 1952.07.18, page 2) until the last (49 ¢ Headquarters and Emblem + 6 ¢ Surcharge Envelope Sd, 2019.02.01, page 112) one during the first 60 years of the UNPA activity. The UNPA does not consider reprinting and revalued PS as a new issue, so does not apply FDC on them. The FDC has been applied on 10,000 to 260,000 copies, except where it has been mentioned. Usually, the FDCU number is not known, it is fewer than 1,000.

References: [1] UNPA Stamp Catalog, Postal issues of the United Nations 1951-1986, Supplement: 1 (1989), 2 (1991), 3 (1994), 4 (1998), 5 (2000), 6 (2004), 7 (2007); [2] Scott Postal Stationery Catalog; United Nations Philately, edited by Arleigh Gaines, New York, N. Y., 1980 and Supplements; [3] Scott Stamp Monthly; [4] Faszination, UNPA Vienna; [5] UNPA Fliers.



Abbreviations: NY-New York Office (¢, \$), G-Geneva Office (F.s.), V-Vienna Office (S, g, €); Sl-Small, Sr-Smaller, Sd-Standard, L-Large, Envelope-Pre-stamped envelope. Scott Catalog was used for numbering.

A personalized stamp with me was issued by UNPA Vienna Office when it was celebrated its 40th Anniversary in recognition of my achievement in UN philatelic activity on September 6, 2019.

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