

SEVENTY YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

UNITED NATIONS 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 stationery including reprinting and revalued (with surcharge) in mint condition 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 70 years of the UNPA activity. The UNPA does not consider reprinting and revalued postal stationery as a new issue. The printing quantity was from 65,000 to 1,750,000 copies per issue. It was considered the issuing day the cancel day on FDC. A small number of mint copies exist of the revalued PS especially with the second one.

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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