

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Origins, Development and Ramifications

A thematic exhibit on the history and evolution of the “International Bill of Rights” showing the full text, as it appears on philatelic items, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The text appearing on stamps is **boxed in gray**.

It traces history of Human Rights from earliest times. After establishment of the United Nations, Human Rights developed into binding laws. Basis for these laws is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), passed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Exhibit includes complete text of UDHR on UN stamps. It examines Covenants and Conventions that legalize Human Rights, describes non-governmental organizations working to end abuses of Human Rights around the world, and concludes that maintaining Human Rights preserves and promotes Freedom.

Exhibit is generally organized chronologically in each section. Philatelic comments are in *Italics*. Highlights include original artwork, EFOs and proofs marked with a red dot, ●.

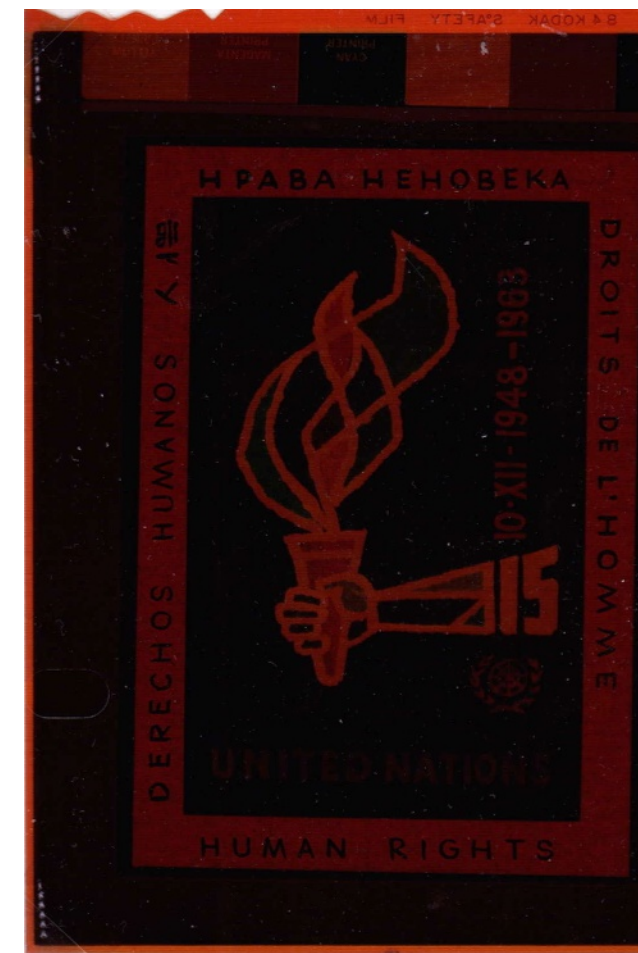


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- 4.9. Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Punishment 1984
- 4.10. Convention against Apartheid in Sports 1985
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