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**Today's Theme:
UNITED NATIONS (UN) POSTAGE
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UNITED NATIONS (UN) POSTAGE

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF UN

- **UN issued stamps in 1951 to promote its mission and raise funds**
- **In 1947, Argentinian General Assembly President proposed UN stamps**
- **In 1951, the UN and the United States Postal Department agreed to allow the UN to issue stamps in US dollars for use only at the UN Headquarters in New York City**
- **The first UN Stamps were issued on October 24, 1951, and were an immediate success**
- **Additional locations for the UN were through agreements with the Swiss and Austrian postal authorities to issue stamps in their currencies in Geneva and Vienna**





**United Nations
Emblem- 1951-
Mint U.N. stamp**



**# UN1-11 - 1951
N.Y. U.N. Headquarters,
Mint Stamp(s) \$ 19.50**



UN NY 1st SOUVENIR SHEET FDC OCT 24 1955
US \$49.00

United Nations (UN) Charter Stamps

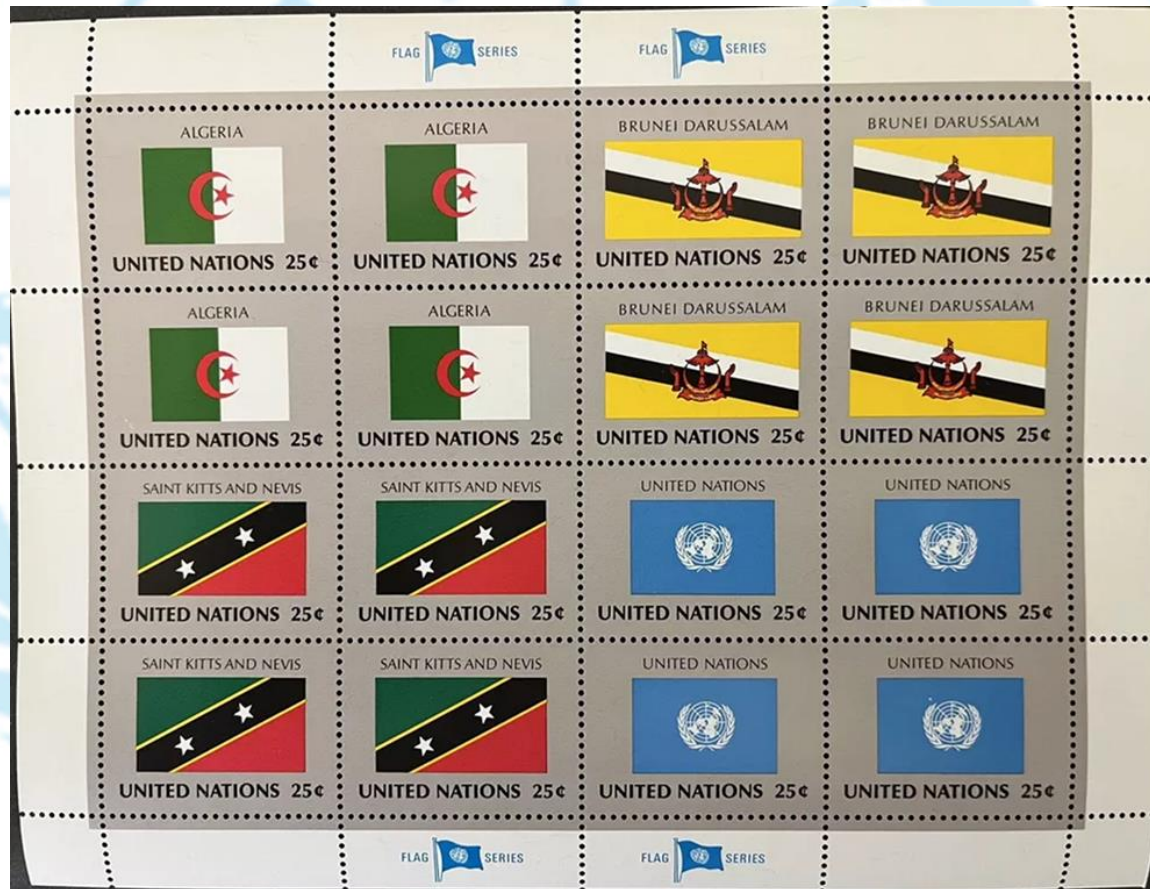
- Issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) to commemorate the UN Charter
- First UN stamps: Issued on October 24, 1951 to commemorate the UN's sixth anniversary
- 1952 New York U.N. Year Set: Commemorates the 7th anniversary of the Charter Signing and Human Rights Day.
- 1945 UN Peace Conference: A 5c stamp with the number 928



UN - New York 226A-228A (Complete Issue) 1970 UN-Charter

SIGNATURE SERIES of UN STAMPS

FLAGS of UN COUNTRIES



DISSEMINATION of UN STAMPS

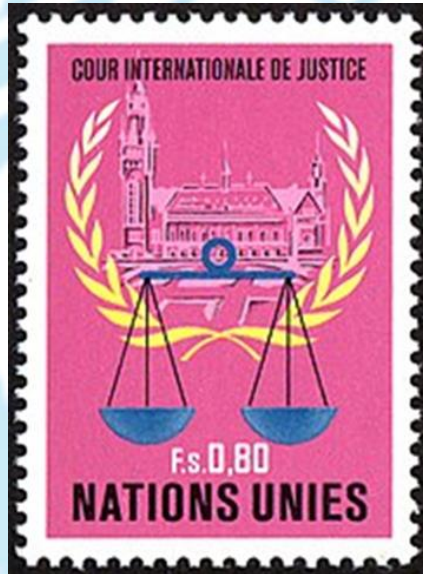
1. **Postage stamps is a privilege of sovereign states, given to the UN.**
2. **The sale of these stamps is revenue for the UN.**
3. **UN stamps serve as global ambassadors spreading its messages, philosophies, and missions across the world!**
4. **UN stamps are valid and could only be used at United Nations New York Headquarters, UN Offices at Geneva and Austria. UN NY can issue in \$, UN Geneva in Francs, and UN Austria in Euros.**
5. **The scarcest item of UN stamp is the 10th anniversary souvenir sheet, Scott #38, of which 250,000 were printed.**
6. **UN stamp sales in 1970s was 1.5 to 3 million and dipped to the current sales of 400,000.**

DISSEMINATION of UN STAMPS

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11. For promoting funds, the UN initiated “personalized sheets” in 2003 from UN Head Quarters, NY.
12. Today, the UN prints 400,000 stamps. Due to these lower printing quantities, the stamps from the late 1990s and 2000s are harder to find.
13. The most notable of regularly issued UN stamps is the 2005 Souvenir Sheet, of one dollar denomination, which is currently more than 10 times its original face value.
14. UN stamps are only valid for postage on mail sent from certain UN offices, such as the UNPA offices in New York, Geneva, or Vienna. Because of this, they are more of a collector's item.

DISSEMINATION of UN STAMPS (cont'd)



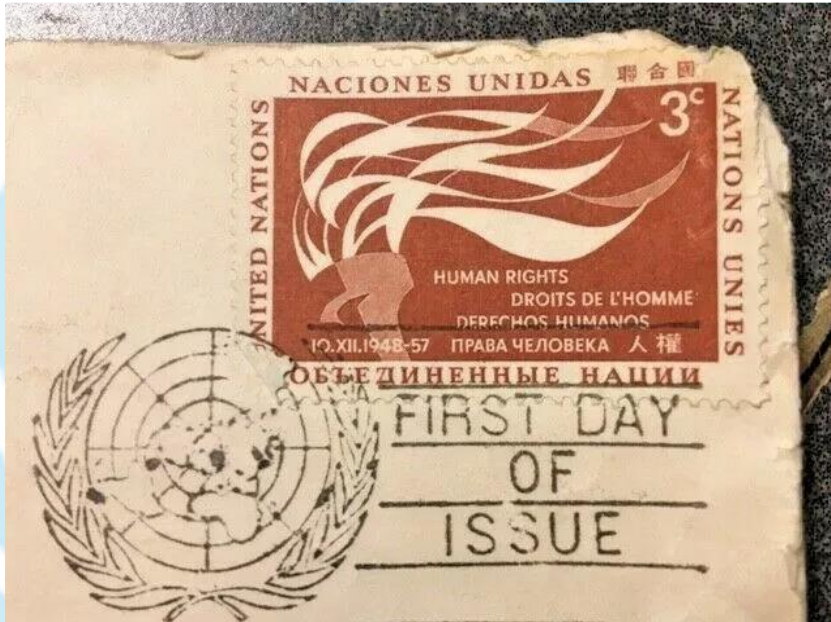
**A 1979 stamp issued for
the United Nations
Geneva office,
denominated in Swiss
Francs**



**UN Vienna #7 MNH
New International
Economic Order
Code: UNV0007
denominated in Euros**

UN THEME STAMPS

- **Peace and Security**
- **Human Rights**
- **Environmental Conservation**
- **World Health**
- **Endangered Species**
- **World Heritage**
- **Autism Awareness**
- **Outer Space**
- **HIV/AIDS, and**
- **Sustainable Development**



**HELP Ukraine 1957 UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE 3c Stamp
US \$1,000.00**



**A Controversial UN Stamp Supporting
Palestinian People**

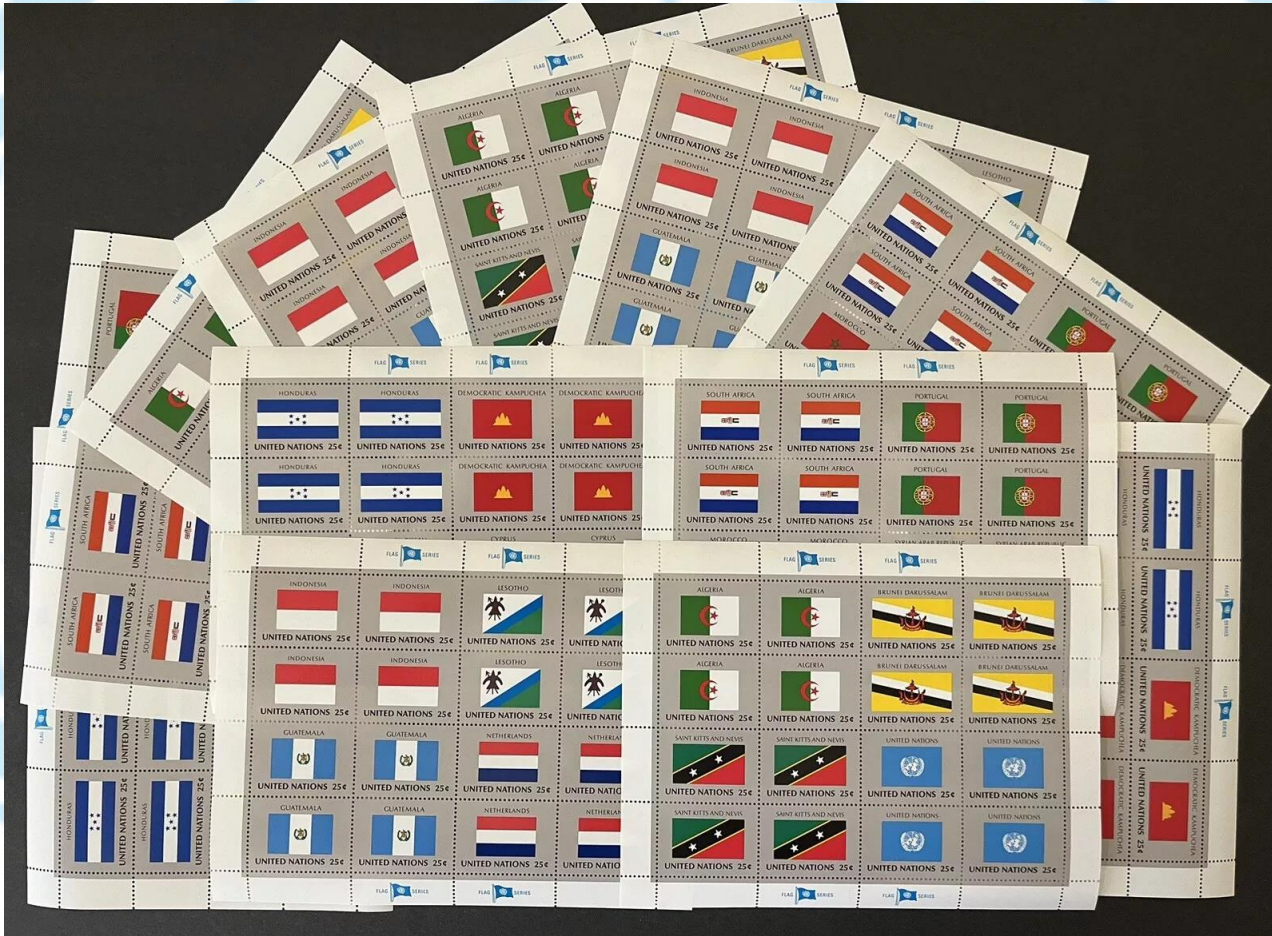
UN SOVENEIR MINTSTAMPS



UN FIRST DAY COVERS



UN FLAG MINT SHEETS



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MY UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE COLLECTION

This entire collection belonged to my younger brother's family and has now been inherited by me!

- **Late Kocherlakota Subramaniam D.Sc. (Statistics, John Hopkins)**
- **Mrs. Kathleen Subramaniam D.Sc. (Statistics, John Hopkins)**
- **Narayana Kocherlakota Ph.D. (Economics, UChicago)**
- **Rama Kocherlakota Ph.D. (Mathematics, Harvard)**

Price of My Inherited UN STAMPS

Displayed in “Show and Tell” in Gold Suitcase:

Binder 1: UN Stamps 1951-1979: 221 @ \$7.50 = \$1657.5

Binder 2: UN Stamps 1973-1986: 95 @ \$7.50 = \$712.5

Binder 3: UN Stamps 1988-1999: 18 @ \$7.50 = \$135

Binder 8: UN FDCs 60 @ \$3.00 = \$180

Binder 9: UN Souvenir Stamps 272 @ \$5.00 = \$1910

TOTAL of GOLD SUITCASE STAMPS = \$4,473.00

Price of My Inherited UN STAMPS (cont'd)

Displayed in “Show and Tell” in Black Suit Case:

Binder 4: UN Flag Stamps #3: 14 @ \$10.00 = \$140

Binder 5: UN Flag Stamps #4: 16 @ \$10.00 = \$160

Binder 6: UN Flag Stamps #7: 12 @ \$10.00 = \$120

Binder 7: UN Flag Stamps #8: 13 @ \$10.00 = \$130

Binder 8: UN FDCs 60 @ \$3.00 = \$180

Binder 9: UN Souvenir 272 @ \$5.00 = \$1910

Binder 10: In Traveler Binder 45 @ \$1.00 = \$45

Binder 11: UN Souvenir 169 @ \$5.00 = \$845

Binder 12: UN Souvenir 270 @ \$7.00 = \$1890

TOTAL of BLACK SUIT CASE STAMPS = \$3330.0

TOTAL OF “SHOW and TELL” STAMPS = \$7803

VALUE versus PRICE of UN STAMPS

The value of United Nations (UN) stamps can vary widely to collectors, depending on the stamp's year, subject, and other factors:

1954 Human Rights stamp

- This popular stamp had a face value of 3 cents, but can now sell for up to \$9.50

1955 U.N. 10th anniversary stamp

- This three-stamp block had a face value of 15 cents, but can now sell for between \$190 and \$320

UN POSTAGE – POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

People also ask

Are United Nations stamps worth anything?

U.N. stamps vary in their value to collectors. The 1954 Human Rights stamp, one of the most popular, had a face value of 3 cents. It now sells for up to \$9.50. Dec 4, 1988

Can I use U.N. stamps in the US?

Usage and limitation. United Nations stamps, in the appropriate currency, are only valid for postage when used on mail at certain United Nations offices. The three facilities that accept these stamps are the UNPA offices at United Nations Headquarters, the Palais des Nations and Vienna International Centre.

UN POSTAGE – POSSIBLE QUESTIONS (CONTD)

How to buy United Nations stamps?

To purchase these stamps, visit unstamps.org

Can you use UN barcoded stamps?

Which stamps are no longer valid? Old stamps without a barcode can no longer be used.

United Nations stamps value

The stamps have a printed rate of \$0.55 and \$1.20, not a ``forever" rate.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU for YOUR ATTENTION!