

# Foreword

The Yearbook of the United Nations provides a comprehensive and documented annual account in a single volume of the proceedings and activities of the United Nations and its related inter-governmental agencies. This is the twelfth of a series which begins with the establishment of the World Organization in 1945. The present volume covers developments during the calendar year 1958. It includes extensive documentary notes and texts of important resolutions adopted by organs of the United Nations.

I hope that this Yearbook, like its predecessors, will serve as a useful work of reference, especially for all those who are in a position to contribute to knowledge of the United Nations and to understanding of the role world organization has played and can play in the international life of today. Increased knowledge of the facts and better understanding of their meaning are needed as a basis for progress towards a better relationship among the nations of the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hammarskjöld', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD**  
Secretary-General