

Foreword

Each new Yearbook of the United Nations marks, in effect, an annual contribution to building up a history memory-bank for the United Nations system. The principal reference work of the Organization, it is intended to provide a year-by-year factual guide to the increasingly complex patterns of activities of the United Nations and the international organizations related to it.

It seeks to give — compactly, comprehensively and within the convenient confines of a single, fully indexed volume — basic international data necessary for an informed appreciation of the many endeavours of the world's many peoples in their co-operative search — through the United Nations system — for peace, for social progress and for better standards of living in larger freedom.

The present volume — the twenty-second of the series — chronicles international events of 1968. It not only describes the proceedings and activities of the United Nations in this 12-month period. It gives an account, too, of the major aspects of the work of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the course of 1968.

The information on the many subjects presented in this volume of the Yearbook and its predecessors will, I hope, also provide a basis for an awareness and understanding of the constantly evolving and ever-essential role of organized international co-operation in this age of rapid social, economic and political change and adjustment.



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