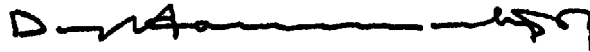


# Foreword

This Yearbook of the United Nations is the tenth which has been published since the inception of the United Nations. It covers the year 1956 and the early months of 1957. Like the earlier volumes, it presents a comprehensive account of the many and varied activities of the United Nations and specialized agencies. It also includes extensive documentary references on the proceedings of the Organization for the use of those who are engaged in the study of international affairs.

I hope that this volume, and the others in this series, will serve as a useful tool in efforts to increase knowledge of the United Nations and understanding of the purposes the Organization can best serve in the international life of our times. Such efforts are needed in order to help the general public judge the activities of the United Nations in their proper perspective.

The United Nations is an institution of limited authority, but its influence upon the course of events is already substantial and can greatly increase if it is properly used. The last year has been one of important developments and has put the Organization to serious tests. This Yearbook should make it easier to study what took place and to draw conclusions for the future. We are in the first stage of the endeavour to build a peaceful world order. A thorough understanding of our experience is the only realistic foundation upon which to base future progress.



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