Foreword

The opportunities and risks of the present age have made effective international co-operation essential for the security and well-being of all nations. The hope of progress depends largely upon public understanding of the problems involved.

This Yearbook of the United Nations, the eleventh of its kind, is offered as an aid to that understanding. It covers the year 1957, except for proceedings of the United Nations General Assembly in the early months of 1957, which were dealt with in the preceding Yearbook. It also contains comprehensive documentary references to the proceedings of the United Nations for the use of those who wish to go more fully into the subjects treated in this volume.

The present Yearbook and its predecessors show how the United Nations family contribute towards solutions of international problems which approach the goals of common interest as embodied in the aims and principles of the United Nations Charter. They indicate the ways in which the United Nations can serve Governments in efforts to control conflicts and reduce tensions and differences, thus at the same time opening the road to further advances. To understand this, and to act upon this understanding, is one important means of strengthening the role of the United Nations.

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