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I believe that, like its 17 predecessors, this volume of the Yearbook will be a valuable reference source and a means of advancing the understanding of the role of the United Nations as the best available instrument to promote greater international security and progress for all.

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