Foreword

The annual editions of the Yearbook of the United Nations constitute, in a sense, the memory of the Organization. They provide a continuing historical account of the complex and numerous endeavours that go into the functioning and development of the United Nations as an essential centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining their common goals and as an instrument for world peace and human advancement.

The principal reference work of the United Nations, the Yearbook is designed to give, concisely and conveniently, within a single, fully-indexed volume, the basic information necessary for appraising and following the ever-evolving and constantly changing pattern of events, efforts and aspirations that find expression within the United Nations as part of mankind's search for peace and progress.

The present edition is the nineteenth in the series. It deals with the work of the United Nations in 1965, except for General Assembly proceedings in January and February of that year, which were covered in the preceding volume. It also surveys the main activities during 1965 of the other members of the United Nations family of inter-governmental organizations.

This volume, like its predecessors, is presented in the belief that, in contributing to the knowledge of the facts of world organization, it will increase understanding, appreciation and awareness of the indispensable role of organized international co-operation in this era of swift change.

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