Foreword

Throughout its existence, the Yearbook of the United Nations has served as a unique and comprehensive record of the activities of the world organization, of profound value to all who are concerned in those activities. As the United Nations has expanded so dramatically, both in terms of size and in the variety of its tasks, this record has become of ever-increasing importance, not simply as an account of the past but as a guide to the future.

Today, the United Nations is of greater significance than at any time in its remarkable history. There is hardly any aspect of human activity in which it is not involved. The annual Yearbooks provide us with the record of how this has been achieved, and give us confidence for the future as well as pride in the past.

I commend this volume to all who wish to understand, and assist, the work of the world organization.

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