Foreword

Each year the major international concerns of the world community are reflected in the activities of the United Nations—in its debates, resolutions, conferences and in the initiatives taken to deal with the global problems of our time. The present volume provides the record of those activities during 1977, the thirty-second year of the United Nations. It is a record neither of triumph nor of defeat, but rather a testimony to the immense problems facing us during this last quarter of the twentieth century and to the manifold and continuous efforts to deal with them.

It is my belief that this Yearbook, along with those which have preceded it and which will follow, can be of great value as a primary reference source on the state of our world. Here scholars and diplomats will find a comprehensive record of what has transpired within the United Nations and, in so doing, understand how this Organization can best serve to strengthen international peace and security and promote social progress and economic equity. It is a lesson which must be learned if our common survival is to be assured.

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