

# Foreword

History, in a sense, is the soil in which the seeds of the present may take root and produce the fruits of the future. It thus affords a basis for appraising the events of today and the factors which may influence the developments of tomorrow. In presenting a factual record of the activities of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies during a given year, the Yearbooks of the United Nations are intended to serve as historical reference works, providing just such a basis for all who wish to study the development of these international organizations.

This seventeenth edition of the Yearbook covers the calendar year 1963. It gives, within the confines of a single, compact volume, an authoritative account of the proceedings, decisions and actions of the various United Nations organs on the wide range of issues with which they are concerned. In it, scholars and statesmen will find a variety of material to assist them in judging the past achievements of these organs and in drawing conclusions for the future. From it, all can gain a better understanding of the complex factors involved in the process of building peace and progress through international co-operation.

In recording yet another year in the history of these international organizations, I trust that this volume will, like its predecessors, promote a better knowledge and appreciation of co-operative international endeavours to build and maintain peace and to further the general welfare of mankind.



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