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**UNITED NATIONS
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Postal Agreement. Signed at New York, on 28 March 1951

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

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No. 1476. POSTAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS. SIGNED AT NEW YORK, ON 28 MARCH 1951

Whereas, a certain Agreement² between the United States of America and the United Nations, dated the 26th day of June, 1947, regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations (said Agreement being hereinafter referred to as the "Headquarters Agreement") provides that in the event that the United Nations should propose to organize its own postal service, the conditions under which such service shall be set up shall be the subject of a Supplemental Agreement; and

Whereas, the United Nations desires to establish a postal service in conformity with the Headquarters Agreement,

Now therefore, the Parties hereto agree as follows :

Section 1

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

(i) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, there shall be established a United Nations Post Office Station in the Headquarters District of the United Nations, as defined in the Headquarters Agreement, which shall be operated by the United States Post Office Department.

(ii) The United Nations Post Office Station shall provide at the prevailing rates all the services offered by any United States Post Office having comparable operations except that the United Nations Post Office Station shall use only United Nations postage stamps.

Section 2

SUPPLY OF UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS AND STAMPED PAPER

(i) The United Nations shall at its own expense furnish all United Nations postage stamps required under the terms of this Agreement.

(ii) In the event that the United Nations shall produce or authorize production of stamped envelopes and post-cards, such envelopes or post-cards shall

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1951, the date agreed upon between the United Nations and the United States Post Office Department, in accordance with section 8 (j).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 11.

conform to the specifications of the United States Post Office Department as to size and as to quality of paper used.

(iii) No United Nations postage stamps shall be distributed except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 3

SALE OF UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

(i) The United Nations Post Office Section shall sell only United Nations postage stamps which shall be provided by the United Nations free of charge in such quantities as may be necessary to fulfil all reasonable needs of the United Nations Post Office Station. All revenue derived from such sales of United Nations postage stamps and from other services rendered by the United Nations Post Office Station shall be retained by the United States Post Office Department as full and complete compensation for performance of its obligations under the terms of this Agreement, except, however, that the United States Post Office Department shall be reimbursed for performance of any postal services resulting from use of United Nations postage stamps sold for philatelic purposes under the provisions of paragraph (ii) of this section which are used as postage on mail matter posted at the United Nations Post Office Station by being paid an amount equal to the face value of any such stamps so used as postage.

(ii) The United Nations may maintain a separate agency for the sale of United Nations postage stamps for philatelic purposes in response to orders received by mail. Subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) of this section all revenue derived from such philatelic sales of United Nations postage stamps shall be retained by the United Nations for its own use.

Section 4

UNITED NATIONS POSTMARKS

The United Nations shall furnish all postmarking stamps to be applied to mail posted for mailing in the Headquarters District and shall furnish all such postmarking stamps to the United Nations Post Office Station free of charge. All postmarks shall be designated as United Nations postmarks.

Section 5

UNITED NATIONS POST OFFICE STATION PREMISES

The United Nations shall provide the United States Post Office Department at the expense of the United Nations with the quarters, custodial services and utilities necessary to enable the United States Post Office Department to operate the United Nations Post Office Station in the Headquarters District.

Section 6

STAFF AND EQUIPMENT

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement the United States Post Office Department will provide at its own expense all staff, equipment and other services and facilities necessary to enable the United States Post Office Department to operate the United Nations Post Office Station under the terms of this Agreement.

Section 7

POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The postal address of the Headquarters District of the United Nations shall be "United Nations, New York".

Section 8

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

(i) This Agreement shall take effect on a date to be agreed upon between the United Nations and the United States Post Office Department.

(ii) This Agreement shall be subject to revision, on the written proposal of either contracting party, after one year from the date of commencement of operations.

(iii) This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving the other written notice of its intention to terminate such Agreement at least twelve (12) months in advance of the termination date fixed in such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective representatives have signed this Agreement and have affixed their seals hereto.

DONE in duplicate this twenty-eighth day of March 1951.

For the Government of the United States of America :

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For the United Nations :

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Secretary-General