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K.M.

Für Maria, in Dankbarkeit.  
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Para Mamãe, por ser uma constante inspiração para aqueles que a cercam.  
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## PREFACE TO VOLUME I

This edition of the *Annual Review of United Nations Affairs (ARUNA)* provides an authentic, comprehensive and in-depth description of the United Nations for the year 1989. An authentic presentation is achieved by the use of official United Nations documentation. Comprehensive coverage is realized by describing the six United Nations organs: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, and the Secretariat. An in-depth view is given by focusing on the work of the United Nations Secretariat, a complex organization of approximately 30,000 employees located in over 100 countries and responsible for implementing the decisions of the governing bodies.

The focus makes this publication unique. It gives an unbiased view of the United Nations and constitutes an important reference source for policy-makers and academic research. This is supported by the inclusion of guides to documentation, resolutions and decisions which might be of particular interest to the reader. We hope that the publication contributes to a better understanding of the United Nations and its work.

The 1989 edition of *ARUNA* comes in two Volumes. This is Volume I which includes Chapter I to V and the first segment of Chapter VI. In Volume II the second segment of Chapter VI is presented.

In Chapter I, the work of the General Assembly is introduced by the statement of the President of the Assembly. The statement highlights the main topics of the year under review and is made at the beginning of the annual session of the General Assembly. This is followed by the agenda of the annual session with reference to the resolutions and decisions adopted. Further details are provided of the voting result as well as the voting pattern of individual countries.

In Chapter II, the report of the Security Council gives a detailed account of the issues discussed, the documentation considered as well as the decisions taken.

In Chapter III, the presentation of the annual report of ECOSOC starts with the foreword of the President. This is followed by the agenda and the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments. Additional parts focus on the composition of the Council, ECOSOC matters calling for action by the General Assembly, as well as resolutions and decisions adopted.

In Chapter IV, the report of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council on the trust territory of the Pacific Islands is presented.

In Chapter V, the report of the International Court of Justice gives details of the judicial work, its jurisdiction and composition.

In Chapter VI, the work of the Secretariat is presented. It starts with the annual report of the Secretary-General. This is followed by a number of reports of various organizational entities. These reports provide a selected presentation of the work of the Secretariat, rather than covering all the organizational entities of this complex organization. Preference has been given to those entities which command the largest resources. No reports are included from entities which fulfil an administrative function such as finance or personnel. Finally, some entities could not be included, since no suitable report on their activity was available. For those which are shown, a further distinction is made between organizations fully or partly financed from the regular budget of the United Nations and those exclusively financed from extrabudgetary resources. Whereas the former can be considered to be closely aligned in matters of executive management and administration, the latter possess a high degree of organizational independence. The first group includes the regional commissions of the United Nations (ECA, ECE, ESCAP), HABITAT, INCB, ITC, UNCTC, UNEP, UNHCR and UNRWA. The second group includes UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and UNU.

The publication includes two annexes in Volume I. In order to guide the reader on the presentation of the activities of the Secretariat, an organizational chart is shown in annex I. The annex highlights those entities whose activities are described in Chapter VI and those entities which are not represented. In addition, annex II presents tables on the United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 to illustrate the magnitude of resources administered by the United Nations. Finally, volume I and II include a detailed index.

*ARUNA* provides an understanding of the United Nations on an annual basis. It captures only to a limited extent the dynamics of organizational change. In particular, it does not reflect the major reform effort which the United Nations has undergone during the second half of the 1980s. This is done in a separate publication.\* The outcome of a number of organs of the United Nations -- notably of the General Assembly and ECOSOC -- is influenced by the preparatory work of the Group of 77, which brings together the 129 developing countries members of the United Nations. The materials documenting the work of the Group of 77 are contained in a publication series.\*\*

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\*Joachim W. Müller, *The Reform of the United Nations* (Dobbs Ferry, New York: OCEANA Publications, 1991).

\*\*Karl P. Sauvant and Joachim W. Müller, eds., *The Collected Documents of the Group of 77* (Dobbs Ferry, New York: OCEANA Publications, 1981-15 vols. continuing).

The 1989 edition of *ARUNA* covers the 44th session of the General Assembly which met from September to December 1989. It includes reports of activities of United Nations organs and entities presented to the 44th session of the General Assembly, directly or through inter-governmental bodies. The reporting period of the latter reports might not coincide with the calendar year of 1989 but overlap with 1988. In addition, some reports cover biennial rather than annual activities.

Some documents have been edited by excluding parts which were not considered of importance for this publication. Corrigenda and addenda have been integrated into the text wherever possible. When not included in the document, a table of contents has been added for ease of reference. No effort, however, has been made to eliminate inconsistencies within documents. All starred footnotes are those of the editors, as are bracketed texts in the footnotes.

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