

## THE FLAGS

### IDENTITIES OF COUNTRIES

THE WORD IS SYNTHESIS OF THE LATIN WORD VEXILLUM ( " FLAG " ) AND THE GREEK SUFFIX-LOGIA ( " STUDY " ). A PERSON WHO STUDIES FLAGS IS A VEXILLOGIST, ONE WHO DESIGNS FLAGS IS A VEXILLOGRAPHER, AND THE ART OF FLAG -DESIGNING IS CALLED VEXILLOGRAPHY.

THERE ARE AROUND 200 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING LARGE ONES, SMALL ONES, OLD ONES, NEW ONES, DISPUTED ONES AND SOME CONTROLLED BY OTHER COUNTRIES OR KINGDOMS.

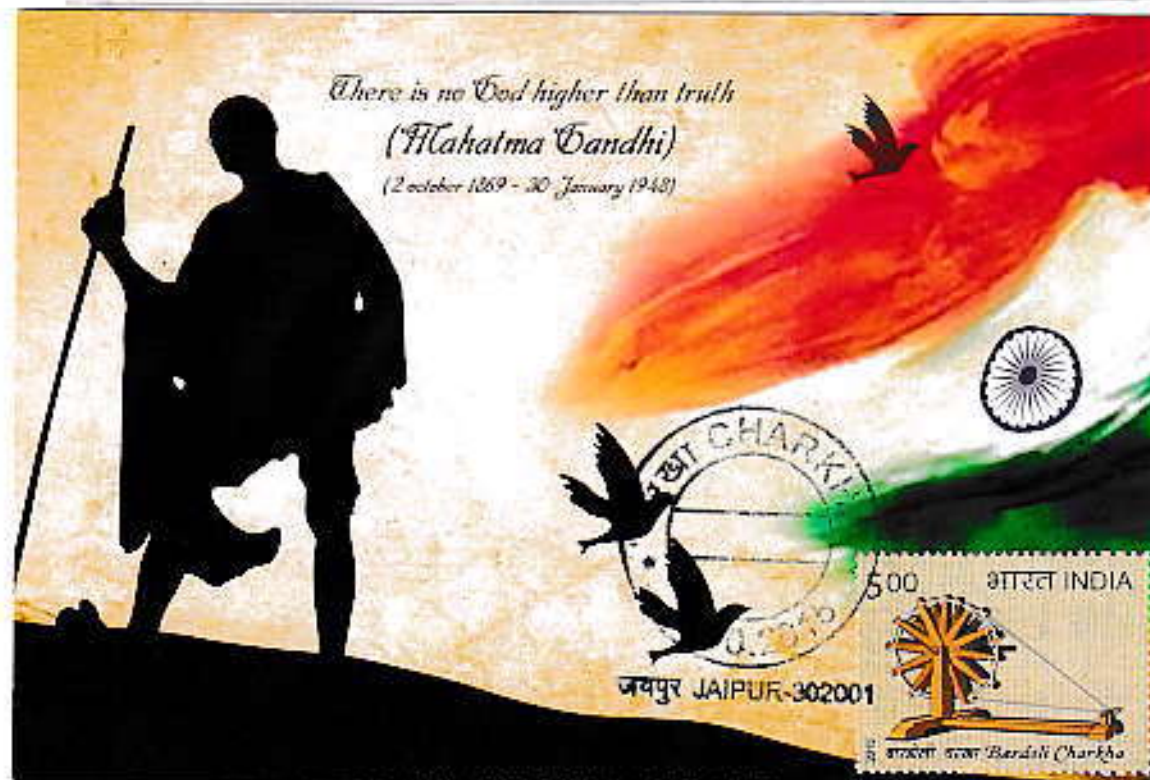
1956: INDIA,  
SPECIAL CANCELLATION  
"FLAG DAY - DECEMBER 7"  
ON CARD

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2015: INDIA  
FLAG ON PICTURE  
POST CARD

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1962: GERMANY  
SPECIAL GERMANY FLAG  
CANCELLATION  
ON POST CARD

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2005: FRANCE  
FLAG ON  
EMBOSSED  
POST CARD

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## 2. UNO: UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

THE UNITED NATIONS IS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1945 AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR BY 51 COUNTRIES COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, DEVELOPING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS AND PROMOTING SOCIAL PROGRESS, BETTER LIVING STANDARDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES ARE THE 193 SOVEREIGN STATES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE UN IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION



1979: UNITED NATION, UNO FLAG CANCELLATION ON PICTURE POST CARD

THE UNITED NATIONS IS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK CITY IN A COMPLEX DESIGNED BY A BOARD OF ARCHITECTS LED BY WALLACE HARRISON AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM HARRISON & ABRAMOVITZ. THE COMPLEX HAS SERVED AS THE OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE ITS COMPLETION IN 1952.

### 3. FLAGS OF UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS COUNTRIES

#### 3.1. UNO PERMANENT COUNTRIES: ( VETO POWER NATIONS )

##### PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS:

FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS: CHINA, FRANCE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES, AND TEN NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS ELECTED FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (WITH END OF TERM YEAR):

1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
UNITED KINGDOM  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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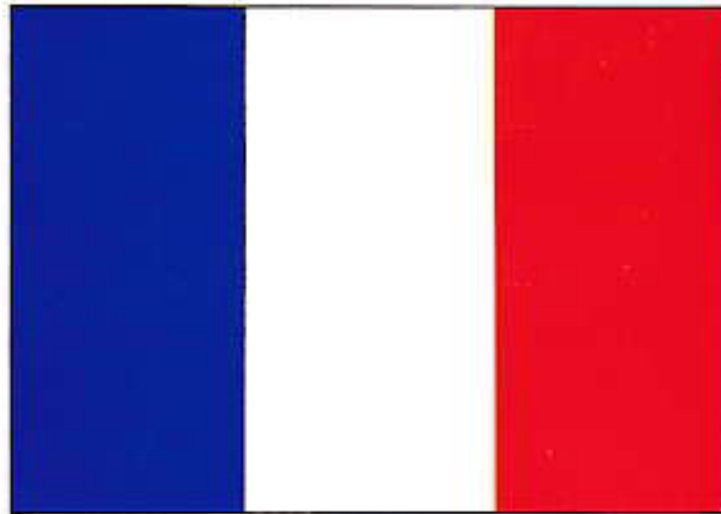


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1980:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
FRANCE  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1985:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
UNION OF SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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# UNITED NATIONS

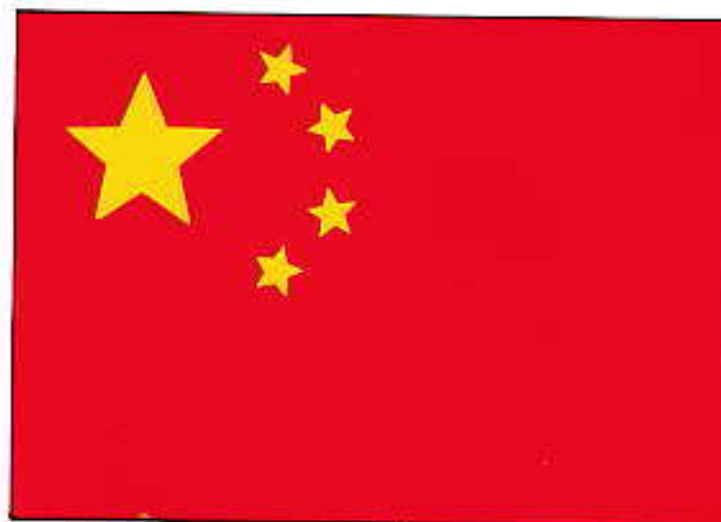


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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
CHINA  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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#### 4. CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD

GENERALLY IDENTIFIED BY CONVENTION RATHER THAN ANY STRICT CRITERIA, UP TO SEVEN REGIONS ARE COMMONLY REGARDED AS CONTINENTS. THESE SEVEN REGIONS ARE: ASIA, AFRICA, NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, ANTARCTICA, EUROPE, AND AUSTRALIA.

AFRICA CONTINENT : TODAY, AFRICA CONTAINS 54 SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES, MOST OF WHICH HAVE BORDERS THAT WERE DRAWN DURING THE ERA OF EUROPEAN COLONIALISM.

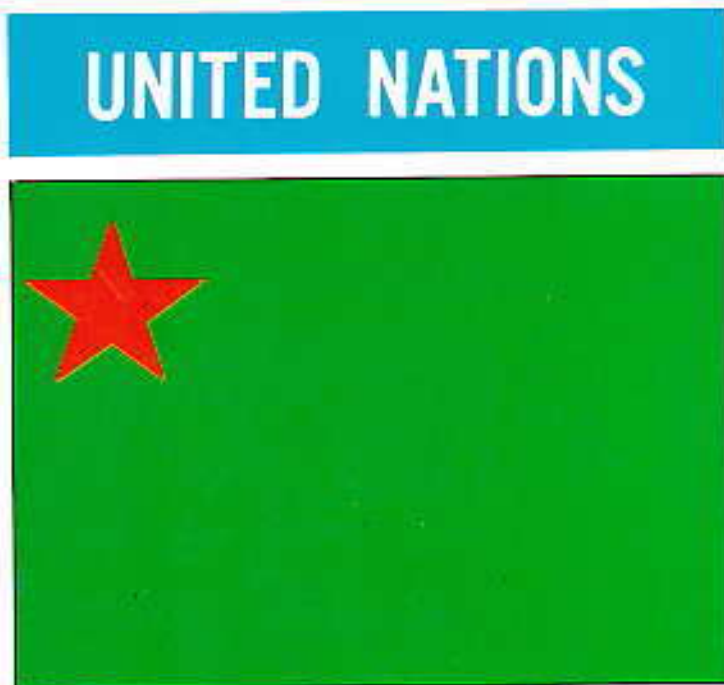
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BURUNDI  
JOINED: 21.09.1984

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1984:  
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BENIN  
JOINED: 20.09.1960

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1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 CAPE VERDE  
 JOINED: 16.10.1975

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1984:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 CENTRAL AFRICAN  
 REPUBLIC  
 JOINED: 20.09.1960

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
 JOINED: 12.11.1968

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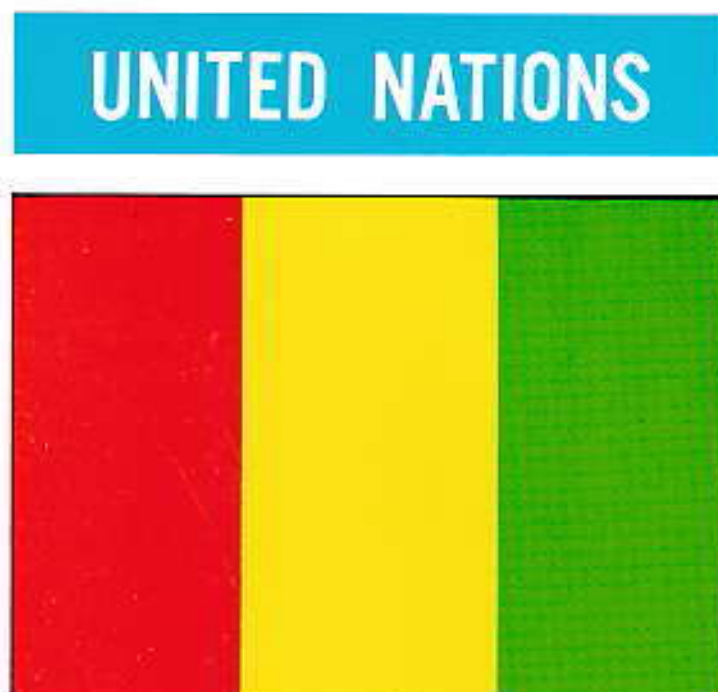


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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 GUINEA  
 JOINED: 12.12.1958

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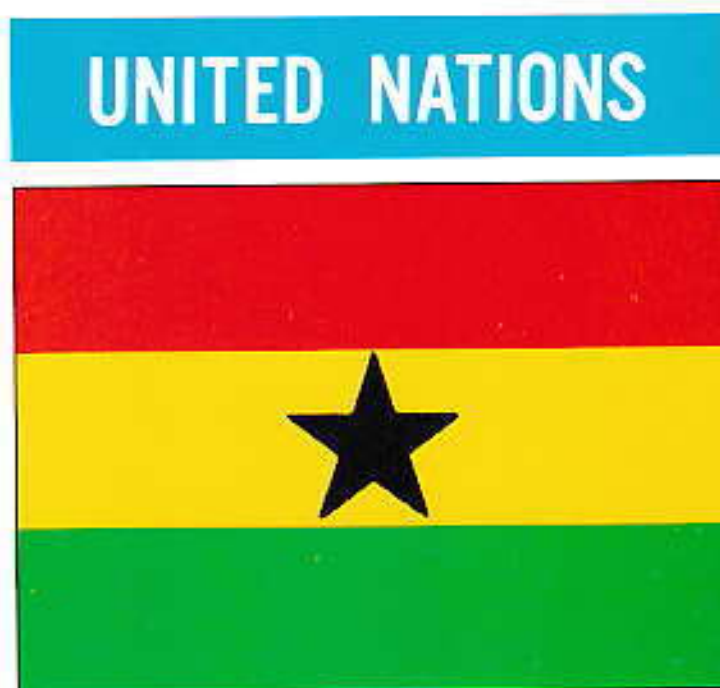


GUINEE



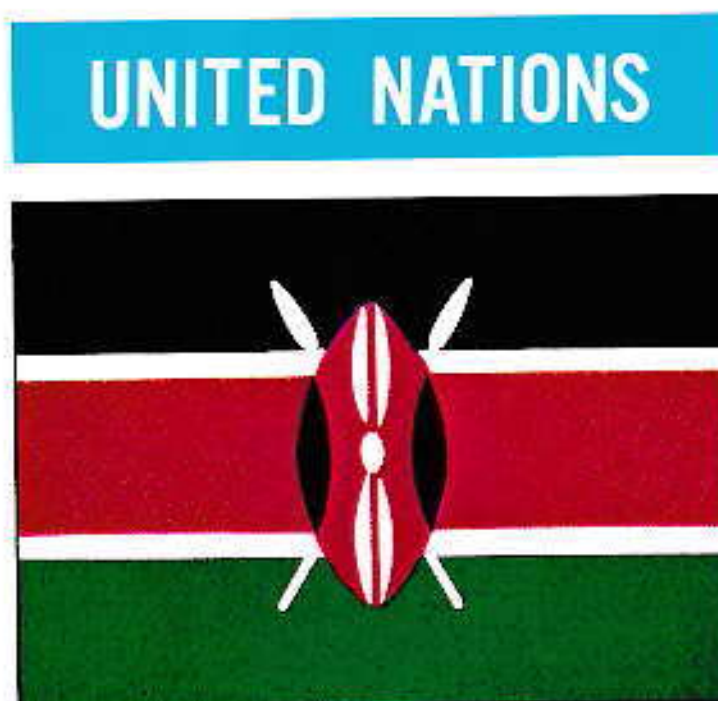
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 GHANA  
 JOINED: 08.03.1957

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 KENYA  
 JOINED: 16.12.1963

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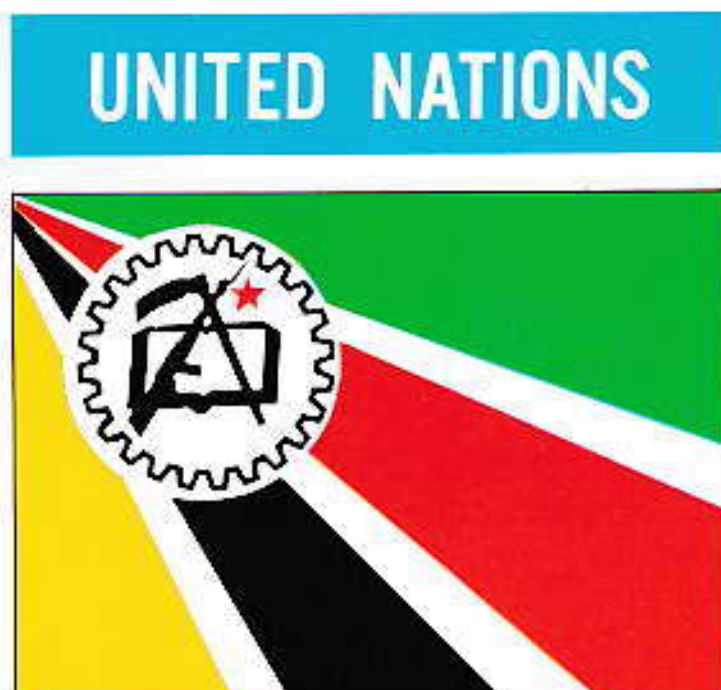
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PICTURE POST CARD  
LIBERIA  
JOINED: 02.11.1945

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1982:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
MOZAMBIQUE  
JOINED: 16.09.1975

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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
MALAWI  
JOINED: 01.12.1964

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1980:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
MALI  
JOINED: 28.09.1960

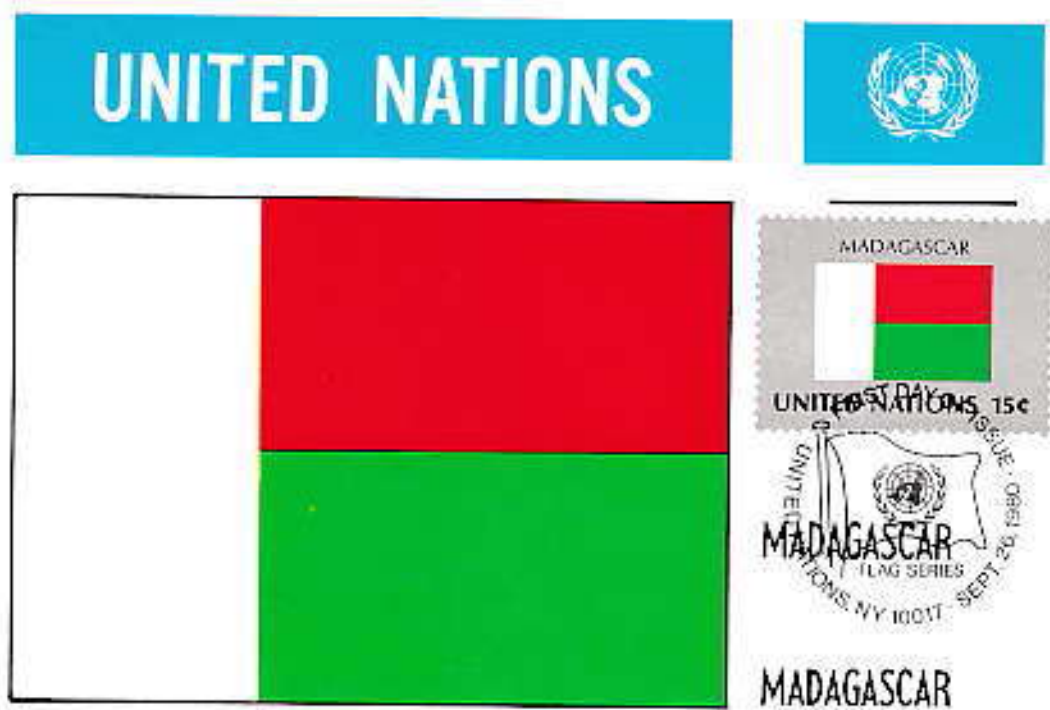
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MALI

1980:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
MADAGASCAR  
JOINED: 26.06.1960

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1985:  
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MAURITIUS  
JOINED: 24.04.1968

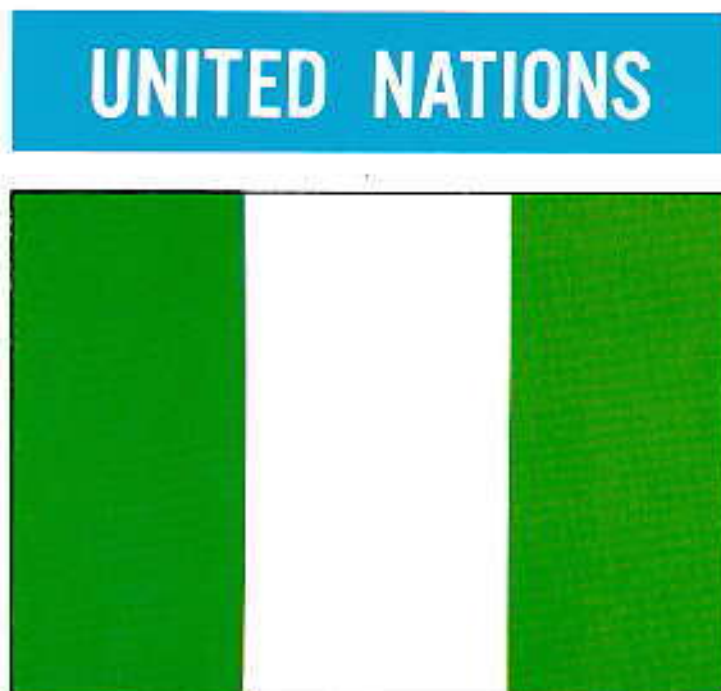
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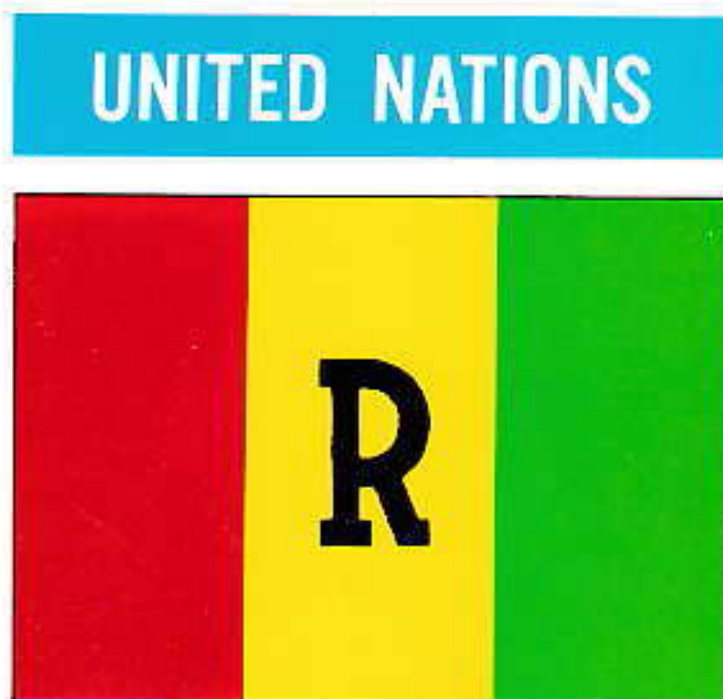
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 NIGERIA  
 JOINED: 07.10.1960

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 RWANDA  
 JOINED: 18.09.1962

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1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SEYCHELLES  
 JOINED: 21.09.1976

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1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SWAZILAND  
 JOINED: 11.09.1968

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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
SENEGAL  
JOINED: 28.09.1960

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SOMALIA  
JOINED: 20.09.1960

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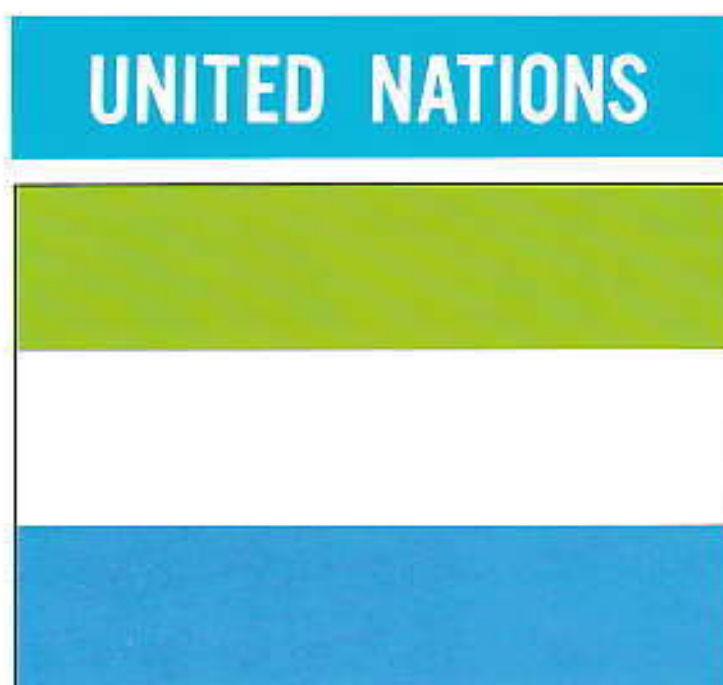
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 SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE  
 JOINED: 16.09.1975

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1985:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SIERRA LEONE  
 JOINED: 27.09.1961

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1981:  
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 SUDAN  
 JOINED: 12.11.1956

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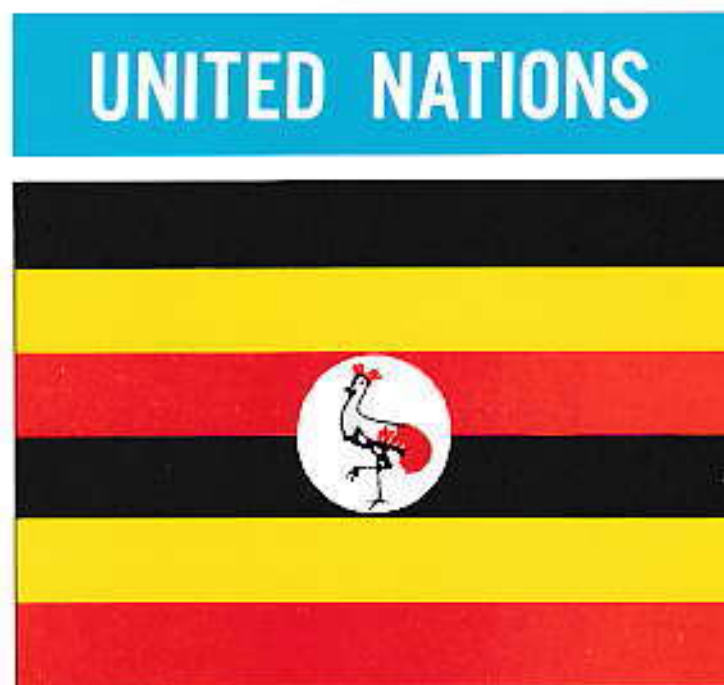
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 OF CAMEROON  
 JOINED: 20.09.1960

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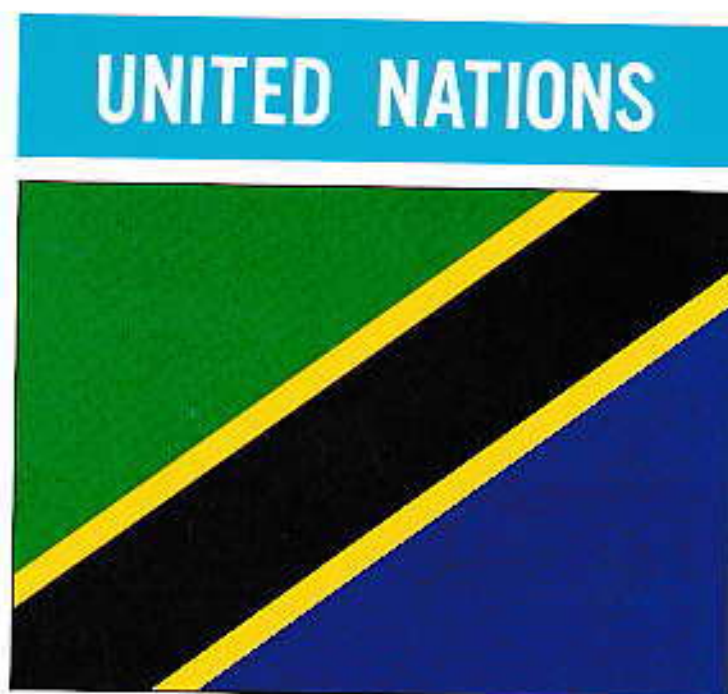
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UGANDA  
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PICTURE POST CARD  
UNITED REPUBLIC OF  
TANZANIA  
JOINED: 14.12.1961

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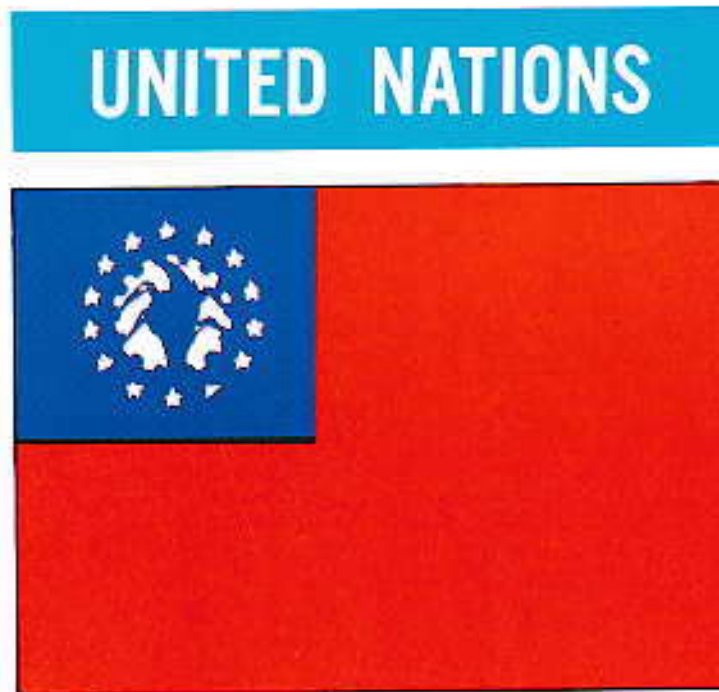


## 5. ASIA CONTINENT:

IT IS BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE PACIFIC OCEAN, ON THE SOUTH BY THE INDIAN OCEAN AND ON THE NORTH BY THE ARCTIC OCEAN. ASIA IS SUBDIVIDED INTO 49 COUNTRIES, FIVE OF THEM (GEORGIA, AZERBAIJAN, RUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN AND TURKEY) ARE TRANSCONTINENTAL COUNTRIES AND HAVING PART OF THEIR LAND IN EUROPE.

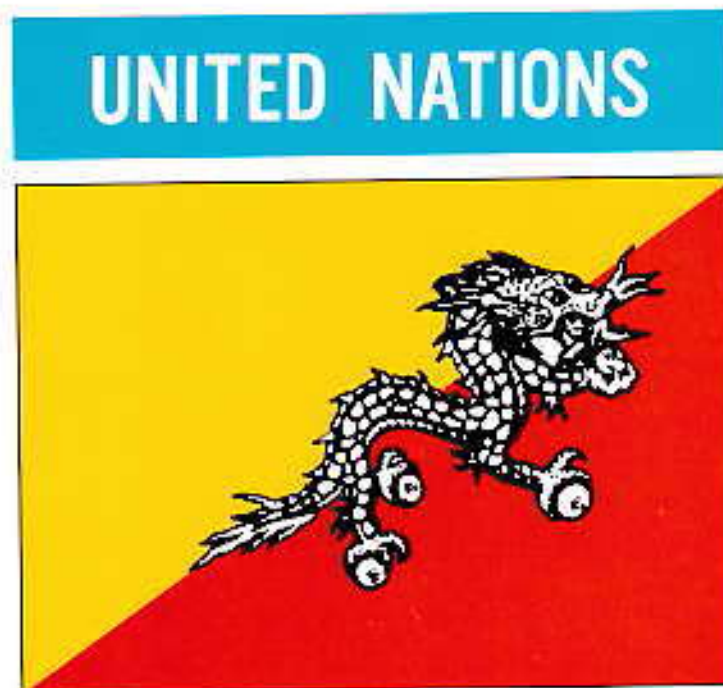
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PICTURE POST CARD  
BURMA  
JOINED: 19.04.1948

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1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BHUTAN  
JOINED: 21.09.1971

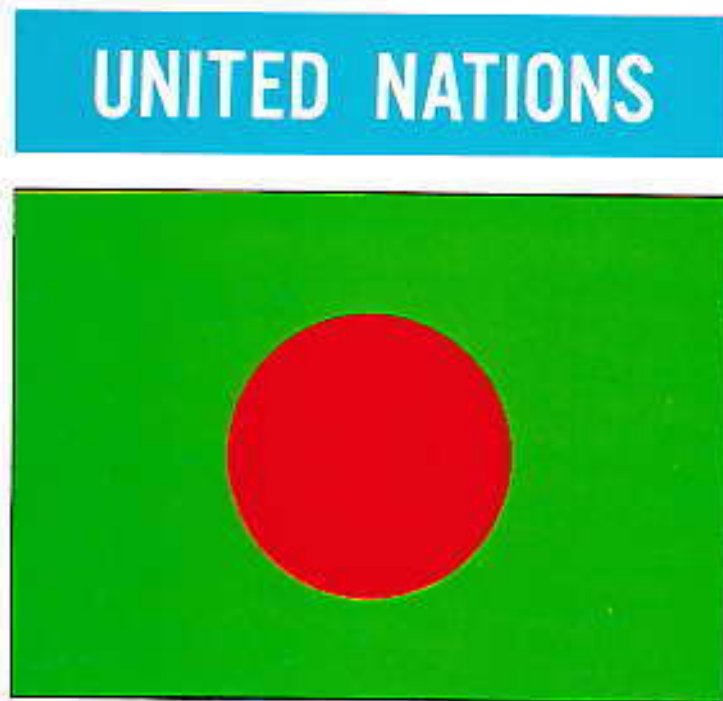
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 BANGLADESH  
 JOINED: 17.09.1974

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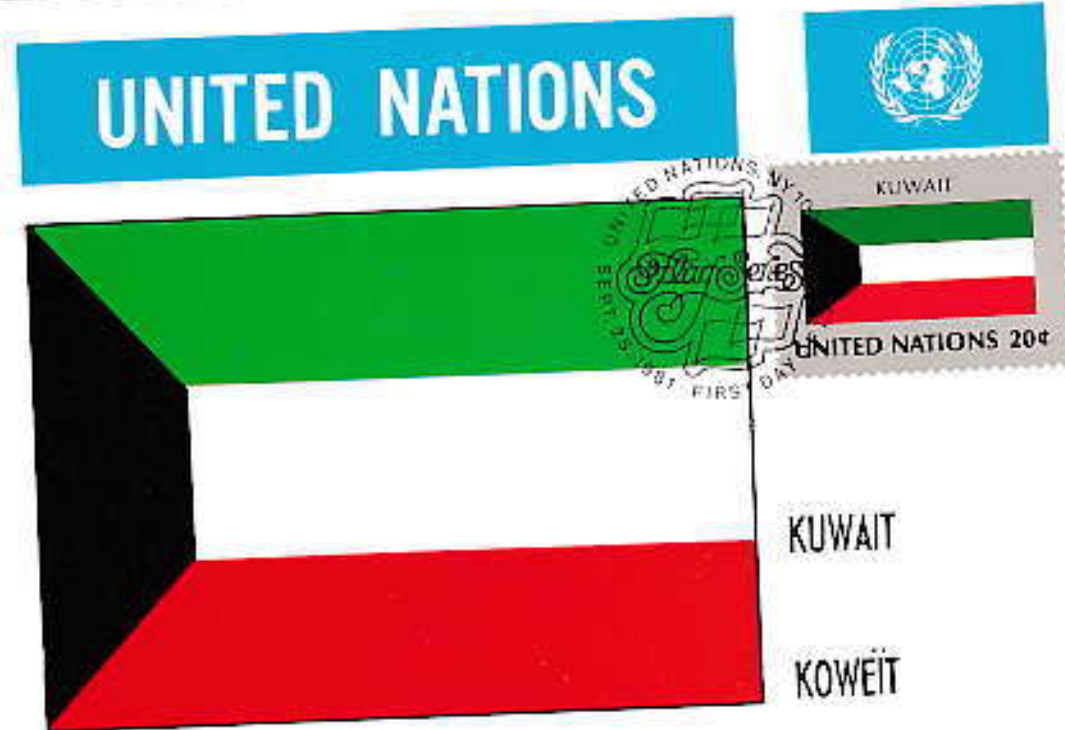
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 ISRAEL  
 JOINED: 11.05.1949

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 KUWAIT  
 JOINED: 14.05.1963

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 PICTURE POST CARD  
 MALAYASIA  
 JOINED: 17.09.1957

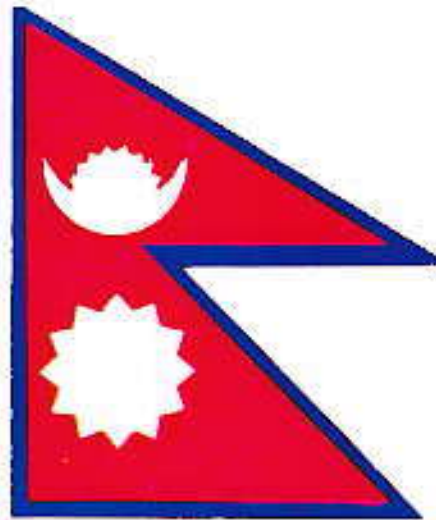
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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
NEPAL  
JOINED: 14.12.1955

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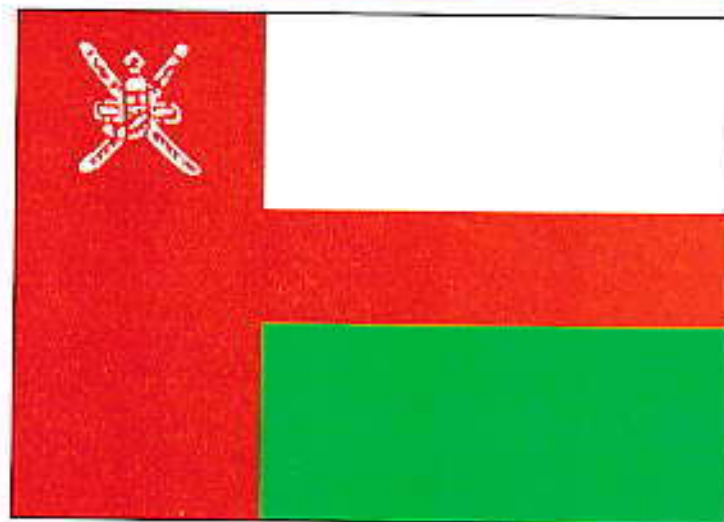


1985:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
OMAN  
JOINED: 07.10.1971

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1982:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
PHILIPPINES  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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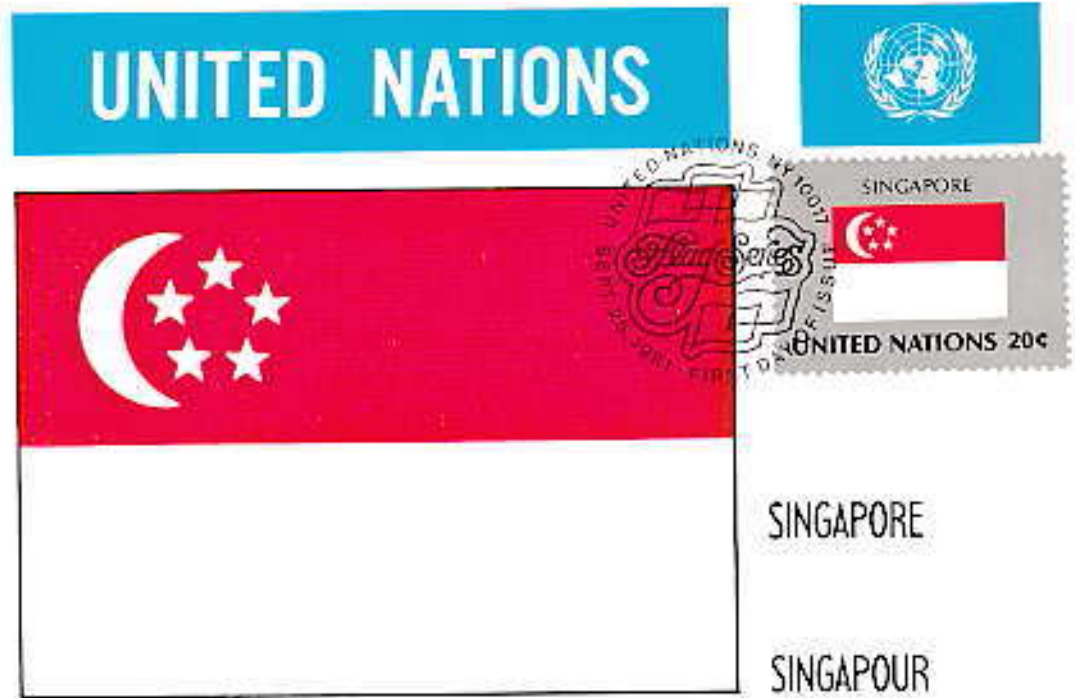
1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
PAKISTAN  
JOINED: 30.09.1947

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SINGAPORE  
 JOINED: 21.09.1965

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1985:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SAUDI ARABIA  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SRI LANKA  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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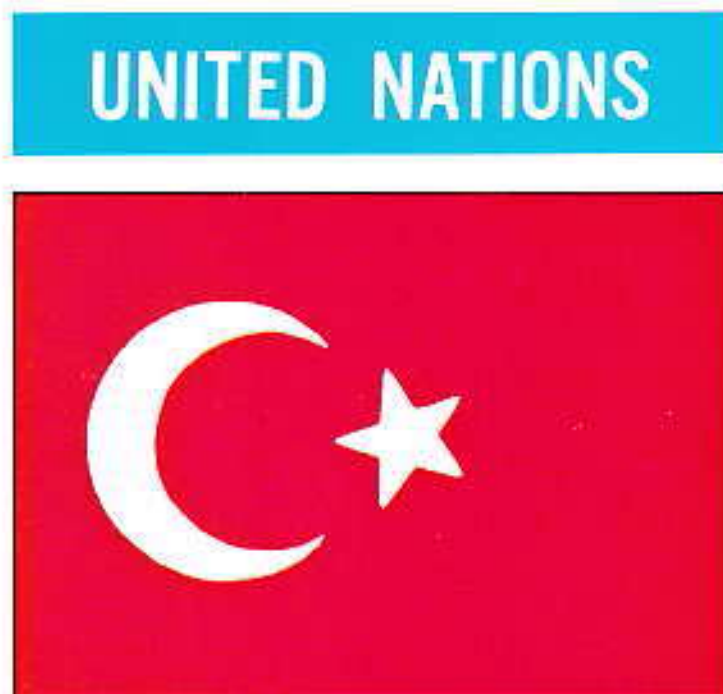


SRI LANKA

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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 TURKEY  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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TURKEY



TURQUIE



1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 THAILAND  
 JOINED: 16.12.1946

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1984:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
 JOINED: 02.09.1971

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1980:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
VIETNAM  
JOINED: 16.10.1977

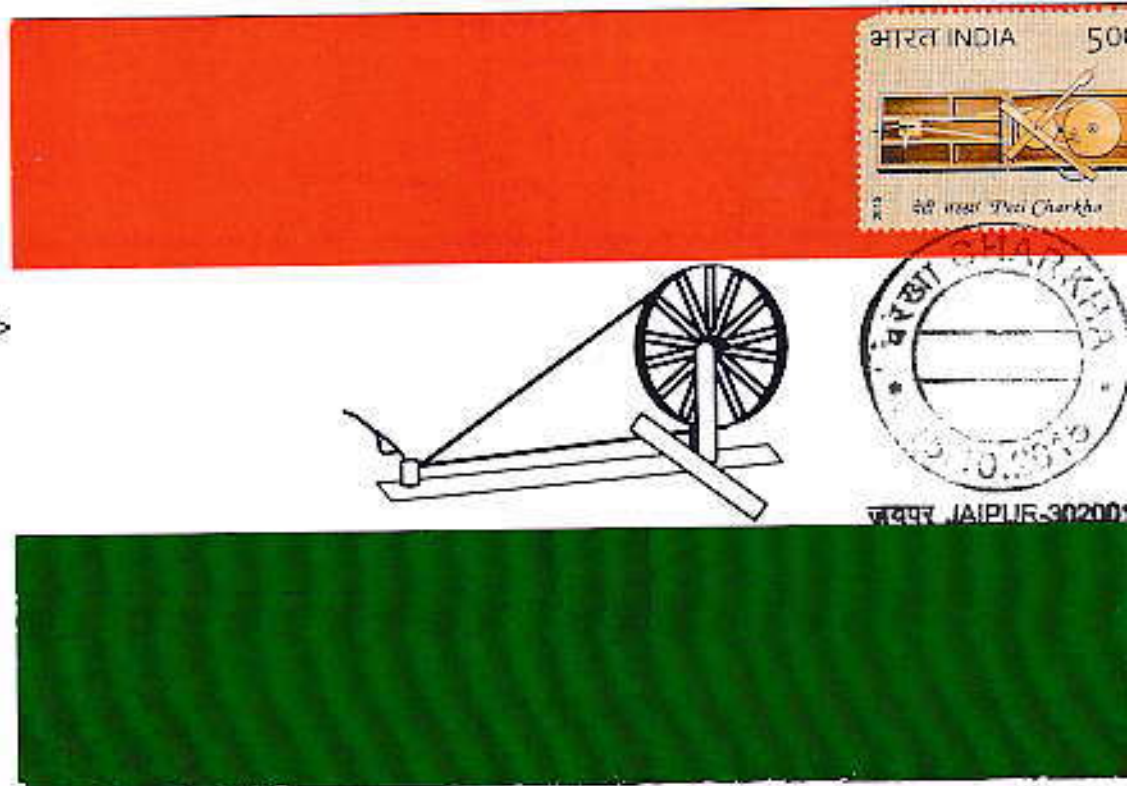
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2015:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
INDIA  
JOINED: 30.10.1945

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## 6. AUSTRALIA / OCEANIA CONTINENT:

OCEANIA INCLUDES 14 COUNTRIES: AUSTRALIA, MICRONESIA, FIJI, KIRIBATI, MARSHALL ISLANDS, NAURU, NEW ZEALAND, PALAU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAMOA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, TONGA, TUVALU AND VANUATU.

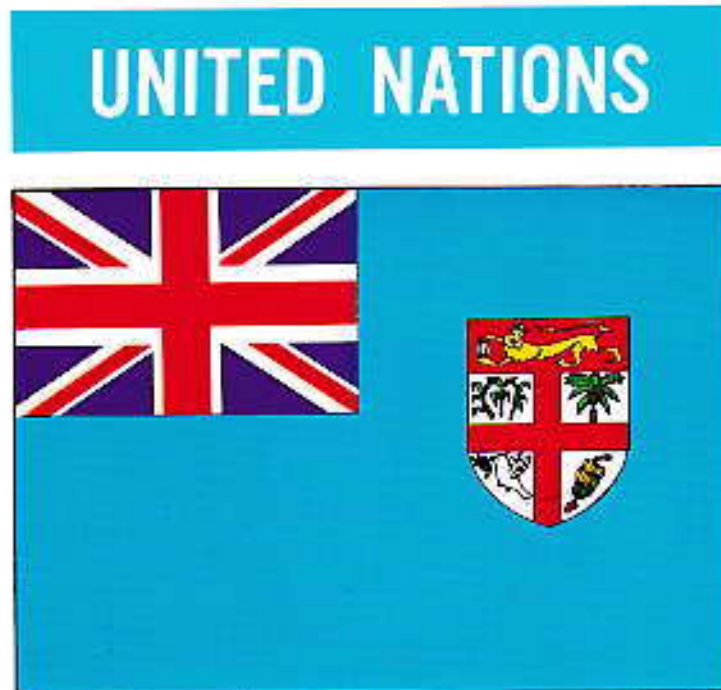
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PICTURE POST CARD  
AUSTRALIA  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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FIJI  
JOINED: 13.10.1970

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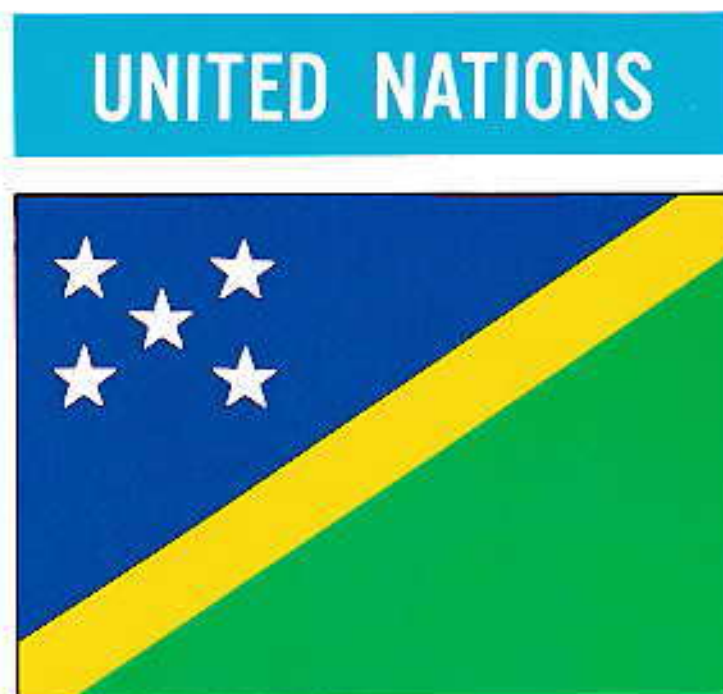
1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
JOINED: 10.10.1975

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1982:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
SOLOMON ISLANDS  
JOINED: 19.09.1978

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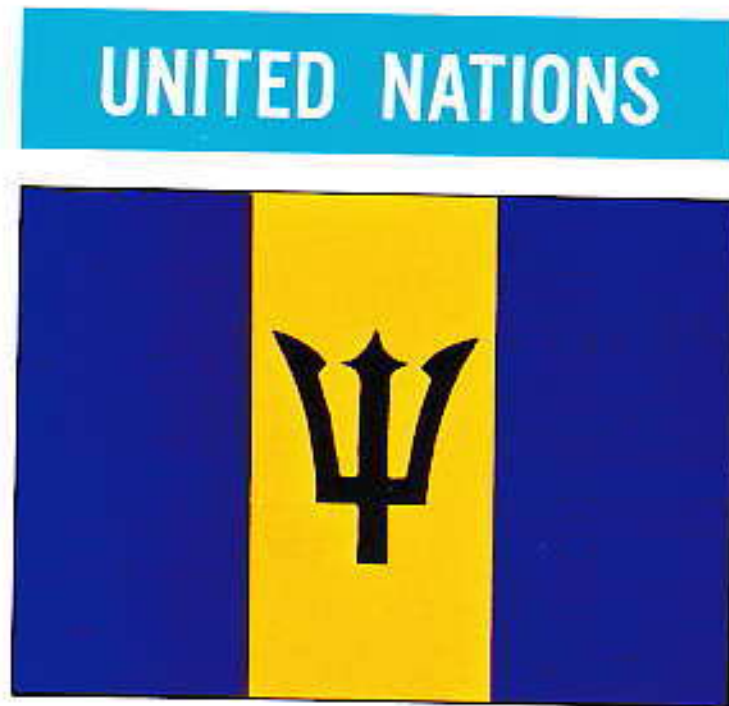


## 7. NORTH AMERICA CONTINENT

ALL 23 INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA, INCLUDING ISLAND STATES IN THE CARIBBEAN. ALWAYS UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION.

1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BARBADOS  
JOINED: 09.12.1966

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1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BAHAMAS  
JOINED: 20.09.1973

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1983:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 CANADA  
 JOINED: 09.11.1945

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 COSTA RICA  
 JOINED: 02.11.1945

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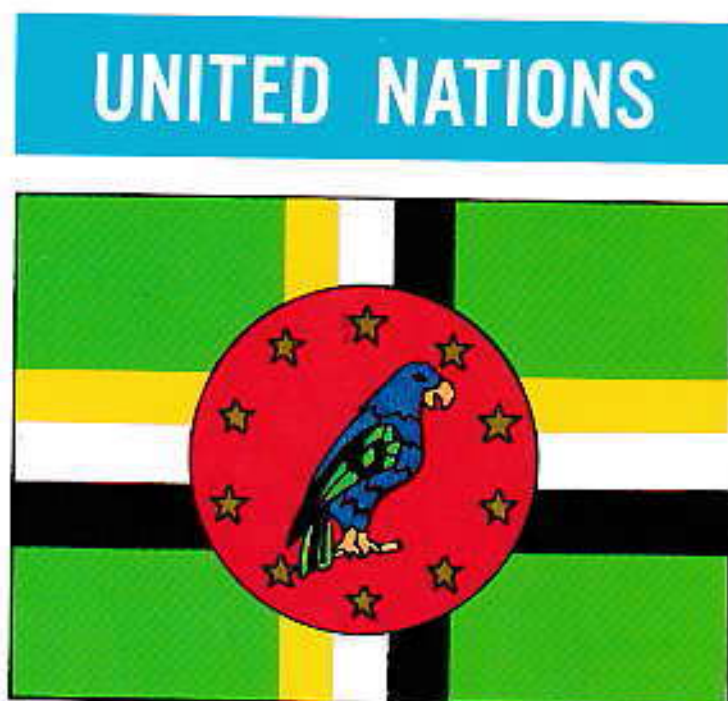
COSTA RICA

COSTA RICA



1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 DOMINICA  
 JOINED: 18.12.1978

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1985:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
 JOINED: 24.09.1945

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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 EL SALVADOR  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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EL SALVADOR

1985:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 GRENADA  
 JOINED: 03.11.1983

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1983:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 JAMAICA  
 JOINED: 18.09.1962

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1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 NICARAGUA  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
 JOINED: 18.09.1962

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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 YUGOSLAVIA  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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## 8. SOUTH AMERICA CONTINENT

ABOUT SOUTH AMERICA IT IS DIVIDED POLITICALLY INTO 12 INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES—  
ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, GUYANA, PARAGUAY, PERU, SURINAME,  
URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA —AND THE OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH GUIANA

1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BRAZIL  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1981:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BOLIVIA  
JOINED: 14.11.1945

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BOLIVIA

BOLIVIE

1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
CHILE  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1984:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
ECUADOR  
JOINED: 21.12.1945

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1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 GUYANA  
 JOINED: 20.09.1966

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1983:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 PERU  
 JOINED: 31.10.1945

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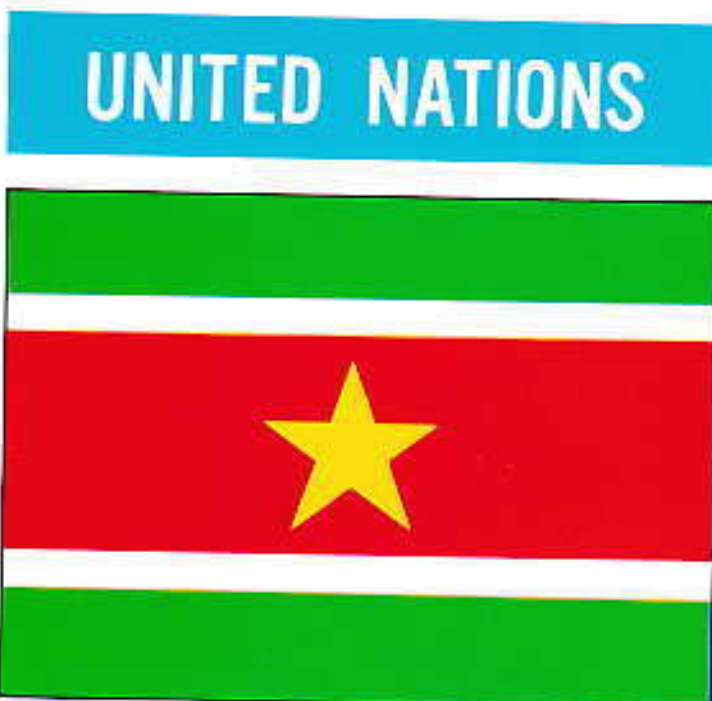
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 PARAGUAY  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SURINAME  
 JOINED: 04.12.1975

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1984:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 URUGUAY  
 JOINED: 18.12.1945

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1984:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 VENEZUELA  
 JOINED: 15.11.1945

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## 9. EUROPE CONTINENT

NOW EUROPE INCLUDES 51 INDEPENDENT STATES. RUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, AND TURKEY ARE TRANSCONTINENTAL COUNTRIES, PARTIALLY LOCATED IN BOTH EUROPE AND ASIA. ARMENIA AND CYPRUS POLITICALLY ARE CONSIDERED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THOUGH GEOGRAPHICALLY THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE WEST ASIA TERRITORY.

1982:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
AUSTRIA  
JOINED: 14.12.1955

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1982:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
BELGIUM  
JOINED: 21.09.1971

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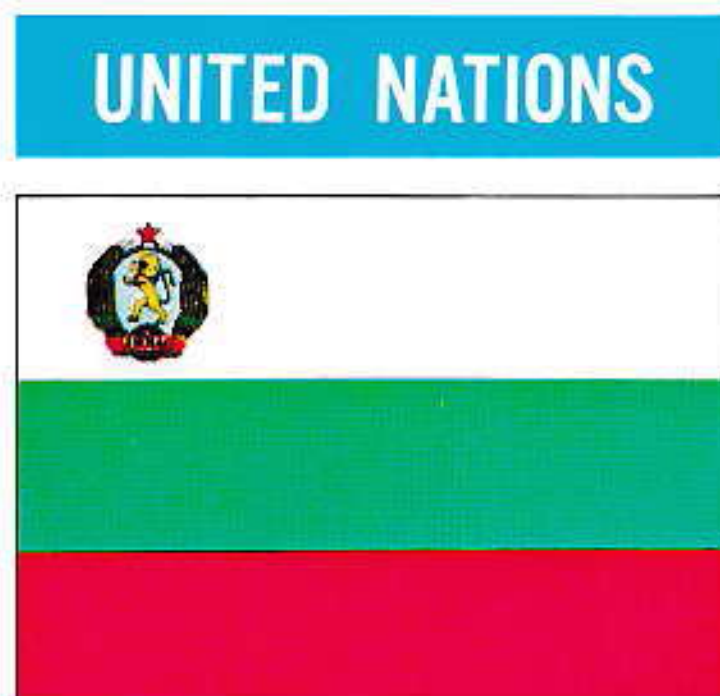
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 PICTURE POST CARD  
 BYELORUSSIAN SSR  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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 PICTURE POST CARD  
 BULGARIA  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 EGYPT  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

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 GERMANY  
 JOINED: 18.09.1973

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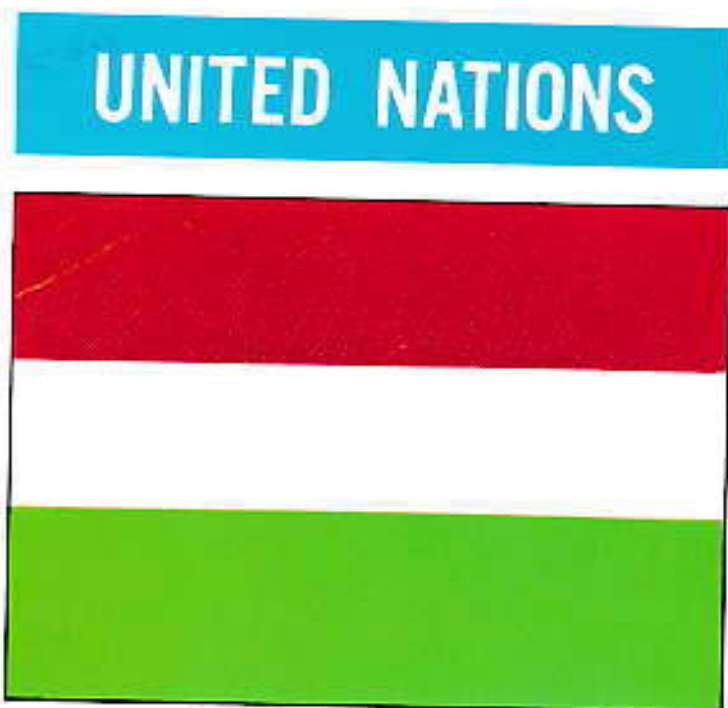
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 FINLAND  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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1980:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 HUNGARY  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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HONGRIE

1982:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 IRELAND  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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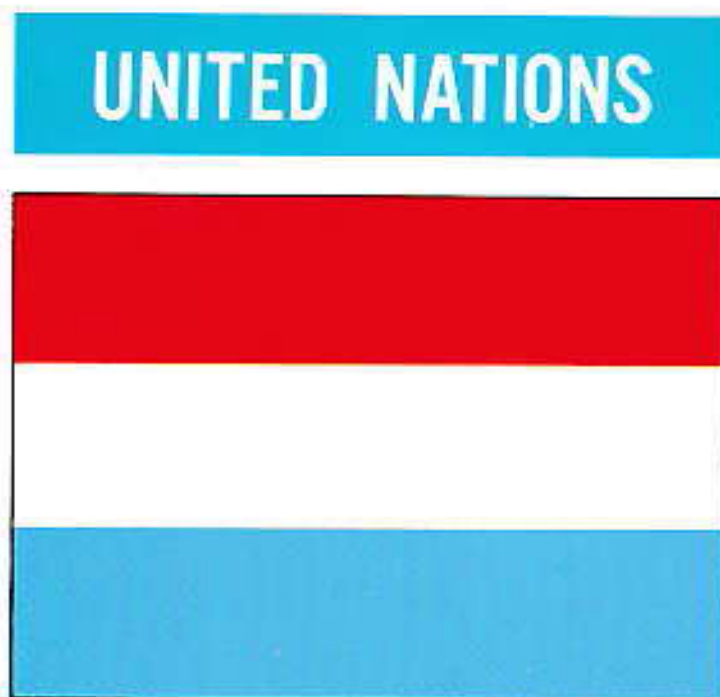
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 ITALY  
 JOINED: 14.12.1955

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 LUXEMBOURG  
 JOINED: 24.10.1945

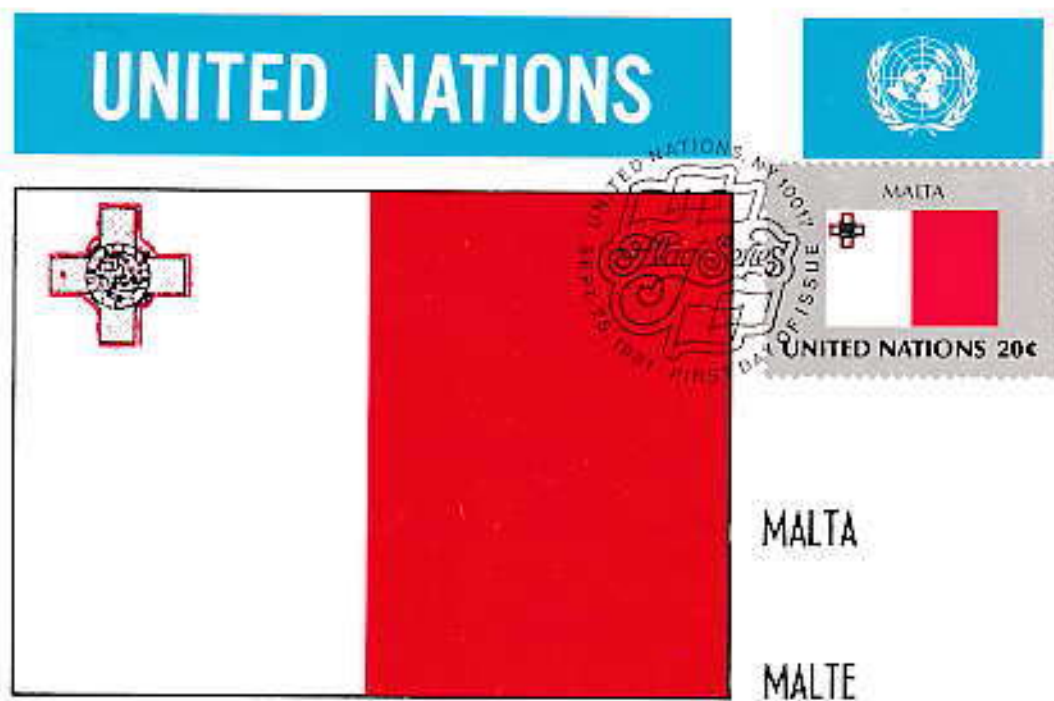
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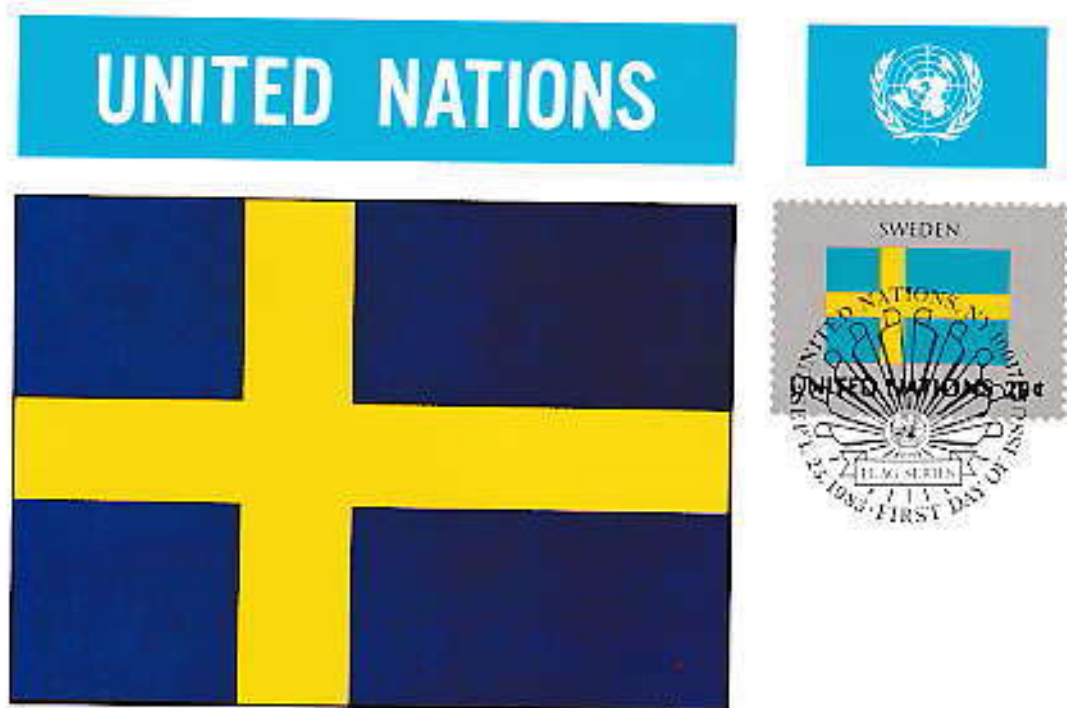
1981:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 MALTA  
 JOINED: 01.12.1964

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1983:  
 PICTURE POST CARD  
 SWEDEN  
 JOINED: 19.11.1946

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1983:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
POLAND  
JOINED: 24.10.1945

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## 10. CONCLUSION

A NATIONAL FLAG IS A FLAG THAT REPRESENTS AND SYMBOLIZES A GIVEN NATION. POLITICAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL REFORM, ALLIED TO A GROWING SENSE OF NATIONHOOD AMONG ORDINARY PEOPLE, LED TO THE BIRTH OF NEW NATIONS AND FLAGS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE UNITED NATIONS MUST BE UP TO THE CHALLENGE. I HAVE LAID OUT A NUMBER OF REFORM PROPOSALS TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION MORE EFFECTIVE, FLEXIBLE AND NIMBLE, WITH A RENEWED CULTURE OF PREVENTION PERMEATING ALL OUR WORK. ULTIMATELY, FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL JUDGE THE UNITED NATIONS BY OUR ABILITY TO MAKE OUR NORMS AND ASPIRATIONS A REALITY, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER THE MOST. THE ONUS FALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROVE ITS WORTH.



United Nations Postal Administration  
Row of Flags of Member States  
at United Nations Headquarters

1989:  
PICTURE POST CARD  
UNITED NATIONS  
FIRST DAY ISSUE

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