

Hands on Stamps: Austria 1978—Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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On December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was derived from experiences during the Second World War and represents the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled.¹

The thirtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1978 was the occasion of a special effort to promote international understanding, cooperation, and peace as well as the universal and effective respect of human rights.² The conception was that a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations should be a fundamental source of inspiration for national and international efforts and covenants for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.^{1,2}

Austria commemorated the thirtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by issuing a stamp (Fig. 1).



FIGURE 1: Hands are tied together. Country: Austria. Scott Catalogue # 1099. Day of issue: December 7, 1978. Value: 6 Austrian schillings.

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