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United Nations: History & Organization

The Role and Activities of the International Court of Justice
2013. Available in English, French, Spanish, Dutch, German, Italian, Norwegian. 19min. DVD:
118.

Online version: http://www.icj-cij.org/presscom/gallery.php?p1=6&event=20110101_icj

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It has a dual role: to settle in accordance with international law the legal disputes submitted to it by UN Member States, and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized international organs and agencies of the UN system. This short film presents its main features.

United Nations: It's Your World

2008. 7 min. DVD: 108

Online version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHmXZXsABm0>

Video about the work of the UN and its family of agencies.

A Workshop for Peace: 51 hopeful nations, 11 brilliant architects, 1 soaring symbol.

2005. 54 min. DVD: 099

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/2011/09/a-workshop-for-peace.html>

A Workshop for Peace is a 54-minute long documentary which unveils the dramatic story behind the design of the famous United Nations Headquarters in New York and how the vision of architects like Oscar Niemeyer and Le Corbusier shaped it. Produced and directed by award-winning American film-maker Peter Rosen, in association with the UN's Department of Public Information and with support from Tele Images International, a French distribution company, and Japan's national broadcaster, NHK. A Workshop for Peace was broadcast on PBS TV channels in commemoration of the UN's 60th Anniversary.

60 Ways the United Nations Makes a Difference.

2005. DVD: 105

Online version: http://www.un.org/un60/swf_files/

This DVD provides an overview of what the United Nations and its component bodies have accomplished since 1945. It highlights the fact that the United Nations and its family of agencies are much more than a peacekeeper and forum for conflict resolution, as they are engaged in a vast array of work that seeks to improve people's lives around the world.

A book version is also available: http://www.un.org/un60/60ways_book.pdf

A Place to Stand

1995. 15 min. SECAM. Video: 073

The six segments of this multi-award-winning 15-minute programme – A Place to Stand, Building Tomorrow, Keeping the Peace, Our Global Conscience, Connections and Imagine – examine the UN's history and achievements in the areas of peace-keeping and global

security, human rights, assistance to refugees and displaced persons, sustainable development and environmental protection. The ideals and aims enshrined in the Charter of this 50-year-old international organization serve to strengthen our belief that the United Nations gives us a place to stand, a place to act.

A Common Goal

1994. 14 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 062

Games - one of the earliest forms of communication in a child's life. Irrespective of country of origin, children all over the world like to play games. Life, too, is a game, though it is not always played according to the rules. Using a children's soccer game as a metaphor, A Common Goal takes a unique approach to introduce the wide range of United Nations activities to 8 to 12 year-old children. Illustrative footage from around the world is used to explain concepts such as peace-keeping and human rights, as well as the activities of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

United Nations for a Better Future

1992. 22 min. SECAM. Video: 047

The United Nations touches our lives in a myriad of ways, from peace-keeping and development to rules for telecommunications and standards for health and environment. How does the UN touch your life and mine? United Nations for a Better Future is a fast-paced look at the work of the world organization now in its fifth decade. Going to the field, talking to individuals and showing the impact of the United Nations on their daily lives, the programme describes the wide spectrum of UN activities all over the globe.

About the United Nations: Africa Recovery

1990. 15 min. PAL. Video: 024

About the United Nations is a educational series that is targeted at high school students. In this feature, a newspaper reporter in Zambia examines the problems of drought, war and debt which beset the world's second largest continent, Africa. Potential solutions which may be applicable to all African countries are also examined.

About the United Nations: Decolonization
1990. 18 min. SECAM. Video: 035

The principle and practice of self-determination of people living in non-self-governing territories. How has the United Nations contributed to the process of decolonization? This video provides a view of colonial life and the progress of people in Non-Self-Governing Territories deciding their political status. With the use of animated maps, it shows how dramatically the face of the globe has changed in 30 years since the adoption in 1960 of the United Nations Declaration on Decolonization.

About the United Nations: Environment and Development
1992. 20 min. SECAM. Video: 043

Environment and development, another topic in the About the United Nations series, is the focus of this video. By holding a World Conference on this subject, the United Nations is urging Governments to take immediate action towards achieving sustainable development and improving the quality of people's lives without destroying natural resources.

About the United Nations: Literacy
1990. 18 min. PAL. Video: 023

Over 1 billion people – more than one quarter of the world's population – cannot read or write. A young actor who is a member of a literacy advocacy group, Club Ed, presents the importance of education in his life and the work of the United Nations, Governments and non-governmental organizations to solve this problem.

About the United Nations: Palestine
1990. 19 min. PAL. Video: 025

The contentious issues surrounding the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip remain a priority on the political agenda of the United Nations. Talking to both Israelis and Palestinians, a young reporter investigates the Palestinian uprising and looks at the historical background.

About the United Nations: Rights of the Child
1991. 16 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 036

Educational videotape for high-school audiences focusing on the rights of children. The film shows the state of the world's children and how the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations in 1989, set standards to help guarantee children a right to life, liberty, a name, a nationality, an education and good health. The film also shows what other UN agencies are doing to improve the lives of all children.

On Common Ground: A Tour of the United Nations.
1987. 30 min. PAL. Video: 009

As Headquarters of the United Nations, the "glass house" on New York's East River has become instantly recognizable in photographs and drawings to millions of people worldwide. Although thousands of people visit this modern group of buildings each day, it is obvious that most of the world does not get to see the inside of the great meeting halls or the artifacts on display throughout the complex. To give these people some idea of what goes on inside these buildings, this film takes the viewer on a guided tour of the General Assembly Hall, the Council chambers, the conference rooms, the corridors and the offices where world problems and issues are debated and acted on. Through the use of historic film footage, the viewer relives some of the dramatic moments of the history of the UN. Thus, the present and the past of this "workshop for peace" are interwoven to produce an informative and entertaining picture of the world UN Organization, whose aims and purpose have persevered through long and troubled times.



Year in Review

At the end of every year, the United Nations produces a video of all its major events. This made-for-television production recaptures some of the highlights of the Organization's role during the year.

Year in Review 2016

2016. 16min.

Online version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2sck1yq5Wk>

2016 - the hottest year on record - and another year of challenges for the United Nations. The Year in Review 2016 presents the key moments around the globe during the past 12 months.

Year in Review 2015

2015. 16min.

Online version: <http://un4.me/1JE4NvM>

2015 was a year of triumphal moments and haunting images: A little boy, washed up on the shore symbolising the plight of 60 million refugees; people in Paris, Beirut and Nairobi running from terror attacks and countries ruined in relentless battles. The "UN Year in Review 2015" remembers once more the daunting challenges the United Nations faced in its 70th anniversary year - but also gives a glimpse of what can be achieved, when we all work together.

Year in Review 2014

2014. 14 min.

Online version: <http://webtv.un.org/news-features/other-features/watch/year-in-review-2014/3947911531001>

From the ongoing situation in Syria and Ukraine to the global effort to address the Ebola crisis and more, "Year in Review 2014" recaps the events which captured the international headlines and those in forgotten corners of the world. And it gives a glimpse of the day-to-day work of the organization - from the Climate Summit in New York to climate-resilient farming projects in Samoa, from air lifts to bring food to ever growing refugee camps to mobile class rooms in Sudan, where refugee children learn with the help of low cost tablets. Glimpses of hope while crises piled up.

Year in Review 2013

2013. 13 min. DVD: 117

Online version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nntbLKgGajw>

German version (UNIS Vienna): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWBFy8U0YnQ>

2013 - Amid continuing turmoil and crises, it was a year of major strides for diplomacy as the United Nations worked to negotiate peace, instill hope and define a sustainable future for all.

Year in Review 2012

2012. 9 min. DVD: 116

Online version: <http://webtv.un.org/search/united-nations-year-in-review:-looking-back-at-major-events-of-2012/2033490684001>

German version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEE5qJtILxQ>

2012 - Storms and climate change made headlines. Countries struggled between turmoil and transition. From violence in Syria to militant occupation in Mali to a new cycle of violence in Gaza - the UN was called to protect civilians and find solutions. Looking beyond today's crises, more than 190 countries discussed in Rio the framework of "A Future We Want"

Year in Review 2011

2011. 12 min. DVD: 115

Online version: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/2011/12/un-year-in-review-2011.html>

German version (UNIS Vienna): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpARdrxVpGA&::feature=youtu.be>

2011 - Earth's 7 billionth resident was born into a world of contradiction and change. There could be enough for all, yet a billion people remain hungry. Around the world protestors fought for freedom and better opportunities. From conflict in Libya to nuclear disaster in Japan and famine at the Horn of Africa - the UN provided relief and solutions. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declared sustainable development and lifting people out of poverty the main goals of his second term in office.

Year in Review 2010

2010. 11 min. DVD: 114

Online version: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/yearinreview/>

German version (UNIS Vienna): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZyGWIYar7w>

2010 was a year when the earth shook in Haiti - and millions around the world struggled to survive. The UN mobilized relief – and was called on to provide long-term solutions for the planet – for peace, nuclear disarmament, climate change – and universal human rights. This video takes a look at some of the major events of 2010 and how the United Nations responded to them.

Year in Review 2009

2009. 13 min. DVD: 113

Online version: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BF9udX5Hr_Y&;feature=plcp

2009 – a year when arctic ice was melting faster than ever before and multiple crises – food, energy, recession or pandemic flu – called for global cooperation on an unprecedented level. At the same time, peacekeepers served in missions around the world and the fight against hunger and poverty continued.

It was a year when UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon travelled to Gaza to witness firsthand the damage to the UN compound after it was bombed in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He also travelled to the Democratic Republic of Congo and reminded the world that sexual violence against women there, and everywhere, was an abomination and had to be stopped. Despite multiple conflicts – in Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan or Somalia – there was hope that an old remnant of the Cold War would finally melt, when the Presidents of Russia and the USA expressed their strong desire in the Security Council to cut down their nuclear arsenals. At the same time nuclear ambitions by Iran and North Korea worried the world and caused sharp criticism by world leaders in the Security Council.

2009 will also be remembered as a year when the world finally was trying to reach a follow up agreement to the Kyoto Protocol to lower emission rates and stop global warming. In the Maldives, the cabinet met under water for a meeting – demonstrating the vulnerability of their small island state to sea level rise.

Year in Review 2008

2008. 11 min. PAL & DVD: 110

Online version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juJwx2nhKRI&;feature=plcp>

2008 - a year when the meltdown of the world's financial markets sent shockwaves around the globe. The United Nations faced considerable challenges during a year of new and ongoing conflicts. At the same time, an unprecedented number of peacekeepers served in missions around the world and the fight against hunger and poverty continued. It was a year when UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon travelled to Myanmar to pave the way for the unrestricted flow of aid after Cyclone Nargis caused suffering to over two million people. The effects of climate change continues to be visible everywhere, like in Haiti, which was slammed by four consecutive hurricanes. And there was no end to terrorism in the world: in November the attacks in Mumbai shocked the world. At the UN, at a meeting to promote the Culture of Peace, world leaders agreed to reject the use of religion to justify terrorism.

2008 also brought world leaders to the UN to renew their pledge to reach the Millennium Development Goals to reduce poverty and provide access to health and education by 2015.

The annual "Year in Review" programme includes coverage of global events and comments from world leaders, as well as citizens, dealing with the effects of climate change or poverty. It also provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2008 and concludes with an appeal by the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to turn crisis into new opportunity: "The need for global solidarity is more important than ever."

Year in Review 2007

2007. 15 min. DVD: 102

The annual Year in Review programme includes coverage of global events and comments from world leaders, as well as citizens, dealing with the effects of climate change or malaria. It also provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2007 and concludes with the award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize jointly to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Al Gore.

Year in Review 2006

2006. 13:36 min. DVD: 101

The United Nations faced considerable challenge during a year of new and ongoing conflicts. At the same time, an unprecedented number of peacekeepers served in missions around the world and the struggle to fight against hunger and poverty continued. With so much on its agenda, the United Nations is at the threshold of a new era. After ten years at the Organization's helm, Secretary-General Kofi Annan leaves office and the newly elected Ban Ki-Moon, former foreign minister of South Korea, will lead the organization as the new Secretary-General. War in Lebanon, ongoing violence in Iraq and continuing crisis in Darfur dominated the World News in 2006. While the Security Council struggled to find consensus on the political level, UN agencies helped civilians trapped in conflict zones. Relief efforts in Lebanon included convoys to bring food and water to destroyed villages, mine clearing to defuse thousands of unexploded cluster bombs and vaccination campaigns for 180,000 children. Other key issues on the UN's agenda in 2006 included the reaction to nuclear programmes in Iran and North Korea and the "Alliance of Civilization" – a high level panel that recommended education, media campaigns and better opportunities for young people to build bridges and a culture of respect across borders and religious divides. 2006 also marked a sad anniversary: 25 years of HIV and AIDS. At the UN, forty countries established an investment fund to purchase quality drugs and diagnostics to combat AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The annual Year in Review programme includes coverage of global events and comments from world leaders as well as citizens dealing with the effects of cluster bombs or AIDS. It also provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2006.

Year in Review 2005

2005. 15 min. PAL. Video: 100

The United Nations faced considerable challenge during a year of major natural disasters

around the world. It took a lead role in coordinating relief efforts as it urged donor countries to support reconstruction activities. World leaders gathered at UN Headquarters in New York for the 2005 High Level Summit and to commemorate the organization's 60th birthday. Progress on the Millennium Development Goals was measured and member States vowed to work together to reduce poverty and eliminate hunger in developing countries. Other key issues discussed in 2005 included reform and enlargement of the Security Council. But indecision resulted in these issues being placed on hold. A new treaty against nuclear terrorism was signed by world leaders but no solution was reached on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. The importance of these issues was emphasized when the Nobel Peace Prize for 2005 was awarded to the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency and its director Mohammed El-Baradei. The United Nations remains a work in progress, imperfect as all human endeavours must be, but rising to the challenges of a complex and changing world. The annual Year in Review

programme includes coverage of global events and comments from world leaders. It also provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2005 as it strives to reform and renew its image during this anniversary year.

Year in Review 2004

14 min. 2004. PAL. Video: 098

Year in Review 2004 includes coverage of global events with compelling images from around the world with on-camera contributions from world leaders. It provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2004 and proposals for reforms of the Organization as it enters the 60th anniversary year, in 2005.

Year in Review 2003

A year of war in Iraq that divided the UN's membership. A year when a deadly bomb in Baghdad showed that the UN itself was a target. And a year when the Organization continued its fight for peace and against disease, poverty and hardship, most especially HIV/AIDS which claims 8,000 victims every day while 42 million are now infected with the virus globally. The annual Year in Review captures the essence of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2003.

Year in Review 2002

The year 2002 was a year marked by uncertainty over whether new military conflict would come

to the Middle East region, as UN inspectors returned to Iraq after four years' absence to investigate the question of weapons of mass destruction. Efforts throughout the globe had to continue for the combating of terrorism, without compromising human rights, and for pursuing internationally-agreed goals of defeating poverty, ignorance and intolerance, while the world watched anxiously to see what the outcome might be in Iraq. This 16'58"-minute video summary of the year includes contributions from world leaders, including UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and US President George W. Bush, on the responsibilities facing the UN Security Council. The report also explores the work of the UN on a worldwide basis, in support of peace, humanitarian initiatives, economic development projects and poverty-alleviation programmes everywhere. The UN's major World Summit for Sustainable Development, held in South Africa, is highlighted. South African President Thabo Mbeki speaks on the new partnership among African nations for mutual self-help. Specific instances of progress and inspiring examples of renewal are portrayed, including new independence for Timor Leste (East Timor) and its welcome into the UN family of nations ... the winding-up of a seven-year UN policing mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina .. the final establishment, through the so-called "Rome Statute", of the new International Criminal Court after many years of work toward it ... and significant progress toward a settlement for the divided island of Cyprus, which has required a UN peace-keeping presence for the past four decades.

Year in Review 2001

2001 brought both the best and the worst that humanity can produce. Today, the United Nations is at the forefront of efforts to achieve peace and security in the world, and of the international mobilization aimed at meeting the world's economic, social and environmental challenges. This video reviews the major achievements of the UN and its staff in 2001 and the most significant events that took place around the world. As the world confronts new challenges, old ones remain – the fight against poverty, ignorance and racism, which are the roots of global violence. The September attacks on the World Trade Center underline the UN's central role in the campaign to combat terrorism. The video features contributions from world statesmen on the importance of the UN to formulate policies on humanitarian assistance, economic development and poverty alleviation. The Special Session of the General Assembly held in June 2001 on HIV/AIDS is recalled as one of the highlights of the UN's efforts to fight the disease. The video concludes with the ceremony in Oslo on 10 December 2001 at which Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the United Nations staff were awarded the 100th Nobel Peace Prize for their continuous dedicated work to fight poverty, promote democracy and defend human rights.

Year in Review 2000

1999. 15 min. PAL. Video: 092

The Year 2000 - a chance for the world to take stock and adopt new priorities for the future. It

was a year of the United Nations Millennium Summit, with the largest gathering in history of world leaders, who addressed the special challenges of the twenty-first century. Throughout the world the UN was called upon to help maintain peace and encourage development. The Organization found a new role at a critical stage of the ongoing Middle East conflict, and continued its stewardship of troubled territories like Kosovo and East Timor. Human Rights abuses were vigilantly monitored, and armed conflicts -- especially in Africa -- prompted an increased commitment from the world community. The UN peacekeeping forces in Sierra Leone were substantially bolstered; also a whole new mission was established on the disputed Ethiopia-Eritrea border. Year in Review captures these and other highlights of world-wide work of the United Nations in the year 2000, including increased efforts to halt the spread of AIDS, and the harnessing of computer technology to assist global development.

Year in Review 1999

1999. 15 min. PAL. Video: 089

Year in Review 1998

1998. 15 min. PAL. Video: 085

Two important areas of the UN's work received special attention in 1998: UN peacekeeping celebrated 50 years of existence, as did the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the basic document that enshrines the rights of all people. 1998 also a year of major endeavours: from Secretary-General Kofi Annan's successful mission to Baghdad that defused a crisis with Iraq to the Treaty that created a permanent International Criminal Court. This video presents the momentous events of the UN and its agencies in the past year and provides a unique overview of the scope and intensity of its work

Year in Review 1997

1997. 15 min. PAL. Video: 081

In 1997 Kofi Annan of Ghana assumed office as the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations. With the Organization's financial crisis continuing, he made reform of the world body his top priority. This fast paced frontline coverage looks at the wide range of UN activities during the year including the confrontation with Iraq and humanitarian emergencies in central Africa and North Korea. From peacekeeping operations and environmental programmes, to development work and keynote conferences, it provides a unique overview of the United Nations as it struggles to balance budgetary problems with a growing and diverse agenda of responsibilities.

Year in Review 1996

15 min. December 1996. PAL. Video: 077

This 15-minute programme looks at the determined efforts to uphold peace and encourage development, in spite of severe difficulties and growing challenges. From the evolving role of peacekeeping missions to children's rights and international crimes, this comprehensive review provides detailed insights into the wide range of responsibilities entrusted to the United Nations. Year in Review looks not only at the past but towards the future of the World Organization.

Year in Review 1995

15 min. 1995. PAL. Video: 075

Year in Review 1994

1994. 17 min. PAL. Video: 071

UN Wrap Up 1993

1994. 16 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 069

UN Wrap Up 1992

1993. 16 min. PAL. Video: 059

UN Wrap Up 1991

1991. 16 min. PAL. Video: 042

UN Wrap Up 1990.

1990. 15 min. PAL. Video: 034

UN Wrap Up 1988 (revised version)

1990. 15min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 022

UN Wrap Up 1987
1987. 14 min. PAL. Video: 010



Afghanistan

Afghanistan 1998 - 2001: The Long Shadow of War
2001. 56 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 093

The devastating effect of continuous war and destruction has marked the life of the Afghan people during the last decades. Millions of people flee their homes and cities, come back, try to rebuild and are forced to flee again. In their efforts to find peace and normality they are assisted by indefatigable workers of the UN and its agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, Habitat and others, who help to provide shelter and food, technical advice and education, mine clearing programmes, health care and, above all, hope. The eighteen segments of this documentary-magazine contain stunning footage of the ruined cities of Kabul, Jalalabad, Herat or Mazar. We learn about the barber who sets up his "salon" in the refugee camp, the barley farmer who loses his crop to locusts in Mazar, the girl who lost a leg stepping on a landmine, the war widow who earns a small income in a UN sponsored bakery in Kabul, and much more.

Realities and Opportunities: Voices of Afghan Women
2002. 6 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 096

A video produced for International Women's Day to celebrate the strong spirit, heroism and endurance of Afghan women.



City Planning

Small Steps for Big Cities
1990. 27 min. PAL. Video: 031

The fourth production in a series of development magazines, Small Steps for Big Cities shows how city planners solve urban problems. United Nations projects that work in one mega-city

serve as a model for another big city with similar problems. Filmed in Mexico City, where an artificial lake helps to purify the air; in New York City, where a recycling plant handles garbage generated by over 10 million people who live there; and in New Delhi, at a night shelter which serves thousands of migrants who arrive daily to join the millions of urban poor.



Conservation

Small Islands, Big Issues

1994. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 068

The video takes us to three very different islands nations – Barbados, Western Samoa and Maldives – and examines the problems they share with the inhabitants of more than 40 other small island developing States and Territories scattered around the world. We see their attempts to restore the possibilities for sustainable development as they confront the critical challenges of natural and man-made disasters, changing weather conditions, waste disposal, pollution and limited water supply.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 1: "Taking the Waters"

1993. 30 min. PAL& SECAM. Video: 055

Pollution, water shortages-every year these problems grow worse. The world's great rivers and woodlands are under remorseless pressure from industrialists, farmers and, yes, even population growth, yet existing measures at both international and national levels remain inadequate. This video demonstrates what is being done to alleviate these situations, for example, at the giant Gabeikovo Dam in Czechoslovakia and at one of the world's most important woodlands, the Ichkeul National Park in Tunisia.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 2: "The Monk, the Trees and the Concrete Jungle"

1993. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 053

Tropical forests, the earth's richest environment, are home to approximately 70 percent of the millions of species that share our planet. Already in the last few decades more than half of the world's tropical forests have been destroyed and, unless there is action, they will disappear within our lifetime. We view the work of Phra Ajaan Pongsak, a Buddhist monk who is restoring the watershed forest of the Mac Soi Valley in northern Thailand, and the Japanese Tropical

Forest Network, one of the most effective and outspoken environmental organizations in Japan.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 2: "Smogbusters"

1993. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 054

The burning of fossil fuels-oil, coal and gas-is the major cause of today's air pollution problems. We are all victims, particularly those of us that live in industrialized centers and large cities, where vehicle exhausts insidiously contaminate our lives. This video examines the clean-up of Cubatao, formerly one of the most polluted cities in Brazil, and the work now being done by the Labour Community Strategy Center to improve air quality in Los Angeles, California.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 4: "Handle with Care"

1993. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 050

What is the cost of the post-war economic growth to mankind? While there have been benefits, to a small sector of humankind, there has been a high price to pay in terms of the Earth's life-support systems, our communities and our human spirits. The Nordic Sami Institute in Norway is one organization involved in trying to save the environment. Chemical dumping at Love Canal near the world-famous Niagara Falls is highlighted.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 5: "Loaves and Fishes"

1993. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 052

Do you know that since the late 1980s food production in many parts of the world has failed to match population growth? That there are 90 million more people to feed each year? That every year 20 billion tons of topsoil are lost? That more than a billion people are undernourished? What is being done to solve these problems? This video attempts to show the efforts being made to relieve this situation. Jens Ole-Hojmann, once a fisherman on a Danish North Sea trawler is now the fisheries campaigner for Greenpeace in Denmark. Dr. Melaku Worede, Director of the Plant Genetic Resources Center in Ethiopia, is building up "strategic seed reserves" of traditional varieties and working with local farmers.

How to Save the Earth

Programme 6: "How Much Is Enough?"

1993. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 051

"To live more simply, that others may simply live" - a simple statement with profound implications. Ways must be found for the equitable distribution of natural resources between the increasing population in the South and consumption in the North; people must be made aware

of the carrying capacity of planet Earth. The New Road Map Foundation in the United States is one such educational, non-profit organization helping to fund such initiatives. Mexfam's Family Planning works with the young in some of the poorest "barrios" in Mexico City.

Nguyamyam

1992. 5 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 046

"Nguyamyam" is a colloquial word in many parts of the world meaning "to eat". This enchanting children's short animated video depicts an edible planet called Pakaskas and shows how the inhabitants are eating up their precious resources. It teaches children what will happen if they do not take care of their environment. In this case, a hero called Inggolok eventually has to move to another planet and can be seen promising to carefully tend his new home.

Our Planet Earth

1990. 23 min. PAL. Video: 030

Seventeen astronauts and cosmonauts from 10 countries tell us of the troubled times of our era. In an awestruck manner, they describe their perceptions of Earth as seen from space. Life on Earth appears to be an integrated system. Our destructiveness is as vast as our wondrous technology. As countries pass by in minutes, these space explorers impress upon us how mysterious and fragile is Our planet Earth, our only home. Produced and directed by Mikey Lemle for the United Nations with the cooperation of the Association of Space Explorers and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



Disarmament

Armed to the Teeth

2000. 28 min. PAL. Video: 090

As the world enters a new millennium, the human race begins the next thousand years armed to the teeth. At the dawn of the 20th Century, casualties from weapons were confined mostly to wars, with roughly 5 percent of war casualties among civilians. In the year 2000 however, there is an estimated one small weapon for every 10 human beings on the planet. Small arms respect no borders or political ideologies. With the end of the Cold War, armed combat has assumed

new forms, with civilians caught in the crossfire from US urban housing developments to the mountains of Colombia or the streets of South Africa. United Nations Television presents a comprehensive look at the proliferation of weapons around the world and their devastating affect on society. From the lucrative business of weapons production and weapons smuggling to the black-market for arms that has exploded since the end of the Cold War, this documentary also examines the variety of ways that people are confronting the small arms crisis world-wide, in order to educate and empower people to think globally and act locally on this important issue.

Legacies of War

2000. 31 min. PAL. Video: 091

Dealing with the aftermath of war is a problem as difficult as warfare itself. Because a war is formally over, it does not mean that the effects of it have ceased. Civilians are therefore left to face harsh consequences like the menace of landmines or unexploded bombs; the results from lengthy conflicts are destruction of normal society and deep psychological trauma. This documentary examines efforts to support struggling civilians in the long aftermath of war, from German families living with live buried bombs left from World War II to Mozambican farmers who years after peace was declared still cannot work the land because of landmines ... to Guatemalans from both sides of their country's 36-year old civil war who have started their lives over in a wholly reconstructed society ... to the refugees of Bosnia and Kosovo who have lost relatives in shocking circumstances and have themselves suffered mentally-scarring experiences ... to the child-soldiers of African wars whose lives are indelibly marked by being forced to become armed killers.

The Menace of Land Mines

1997. 14 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 079

They are the silent but deadly legacy of war – land mines. In more than 60 countries over 110 million land mines await the football of an innocent child, the hope of a farmer, the thread of an unwary citizen. Countries are paralyzed by mines, fertile farmland has been abandoned and people face starvation if they cannot work their land. The United Nations is calling for a total ban on the production, use and sale of land mines.

Chemical Weapons A Monster Tamed

1994. 47 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 061

Chemical weapons have terrorized civilians and soldiers from the time they were first used during the First World War. The development and testing of these lethal weapons have caused grave environmental and health problems. This video documents their invention in Germany, their use on European battlefields and their spread to many countries. Unique footage shows a chemical weapons research center in the former Soviet Union, the chemical weapons programme in Japan and, under United Nations supervision, the destruction of chemicals in

Iraq. Thanks to a worldwide ban on chemical weapons signed in 1993, the stockpiling and use, as well as the production of these deadly weapons have been forbidden.

The Big If

1982. 9 min. PAL. Video: 004

A short animated film by the award-winning artist Bretislav Pojar on the question of the economic consequences of the arms race. The film poses the question : What would happen if, and that is The Big If, we turned our tanks into tractors, our grenades into chickens and our uniforms into dresses and shoes. But, we all know that is only a dream... No narration.

In the Minds of Men

1982. 28 min. PAL. Video: 005

Produced in response to a resolution of the UN General Assembly to make a film "with the hope of creating a genuine aversion to all wars in the future", In the Minds of Men presents the horrors of war from the distant past to the technological present. Visually it is a compilation of rarely-viewed historical footage, graphically animated art work and highly evocative drawings by Hiroshima atom bomb victims and an international group of children. Original music and sound effects and the vocal comments of children combine with an internationally brief narration to make up the soundtrack. The pictures and sounds of war and its aftermath are eloquent by themselves.



Election Monitoring

Waging Peace: Nicaragua and El Salvador

1993. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 058

Central America has been a hot spot for decades, a region plagued by civil wars, revolutions and foreign intervention. Waging Peace is a look at the changing face of the region, a story of war being transformed into peace, owing to the cooperation among regional Governments and the end of superpower confrontation. Shot on location in Nicaragua and El Salvador, this documentary unfolds through the eyes of a Nicaraguan refugee, a contra, a Salvadorian FMLN commander, and a UN peacekeeper.

Fear and Hope in Cambodia

1993. 56 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 048

This documentary chronicles the story of Cambodia from the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement to the elections and the signing of a new constitution. Written and narrated by well-known British journalist and author William Shawcross, it includes never-before-seen footage of massacres, intimidation and human rights abuses. It is a story told by ordinary Cambodians, international military, civilians and volunteers; it is also a story of history and analysis.



Family Life

Honey, I'm Home

30 min. 1981. PAL & SECAM. Video: 064

Traditionally the family unit consisted of a father, a mother and several children. Today's definition of family more closely resembles the kinds of groups depicted in this 30-minute video. They are unique in structure and function as best they can under difficult circumstances. We see diversity in adversity as we meet extended and single-parent families in Brazil, the Philippines, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom.



Health and Welfare

Chernobyl Recovery: A Blueprint for International Cooperation

1991. 15 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 037

The accident at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine was the most serious nuclear disaster to date. Location shooting in the affected areas highlights the social, economic and environmental consequences that are only now being fully understood. This video focuses on international cooperation in coping with such problems as monitoring radiation levels in people and their environment, ensuring safe drinking water for 35 million people and keeping food free from

contamination.

High Hopes

1991. 27 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 039

A video for the United Nations Decade Against Drug Abuse. Just to say “No” is not enough in the worldwide drug crisis. Positive alternatives are needed to destroy the circle of dependency and addiction. The UN helps farmers in Colombia to build new schools and health centres as a reward for switching from coca plantations to other crops. Border Control officers on the Balkan highway in Yugoslavia use high-tech equipment to stop heroin traffickers from entering the Western European market. Drug addicts in the South Bronx, New York City, give up on crack after only two weeks of acupuncture treatment.

Child of One Earth

1990. 5 min. PAL. Video: 019

The work of the United Nations to eliminate poverty, disease and war is presented to children by former Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. From the Hall of the General Assembly to war fronts, the UN is striving to make the world a better place for children. This feature includes the adoption of the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Human Rights

Stories on Human Rights: a film inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

2008. DVD: 84 min.

Subtitles: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.

Trailer: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/StoriesFilmmakers.aspx>

Further information: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/60UDHR/Stories_on_Human_Right_Directors.pdf

Some of the world’s prominent filmmakers and artists have joined forces to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by contributing to the film *Stories on Human Rights*

The initiative was born under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Human Rights was made possible thanks support of the European Union, the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France Coopération, the French Ministry of Culture and Communication – CNC and SESC São Paulo, Brazil.

Created and produced by ART *for The World*, *Stories on Human Rights* is the first film project on such a large scale bringing together filmmakers and artists, using the universal language of art to tell stories through six themes that capture the ideals enshrined in the Universal Declaration: culture, development, dignity and justice, environment, gender and participation.

This DVD contains the long feature film of 84' and the 21 single short movies of approximately 3' each.

A world for Inclusion: Ensuring Education for All through the UN Disability Convention

2008. 20 min. DVD: 109

Online version: http://www.unesco.org/archives/multimedia/index.php?id_film=213&id_page=33&s=films_details

This 20-minute DVD concerns the 2006 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in particular article 24 on education. Using footage from schools in Kenya, Finland and Turkey, it addresses the situation of children with disabilities worldwide and the importance of getting them into school. It also contains interviews and commentary from key stakeholders and experts and some 50 educational resources such as toolkits and policy guidelines. The aim of this DVD is to raise awareness about this new Convention, which entered into force in April 2008, and encourage its implementation. There are over 650 million persons with disabilities in the world. Between 30 and 40% of the world's over 72 million out-of-school children are disabled, according to the 2008 EFA Global Monitoring Report. Most of these children live in developing countries. This poses a significant challenge to realizing the right to education, which is central to ensuring all other human rights. The DVD has been developed and produced by UNESCO and its Education for All Flagship on the Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities. The film is subtitled in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

The Pain of Others: At work for the UN Commission on Human Rights
2004. 32 min. DVD: 107

A film and selected documents about the United Nations' promotion and protection of human Rights. Available in English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Arabic, Chinese and Russian.

A Work-in-Progress: Human Rights in Haiti
1999. 56 min. PAL. Video: 088

This video is a co-production with the Organization of American States/International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH) and the Department of Public Affairs. In a delicate blend of paintings and exclusive footage, this documentary – the first of its kind – takes viewers through the history of the Haitian people and the struggle for their rights. Through the eyes of the victims, human rights defenders and observers with the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH), one gets an insight into the prison system, the courts and the police. A Work-In-Progress is the fascinating and compassionate story of a people facing the challenge of building a society respectful of human rights.

For Everyone Everywhere: The Making of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
1998. 29 min. PAL. Video & DVD: 082

Although all too often not always lived up to, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets the standards against which all societies are now measures. For Everyone Everywhere shows how human rights became a global issue after millions had perished in the Second World War simply because of their race or religious beliefs. And how an international coalition of diplomats, jurists and intellectuals, led by the charismatic Eleanor Roosevelt, rushed to have the Universal Declaration of Human Rights signed just before the Cold War froze solid. In this documentary special the camera follows Amnesty International's former chief, Thomas Hammarberg, as he treks through Cambodia to free two young women who have been raped by soldiers and we meet villagers in Uganda who are now free enough to reveal the atrocities of Idi Amin's despotic rule. For

Everyone Everywhere was filmed on four continents and is hosted and narrated by Harrison Ford. Dozens of rare interviews and a treasure of archives, hidden for 50 years, are revealed for the first time. This documentary is a celebration of one of the most noble ideals of humankind.

UN in Action: Focus on Human Rights
1998. 33 min. PAL. Video: 083

UN in Action is an award-winning weekly series of short features (3 to 5 minutes) on the work of the United Nations and its agencies. A special package of nine UN in Action stories on human rights is available for use in this 50th anniversary year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Selected news features on human rights: - Community policing in Haiti, - Female genital mutilation in refugee camps, - International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, - Difficult situation for women in Tajikistan, - Torture victims recover from their private hell, - Improving human rights in Abkhazia, Georgia, - Creating food security in Nepal, - Rebuilding the judicial and police system in Rwanda, - War Crimes Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Indigenous People - Towards a New Partnership
1993. 15 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 056

Indigenous People - Towards a New Partnership is an unusual video that encompasses both the human rights and environmental rights of native peoples and their determination to protect their language and culture. This sensitive video on indigenous people takes you on a fascinating journey to opposite ends of the earth: first to the Amazon where Huarani and Ticuna Indians fought to reclaim their ancestral homes. From the Amazon, we take a trip to Norway - there we see the Saami people and their struggle in dealing with new methods of reindeer herding.

New Horizons for Human Rights
1991. 27 min. SECAM. Video: 038

In our changing world, new concerns are emerging in the field of human rights. Environmental degradation emphasizes an urgent need to protect people's health. Indigenous populations are demanding that their age-old rights be respected. New standards and definitions are being forged on the basis of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. This film includes footage from Cameroon, Chernobyl in the Ukraine, aboriginal communities in Central Australia, and Medellin in Colombia.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
1990. 21 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 021

This is an animated video of children's drawings depicting each article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In the English version only, it is narrated by Debra Winger and Jeff Bridges. Titles in English. Narrated in English, French, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

The World Against Apartheid
1990. 30 min. PAL. Video: 033

For more than 40 years, the world has been horrified by Apartheid. The UN has call for world-wide action in support of the oppressed peoples of South Africa and an end to Apartheid. This programme reviews anti-Apartheid activities undertaken by man individuals and organizations in support of the goal of a democratic non-racial society in South Africa.



Iraq

Secrets in the Sand

1997. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 080

The killer is so tiny it cannot be seen with the naked eye. Biological weapons, one of the most terrifying forms of modern warfare, are incredibly difficult to detect, defend against or eliminate, yet alarmingly easy to create and use. Presenting never-before-seen footage, *Secrets in the Sand* follows a United Nations multinational team of inspectors deep into the remote deserts of Iraq, as they search for, and find, traces of a biological weapons programme. The UN Special Commission has set up the most comprehensive monitoring system in the world to make sure that Iraq does not resume production of the deadliest of all weapons of mass destruction.

Hide and Seek in Iraq

1993. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 049

Following the Persian Gulf War, the United Nations Security Council created a Special Commission to investigate, monitor and destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. *Hide and Seek in Iraq* contains unique footage-not only of the crucial four days when the Iraqis detained the Inspection Team in a Baghdad parking lot, but also of the "supergun"-the largest cannon on earth. From production sites to storage facilities, United Nations inspectors unearth a hidden trail of deadly chemical weapons.



Modern Technology

Mission to Planet Earth

1993. 22 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 057

An orbiting satellite "sees" many countries at once; however, its practical benefits in helping a nation's economic and social development, as well as its intrusion on privacy, have become the subject of heated international debate. This video illustrates the remarkable applications of remote sensing satellites in the fields of agriculture, forestry, geography, water and marine resources, meteorology and disaster mitigation. Startling information is provided on the deteriorating state of our planet's environment.



Natural Disasters

Up Against Nature

1991. 27 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 041

It seems we are all born knowing that Mother Nature is beautiful, but sometimes the gentle breezes turn into roaring typhoons and gentle lapping waves turn into huge waves called tsunamis, usually caused by underwater earthquakes. The earth quakes and volcanic mountains explode. This is when we realize we are up against a formidable adversary. Filmed on location in Colombia, Bangladesh and Japan, this video shows how we can mitigate the effects of disaster and that there are simple preparations and precautions that can help to minimize damage and reduce social and economic disruptions.



Oceans

The Sea Law

1991. 27 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 040

The Convention on the Law of the Sea, which was adopted in 1982, gave new rights and responsibilities to nations, and was one of the most ambitious international legal undertakings ever. This video, which was filmed on location in the Caribbean, Europe, North America and the Pacific, gives an interesting and lively view of a long-distance surveillance flight over the Pacific as it charts the 12-mile sea limit and the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). It shows how the new legal structures are being implemented in different parts of the world and discusses issues that remain controversial from drift-netting to deep seabed mining.



Palestine

Palestine: 1980s – 1990s

34 min. 1994. PAL & SECAM. Video: 066

An historic agreement was signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in September 1993. From the origins of Zionism in 1890s Europe, to the signing of the agreement on the White House lawn, this abridged video compilation shows the century-old struggle over the Holy Land and provides a historical perspective on one of the world's most deeply rooted conflicts. Events are vividly evoked as we detail Palestine's position in the Ottoman Empire, the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations mandate under British authority, the United Nations partition plan, the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, and the subsequent invasions, annexations and occupations which have gripped the world's attention since that time. Included are appearances by David Ben Gurion, Jamal Bey Hussein, Ahmed Shukeiry, Abba Eban, Yasir Arafat, George Habbash and Yitzhak Shamir.



Peacekeeping

Women in Peacekeeping: The Power to Empower
(International Day of UN Peacekeepers - 29 May 2009)

2009. 8 min. DVD: 111

Online version: <http://webcast.un.org/ramgen/ondemand/peace/pkdaywomen.rm> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAuFQj9xBYc&feature=plcp>

In the Cause of Peace:
60th anniversary of UN peacekeeping
2008. 14 min. DVD: 104

Online version: <http://webcast.un.org/ramgen/ondemand/peace/inthecauseofpeace.rm> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqYuRh78-4&feature=plcp>

Courage for Peace: a film about UN Peacekeeping.
2007. 8 min. DVD: 103

Online version: http://webcast.un.org/ramgen/ondemand/specialevents/2007/courage_for_peace.rm or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugk4Kob6UjM&feature=plcp>

UN in Action Compilation on Peacekeeping
1998. PAL. Video: 084

- U.N. peacekeepers prevent conflict in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Eastern Slavonia in transition
- UNIFIL works for the benefit of the civilian population in southern Lebanon
- UNIKOM continues to clear Iraq-Kuwait border of land mines and war ordnance
- UNAVEM III helps demobilized Angolan fighters return to civilian life
- UN monitors prisoners of war exchange programme in Tajikistan
- UN peacekeepers help to stabilize situation in Abkhazia, Georgia
- As Western Sahara ceasefire holds, UN pushes ahead with identification of voters for referendum

No Place to Hide
1995. 50 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 072

This documentary looks at the history of the Blue Helmets, as the peacekeepers are known, analyzing the crises as they face their future. Peacekeeping has at various times been praised as the best idea of the century; on the other hand, it has also been condemned as an extravagant muddle. The video presents a personal view of Mr. Peacekeeper, Sir Brian Urquhart, and his provocative ideas for improving peacekeeping.

Enough Is Enough: Disarmament in the Post-Cold War Era.
1994. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 063

What! No more weapons? It sounds too good to be true. With the thawing of the cold war, a collective sigh of relief was heard around the world. Now the dream of curbing the arms race is slowly becoming a reality. Of course, there are still plenty of weapons around as is evidenced on the battlefields of emerging conflicts. Enough is Enough offers a global view of armaments, and the destruction they create. It also shows how weapons are verified and monitored and how effective the newest control equipment is in limiting the growth of weapons of war.

UNOMSA - UN Observer Mission in South Africa, 1992-1994
1994. 30 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 070

Focus on the role of UNOMSA during the preparation for and conduct of South Africa's first fully democratic, non-racial elections. It shows the work of over 2,300 international observers who came to South Africa to observe the elections and the installation of South Africa's newly elected President, Mr Nelson Mandela.

Namibia: Independence (The First Phase)

1989. 27 min. PAL. Video: 028

Namibia, the last colony in Africa, is about to become an independent nation. The United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) was created by the UN Security Council to ensure Namibia's independence through UN-supervised free and fair elections. This historic film captures the arrival and deployment of the initial contingent of UNTAG personnel in Namibia. This operation, one of the largest of its kind, is described through the eyes of the participants: the military, the police and the civilian personnel. The film concludes with the return of the first group of exiled Namibians.



Pollution

The Broken Flight

1994. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 060

The relationship between the environment and the world of labour is sometimes both difficult and crucial. The Broken Flight is about the dignity of working people and the dignity of nature; it takes the viewer to three countries on three continents:

- First to Kazakhstan, where heavy nuclear and industrial pollution makes every breath seem like a game of Russian roulette;
- Then to Senegal, where deadly industrial accidents are a grim reminder of the price paid by working people and the environment;
- Next to Venezuela where the indigenous peoples are the helpless victims of the degradation of their own environment.

The Earth Summit

1992. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 045

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), June 1992: the locale and date of the largest United Nations Conference ever held. The aim of the participants at this Earth Summit? To change human behaviour and seek common action against pollution. This video covers various aspects of the Conference,

including its sometimes multi-faceted image and intense debates. This was the Conference that could possibly help change the world!



Population

A Cyber-Tale of Three Cities

1997. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 078

The half-hour documentary, *A Cyber-Tale of Three Cities*, takes three youngsters - a boy in Manila (The Philippines), a boy in Fortaleza (Brazil) and a girl in Beirut (Lebanon) and shows them exploring particular urban issues facing their home cities. Chatting to each other over the Internet, and using computer visual imagery to simulate their cities, they identify pressing issues in the urban environment around them. They discover that the solutions being found to the problems of their cities were recognized as "Good Practices" by HABITAT II - the United Nations City Summit - and could help to improve living conditions in cities around the world.

Portraits of Age

1994. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 067

What is age, if not a state of mind? Each month over 1 million people reach the age of 60: those over the age of 80 years are the fastest-growing segment of the population. Some of these people will require care and support, but many more will be able to retain their independence, pride and productivity. Bob Hope, the well-known actor/comedian, introduces six individual short stories of the elderly and the role they play in their respective societies: a fisherman in India, a grandmother in Uganda, an activist in Argentina, a dance teacher in Cambodia, a grandfather in Egypt and a volunteer in New York. This video shows how active and productive the senior citizen is today.



Status of Women

UN in Action Issues on Women

1999. PAL. Video: 087

- Shame: the Worldwide Increase in Sexual Exploitation of Children (Brazil)
- Domestic Violence in Moldova
- Ugandan Tribe Strives to End Female Genital Cutting
- Tunisia Takes Family Planning to Remote Rural Areas
- UNDP Provides Micro-Credit to Poor Women in Yemen
- Bangladesh Tackles Conditions of Women Factory Workers
- Shattering the Glass Ceiling
- UN Assists Women Agricultural Cooperatives in Botswana

Defying the Odds

1996. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 076

This documentary takes viewers on a journey through the lives of four women of diverse ages and backgrounds who are Defying the Odds. These dedicated pioneers question age-old traditions as they adopt new roles in their respective societies. Asthma Jahangir, an internationally renowned lawyer from Pakistan speaks out against the challenges faces daily while working in a male-dominated profession; in Guatemala, Sandra Gonzales, a single parent, successfully rallies her colleagues at the textile factory where she works, resulting in the admission of a worker's union. Mara Kimele, a Latvian theatre director, juggles professional and parental responsibilities in a newly formed nation; while Tam Goossen, an immigrant from Hong Kong, manages to raise a young daughter, care for an ailing mother and win an election in her newly-adopted homeland, Canada.

Focus on Women

1980. 28 min. PAL. Video: 002

In the midst of the United Nations Decade for Women, this film examines the traditional image of women as portrayed in the world's visual media, and looks at the part women play in determining that image. The dependent, submissive heroine of the Indian cinema shows signs of becoming more independent as young Indian women technicians challenge the male-dominated film industry. Women actually form the majority of the professional staff at Egyptian Radio and Television. However, this has had a limited effect on changing the status of women. By contrast, a low-budget television show in the Dominican Republic stresses the achievements of low-income and rural women whose actions affect the future of their communities.



World Economy

Toil and Trouble

1995. 29 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 074

Focusing on core social and economical issues affection all societies, Toil and Trouble examines ways in which the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups in society can be integrated into the general economies of the world, and the measures which can be taken to reduce poverty. In this documentary, young people, and unemployed and displaced workers in Cameroon, Finland, Mexico and South Korea share their experiences and viewpoints in adjusting to new ways of life.

Challenge of Change: Portraits from Eastern Europe

1992. 28 min. PAL & SECAM. Video: 044

What is it like to live in Eastern Europe in these times of profound change? What have the people gained? What have they lost? And how can the United Nations help? This film addresses these questions through the daily lives of ordinary people. A professor of economics returns to Poland after a 20-year absence to teach business people how to assess the value of Polish industries as they are opened up for foreign investment. In Albania, a newly married couple struggle to make ends meet, but are determined to stay in their country as they see friends and relatives try to emigrate. In Czechoslovakia, two entrepreneurs-one from the private sector and the other from the State sector-are helped by the UN to expand their businesses.

The Time Bomb

1989. 27 min. PAL. Video: 016

The film is an in-depth look at the causes of the debt crisis in Latin America and examines some of the different approaches to coping with the problem in various countries of the region. The Time Bomb was filmed in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Venezuela, with the participation of prominent government and economic experts from Latin America.

The Debt Crisis: An African Dilemma

1988. 20 min. PAL. Video: 012

Africa's debt crisis is one of the most critical international issues facing the world economy. This United Nations documentary focuses on Zambia, a landlocked sub-Saharan country whose export income is based almost entirely on copper. Zambia is one Africa's most indebted nations. The film takes a look at the dilemma facing Zambia and its disagreements with the international banking community which led to its severing negotiations with the International Monetary Fund

and the World Bank. This video feature offers a unique look at what happens to a nation faced with the problems of, among other things, high interest rates and a massive restructuring of its economy.

