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## ACCELERATE THE DIGITAL UN

A project to bring the multilateral history of the United Nations online, 1946-1993.

### WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

THE MULTILATERAL PRINT HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS (1946-1993) REMAINS LOCKED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD LIBRARY.

Valuable UN records, documents, reports, and publications are available only in print and are in dire condition due to advanced acidification and improper environmental controls. Six decades of Member States' contributions to the deliberations of the United Nations, our collective memory, may be lost to history if the UN does not immediately digitize and preserve them.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE DIGITAL ACCESS to the essential historic collection via an enhanced online platform enabling online analytics, and data visualization.

USD 9 million to digitize and preserve 12.64 million pages of the UN's history before it slips through our fingers!

TO SAVE HISTORICAL HOLDINGS through preservation of digital materials and print collections, the latter currently at risk of irreparable damage.

TO REVITALIZE THE HISTORIC UNITED NATIONS DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES PROGRAMME involving 355 libraries from 136 countries, and create an online global community of best practices, know-how, and capacity-building.

### WHAT WILL IT DIGITALIZE

The digitalization and preservation of 12.64 million pages of official records, documents, reports and publications produced by the main UN organs – Security Council, Economic & Social Council and Trusteeship Council.

Citizens worldwide will benefit from accessing these unique documents, gaining distinctive insights into the contributions of individual Member States and the United Nations to the challenges we face today.

### ACCELERATE THE DIGITAL UNITED NATIONS PROJECT



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