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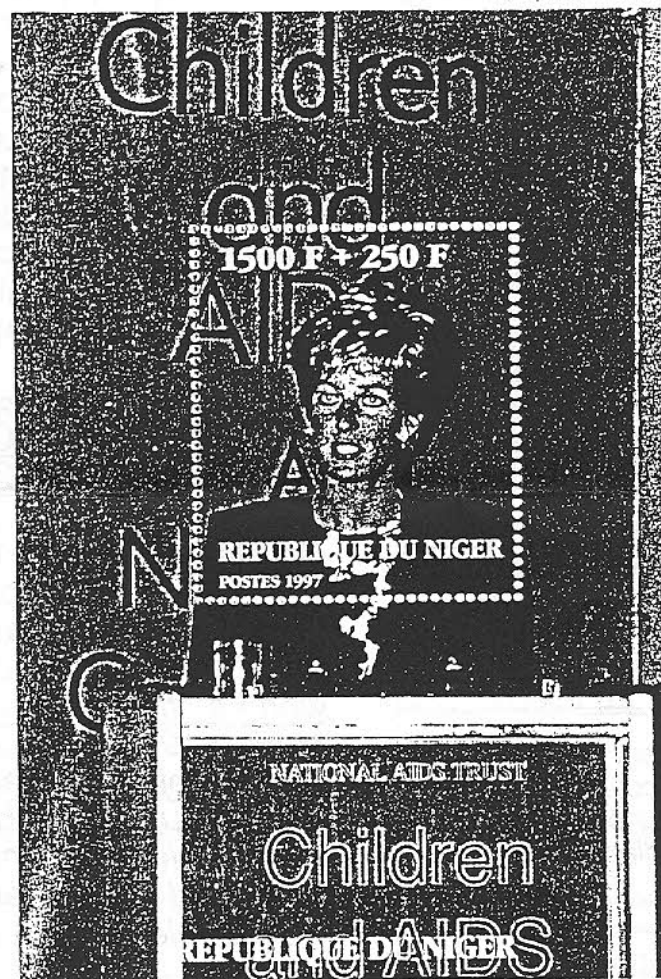
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A FITTING TRIBUTE



REPUBLIC OF NIGER

Children and AIDS Marks Theme of Issue

In this special 1997 Republic of Niger issue, a tribute is paid to the late Princess Diana and one of her selected AIDS Charities, the National AIDS Trust, of Great Britain. The miniature sheet contains one semi-postal stamp valued at 1500 F + 250 F and features a photo of Diana speaking at a podium. The surcharge of 250 F is earmarked to the Diana global charity trust set up in her memory.

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EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate transactions we may have at Subscription and Annual Mailbid Auction time we have decided to accept certain currencies (**cash only**) at established rates which we will adjust on a quarterly basis. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

EFFECTIVE: 01 OCT. TO 31 DEC. 1998

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.350
BRITISH POUND	= 2.325
GERMAN MARK	= 0.710

Simply **divide** total cost of your order by the figure in the CDN. EQUIV. column above to pay in **your** (cash only) currency. Otherwise make payable in Canadian funds.

POINT TO PONDER

*Growing old is mandatory,
growing up is optional!*

WEBSITE UPDATE

To those who have Internet access we can now be contacted by e-mail at **blairh@imag.net**. However we regret to inform our readers we have had to put the actual rebuilding of our website off until next calendar year.

12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Although a couple of months have passed since the 12th World AIDS Conference in Geneva, Switzerland was held, (June 28 - July 03), we have been unable to locate any philatelically related items specific to the Conference (as yet!). We were in hopes of possibly coming across even possibly the odd cancel, but nothing to date.

However, one contact who actually attended the conference has supplied me with a large selection of postcards, which I haven't had time to sift through properly yet. These may be the only items we get from this Conference....who knows! If any readers out there come across anything we would appreciate hearing about it or receiving a photocopy for our records.

CONFERENCE GIVEAWAY CLOSES NOVEMBER 20!

On December 01, 1998 - **WORLD AIDS DAY** - we will select 12 entries that have the correct answer to the required question and award 12 mint sets of the world's first AIDS stamp issue (San Marino 19.09.88 Scott #1162-65) -**FREE!** Simply return the enclosed Official Entry Form to us **on or before November 20, 1998**. Winners (names only) will be published in the December 1998 issue of our newsletter. Good luck to all!

NATIONAL STAMP MONTH

As has been the case for the past several years here in Canada, October is 'National Stamp Month.' This would be a great time to introduce one of your non-philatelic friends to the wonderful world of stamp collecting! Show off your collection to them. Give them the bug! And happy collectingwho knows what you could start!

