

International Standard for Archival Description

- 1.1 Reference code** UNHCR 67
- 1.2 Title** Records of the Offices in Algeria
- 1.3 Dates of creation** 1997-2003
- 1.4 Level** Fonds
- 1.5 Extent (quantity)** circa 5 m and one CD
- 2.2 Administrative/Biographical history** In August 1980 UNHCR signed an agreement with the Algerian government to provide assistance to the refugees from Western Sahara who found asylum in Tindouf, Algeria. In September 1984, an Accord de Siege was signed and in March 1985 the Branch Office in Algiers was opened. The SO in Tindouf was established in June 1996.
- 2.3 Archival history** In 2003 UNHCR Archives Geneva received 7 boxes from UNHCR BO in Tindouf.
- 3.1 Scope and content** Between 1997 and 2001 UNHCR registered approximately 130,000 refugees from Western Sahara. The records consist of registration forms of the Saharaoui refugees prepared for a population census by the UNHCR Branch Office in Tindouf. This registration was part of the United Nations framework for the Western Sahara Referendum as well as the eventual repatriation of Saharaoui refugees to Western Sahara.
- 3.3 Accruals** Accruals are expected.
- 3.4 Arrangement** The records are arranged in two series:
Series 1 Records of the Sub-Office in Tindouf
Series 2 Records of the Branch Office in Algiers
- 4.1 Conditions governing access** Records are subject to the General Restriction Policy of the UNHCR Archives
- 4.2 Conditions governing reproduction** Records are subject to the Copyright Policy of UNHCR
- 7.2 Rules or conventions** Internal UNHCR rules
- 7.3 Date of description** 7 February 2006