International Standard for Archival Description

1.1 Reference code UNHCR 37

1.2 Title Records of the Centre for Documentation and Research

1.3 Dates of creation 1986-2001 **1.4 Level** Fonds

1.5 Extent (quantity) 71m, CD Roms

2.2 Administrative/Biographical history The Centre for Documentation on Refugees (CDR) was

created in 1986 as the result of the consolidation of three previously existing services within UNHCR. In 1996, the CDR, then known as the Centre for Documentation and Research, was reorganized under

the newly created post of Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees. In 2001, CDR was discontinued and several functions dispersed within the organization: to the Division of

Communications and Information (DCI), Department of International Protection (DIP), Emergency and Security Service

(ESS).

2.3 Archival history The records were transferred to Archives on several occasions

starting in 1997.

3.1 Scope and contentThe Centre for Documentation and Research provided research and

analysis services within the organization and to governments, researchers and the general public. In addition to these functions, CDR was responsible for the dissemination of information on refugee protection and country data, while overseeing UNHCR's documentation, database and information systems. Reflecting this wide range of activities, the fonds contains records related to policy research, Refworld, database development, Reflet, bibliographies and administrative and fundraising files. They include information on the UNHCR 50th anniversary events and other exhibit and

outreach activities.

3.3 Accruals Accruals are expected

4.1 Conditions governing access Records are subject to the Archives Access Policy of the UNHCR

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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 14 March 2006