International Standard for Archival Description

1.1 Reference code UNHCR 43

1.2 Title Records of the Offices in Tanzania **1.3 Dates of creation** Records of the Offices in Tanzania 1989-1995 (predominantly 1994-1995)

1.4 Level Fonds

1.5 Extent (quantity) 35 m and 2 Diskettes

2.2 Administrative/Biographical history With involvement in Tanzania dating back to 1963, the

UNHCR Branch Office in Dar es Salaam opened in 1968. During these early years, UNHCR worked together with partners to provide assistance to refugees from Rwanda, Mozambique, Zaire (Congo), South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia, Malawi and Kenya.

2.4 Immediate source of acquisition The records were transferred from BO Dar es Salaam to UNHCR Archives in 2000.

3.1 Scope and content The extensive records reflect the central role of UNHCR in the

multiple refugee situations of the Great Lakes region in the first half of the 1990s. At the time of the massive influx of Rwandan refugees following the outbreak of civil war in 1994, UNHCR BO Dar es Salaam was handling the relocation, assistance and registration of Burundian refugees, the voluntary repatriation of Mozambican refugees and the processing of Somali asylum cases.

The files contain correspondence and refugee case information with regard to each of these groups of refugees. The records include incoming and outgoing cables, protection reports (1990, 1994, and 1995), protection files and extensive individual case information.

IC lists exist in electronic form.

4.1 Conditions governing access Records are subject to the General Restriction Policy of the

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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 rules7.3 Date of description 15 February 2006