

International Standard for Archival Description

1.1 Reference code	UNHCR 47
1.2 Title	Records of the Office in Austria
1.3 Dates of creation	1949 –1974 (predominant 1954 – 1974)
1.4 Level	Fonds
1.5 Extent (quantity)	.48 m
2.2 Administrative/Biographical history	UNHCR A 008
2.3 Archival history	The records were transferred from the Vienna Office to the Archives in three shipments, October 2000, January 2001, and November 2001. They are a fragment of a central filing system that the office used during the period.
3.1 Scope and content	<p>The records document legal matters handled by the Office in Vienna. They provide an important insight into refugee issues in Central and Eastern Europe in the 1950s and 1960s, particularly those relating to Yugoslavs and Hungarians.</p> <p>File 8/16, Extradition, Expulsion, covers expulsions from both Italy and Austria, and shows UNHCR staff members trying to determine what will happen to the persons expelled back to Yugoslavia. It also includes documents discussing the legal problems of transit across a third country in cases of extradition. File 8/27, Repatriation, includes reports by UNHCR staff members who accompanied Soviet repatriation visits to camps in Austria. File 8/15, Eligibility, includes a memo on Bavarian border issues in 1967 and a report from the UNHCR office in Macau in April 1969, while files 8/7, Wage earning professions, and 8/8, Self-employment – Liberal professions, include statistics on employment.</p> <p>A number of files include legal publications from the Austrian Government, some of which predate the establishment of the office in Vienna. A file on the Austrian State Treaty of 1955 and a small file on questionnaires used by the office (with a draft poster to be used with Hungarian refugees) are also included.</p>
3.3 Accruals	Accruals are expected.
3.4 Arrangement	Arranged in one series, Central Files, in numerical order, and one file unit, “S/AUS Austria Stationery.”
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.
4.3 Language/scripts	German, English
4.5 Finding aids	File unit list
5.3 Related units of description	Fonds UNHCR 4, Records of the United Nations Office in Geneva, 12/4/6, “Operational Instructions for the Branch Office of UNHCR in Austria”; Fonds UNHCR 11, series 1; Fonds UNHCR 17, Records relating to Protection.
7.2 Rules or conventions	Internal UNHCR rules
7.3 Date of description	17 January 2002

