FAMILY REUNIFICATION

CHECKLIST TO DETERMINE IF A BID IS REQUIRED

This checklist should be completed before facilitating family reunification. A BID is required if **any of the following statements applies** (please tick relevant boxes) in situations where UNHCR is responsible for BIP:

☐ The child has disclosed, or there are indications of, past or current child abuse or neglect within the household that the child will join.

☐ After all reasonable efforts, information gathered on the child and his or her family remains insufficient to make an informed decision as to whether family reunification could lead to violations of rights of the child.

☐ Doubts exist as to the legitimacy of the family relationship.

☐ Family members or the child have provided inaccurate information or there are significant discrepancies or inconsistencies about essential facts relating to the reunification (e.g. identity of family members).

☐ The family member or relative that the child will join lives in an environment (in detention, in an area affected by armed conflict, etc.) which is likely to expose the child to physical or emotional harm.[*]

☐ The family member in question has been refouled.

☐ There is any other reason to believe that reunification will or is likely to expose the child to abuse or neglect.

☐ The family member that the child will join is not his or her father or mother or previous legal or customary caregiver.[*]

☐ The child is reluctant to be reunited with the family member(s).

☐ The child and the family member that s/he is joining have never lived together, or have not lived together for a significant period.

☐ The reunification will result in the child being separated from a family member or other caregiver who is close to the child or with whom the child has developed a strong bond, and/or could affect custodial rights or contact with a family member (see Section 4.4 of BIP Guidelines and Checklist in Annex 4).

Note that in certain circumstances, simplified decision-making procedures can be applied. See Section 5.6.

Remarks:

Checklist completed by: (Name & function)
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                                     Date:

Reviewed by: (Name & function)
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[*] Where this is the only statement that applies, simplified decision-making procedures can be applied. See Section 5.6.