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FINANCIAL CIRCULAR NUMBER 25, Revision 1

TO:

All UNICEF Offices

FROM:

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Comptroller, NYHQ

SUBJECT:

Retention and Destruction of Accounting and Financial Records¹

- 1. This financial circular replaces financial circular number 25 dated 2 December 1983.
- 2. UNICEF Financial Rules and Regulations include the following:

Rule 113.10: The UNICEF accounts and other financial records and all supporting documents shall be retained for such period(s) as may be agreed with the Board of Auditors, after which, on the authority of the Comptroller, such records and documents may be destroyed.

- 3. Considering the above and UNICEF working procedures, the following paragraphs and Annex set out the authority for the retention and the destruction of accounting and financial records for all UNICEF offices.
 - (a) ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR PERMANENT RETENTION

Financial Report and Accounts, General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers

(b) ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION AFTER FOUR YEARS

All records and documents (with their supporting documentation) showing proof of receipt, appropriation and disbursement of funds as well as outstanding obligations (see Annex, Section I).

¹ Records are pieces of evidence or information preserved in paper, microfilm, tapes, diskettes, etc.

Annex to Financial Circular No. 25

Section I. Accounting and Financial Records for Retention and Destruction after four years.

Administrative Deposits/Prepayments

Administrative Purchase Orders

Advances to Vendors, Contractors and others

Bank Reconciliation (bank accounts current and investments) with bank statements

Bank Reconciliation (bank zero balance accounts)

Budget Allotments

Cheques (if returned cashed by the banks)

Cheques cancelled or voided (if retained or returned by the banks uncashed)

Group Life Insurance

Interoffice Vouchers (Incoming/Outgoing)

Journal Vouchers

Copies of field office Local Salary Payrolls and Vouchers sent to DFM, NYHQ (See also Section II for retention up to seven years in originating offices)

Report of Non-Expendable Property

Payment Voucher (bank accounts and investments) with supporting documentation such as:

Bank debit advices

Suppliers invoices for goods and services

Payment Request, etc.

Personal Advances and Recoveries - PAR - formerly SPA/ARL - with supporting documentation - four years after recovery of advances is completed.

Programme Cash Assistance to Governments - four years after liquidations are received and accepted.

Programme Cash Assistance to Governments (Control Register)

Petty Cash Vouchers and Statements with supporting documentation

Receipt Voucher (bank accounts and investments) with supporting documentation such as:

Bank deposit slips or credit advices

Remittance advices

Register of Property Survey Board Actions - four years after actions are completed.

Regular Contributions - UNJSPF

Report on Taxable Entitlement of Staff Subject to U.S. Taxes

Statement of Accounts from UN, UNDP, UNFPA and other Agencies and Organizations

Statement of Payments (bank zero-balance accounts)

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Travel Authorizations

U.N. Federal Credit Union - Local Field Staff

UNICEF Local Travel Request and Authorization

UNICEF/Travel Requests

Periodic Financial Reporting Form

Write-off Submissions and Relevant Authorization