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To: Members of the Staff of the United Nations

Subject: TRANSFER OF UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
ADMINISTRATION ASSETS AND ACTIVITIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS

1. Authority

The General Assembly on 18 November 1948 during the third regular session confirmed an agreement approved by the Central Committee of UNRRA on 24 September 1948, arranging the transfer of certain funds and activities to the United Nations.

2. Scope of Agreement

(a) In respect of funds, UNRRA is proceeding with a plan to bring its accounting operations to a close, liquidate its assets and donate its residual net assets to the United Nations for the account of the International Children's Emergency Fund.

(b) In respect of activities, the agreement prescribes the transfer and conditions of transfer of the following functions:

- (i) the performance of certain residual accounting functions, and the payment of certain claims which may not have reached a point of settlement at the time of the completion of the liquidation period;
- (ii) the completion and publication of the History of UNRRA;
- (iii) the processing of the UNRRA records for archival purposes and their maintenance as public records;
- (iv) the pursuing for purposes of collection of numerous accounts receivable (claims) arising out of the operation of UNRRA.

(c) As regards audit, provision is made for the accounts of the Administrator for Liquidation to be audited by the United Nations External Board of Auditors.

3. UNRRA History Project

The UNRRA history project contemplates the completion, publication and distribution of a history of predetermined size, form and scope. The project shall be under the direction of the UNRRA Chief Historian as to form, content

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and text of the history, its publication and the distribution of free copies. The United Nations shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the personnel engaged in the project and shall have the administrative authority necessary to ensure completion of the project by 31 March 1949. UNRRA has transferred to the United Nations funds calculated as being sufficient to cover the costs of the history project from the date of transfer to completion at or before 31 March 1949.

4. UNRRA Records and Archives

Effective 27 September, the date of the agreement, the United Nations assumed custody of UNRRA records and archives and responsibility for the supervision and administration of UNRRA personnel engaged in placing the records and archives in proper condition for preservation for future use. UNRRA has transferred funds calculated as sufficient to cover the following costs:

- (i) salaries and previously accrued terminal emoluments of the staff necessary for the servicing of the records to 31 December 1949;
- (ii) shipment of UNRRA records and archives to United Nations in New York;
- (iii) rent, utilities and maintenance of the building in Washington, D.C., presently housing the records from 31 March to 31 December 1949, together with administrative facilities and services for the same period.

5. Responsibility of the Secretariat

(a) Conference and General Services

The Communications and Records Division shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the history project and for the supervision of both administrative and substantive matters in respect of the records and archives project.

(b) Administrative and Financial Services

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall perform the financial services required under terms of the agreement including:

- (i) Establishment of a special fund to record the financial transactions;
- (ii) receipt and transfer of funds;
- (iii) provision of periodic financial reports regarding history and records projects;
- (iv) processing of all payments from funds transferred;
- (v) collection of accounts receivable transferred prior

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to and consequent upon assumption of accounting functions from the Administrator for Liquidation and transfer of final residual amounts to ICEF.

(vi) arrangements for external audit of the liquidator's accounts.

(c) Legal Departments

The Legal Department shall, through its officers authorized for the purpose, be responsible for examining and approving settlement of marine claims assigned by UNRRA to United Nations for the benefit of ICEF, for the execution of the general releases required in settlement of claims and for such action with respect to legal proceedings as may be necessary. Such authority may be extended to cover any other claim which may hereafter be assigned by UNRRA to United Nations for the benefit of ICEF.

(d) International Children's Emergency Fund

ICEF shall be responsible for the maintenance and administration of the files of marine and other claims transferred by UNRRA for the account of ICEF, where so requested.

6. Exception to Staff Rules

Personnel transferred to complete the history and records projects shall not be subject to United Nations staff rules but shall be subject to UNRRA personnel regulations unless granted appointments as United Nations staff members.

7. General

In the absence of specific instruction to the contrary, established United Nations practices and policies will be observed in respect of the transfer contemplated in this bulletin.

By direction of the Secretary-General

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