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Venezuela: Requirements and procedures to become a member of the Democratic Action (Acción Democrática, AD) political party; membership cards, including description and issuing authority; locations of AD offices in Caracas (2017-March 2019)

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Information on requirements and procedures to obtain membership cards of the AD party, including description and issuing authority, could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

The AD website indicates that the national headquarters is "Acción Democrática Los Cedros," located at Caracas 1050, Capital District, and that the [local] Caracas office is located at Av Principal el Paraíso, El Paraíso, Capital District

(AD n.d.). Further and corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

Title II: Activists and Supporters (*Titulo II: de los militantes y simpatizantes*) of the AD Party Charter, which describes the duties of AD activists, is attached to this Response.

For further information on the AD party, see Response to Information Request VEN105828 of June 2017.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

Acción Democrática (AD). N.d. "Contáctanos." [Accessed 18 Feb. 2019]

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Acción Democrática – Juventud Acción Democrática, Juventud Acción Democrática Caracas, Seccional Amazonas, Seccional Anzoátegui, Seccional Apure, Seccional Aragua, Seccional Barinas, Seccional Bolívar, Seccional Carabobo, Seccional Caracas, Seccional Cojedes, Seccional Delta Amacuro, Seccional Falcon, Seccional Guárico, Seccional Lara, Seccional Mérida, Seccional Miranda, Seccional Monagas, Seccional Nueva Esparta, Seccional Portuguesa, Seccional Sucre (Carúpano), Seccional Sucre (Cumaná), Seccional Táchira, Seccional Trujillo, Seccional Vargas, Seccional Yaracuy, Seccional Zulia, Sede Nacional.

Internet sites, including: Acción Democrática – Facebook, Twitter, website; Amnesty International; ecoi.net; *El Diario de Caracas*; *El Nacional*; *El Universal*; EU – European Asylum Support Office; Factiva; Freedom House; Human Rights Watch; LatinNews; *Political Handbook of the World*; Últimas Noticias; UK – Home Office; UN – Refworld; US – Department of State; Venezuela – National Electoral Council.

Attachment

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" Titulo II: de los militantes y simpatizantes." (Title II: Activists and Supporters).

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