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Bangladesh: Documentation required and procedures to be followed by a parent wishing to travel abroad with a minor child in the absence, or without the consent, of the second parent; whether the rules and procedures are the same in respect of mothers and fathers

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

The following information was provided during a 6 September 2005 telephone interview with a counsellor of the High Commission of Bangladesh in Ottawa.

Minor children are normally endorsed on one of their parents' passports, usually the mother's. As a result, the presence of the parent upon whose passport the child is endorsed is required for the child to travel. However, depending on the circumstances and on the nature of travel, a child can be issued with his or her own passport to enable travel with the other parent. The decision to issue a passport to a minor child is made on a case-by-case basis. Once a child is issued with his or her own passport, the endorsement on the parent's passport is cancelled. The counsellor pointed out that children are generally issued with their own passport at the age of twelve years. Bangladesh passports are generally issued for a period of five years and can be renewed only once for an additional period of five years, after which time a new passport must be issued.

Other information regarding the documentation required and procedures to be followed by a parent wishing to travel abroad with a minor child in the absence, or without the consent, of the second parent and information on whether the rules and procedures are the same in respect of mothers and fathers could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

### Reference

Bangladesh. 6 September 2005. High Commission of Bangladesh, Ottawa. Telephone interview with a counsellor.

### Additional Sources Consulted

**Internet sites, including:** A Briggs: Passport & Visa Expeditors, Asian Centre for

Human Rights, Australian Government's Travel Advisory and Consular Assistance Service, Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Affairs Canada (Travel Report), Government of Bangladesh, Hague Conference on Private International Law (Child Abduction Homepage), High Commission of Bangladesh (Ottawa), High Commission of Bangladesh (Washington), High Commission of Canada (Dhaka), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United States Department of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs - Travel Advisory), World Travel Tips.

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