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Tajikistan: Whether a Tajik citizen who is outside of Tajikistan can obtain a new passport using power of attorney; if so, when this procedure came into effect, and what it entails (2006)

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According to a Tajikistan-based legal officer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the leading international organization on migration issues (IOM n.d), and a staff attorney of the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI) in Tajikistan, a "public service project of the American Bar Association (ABA) [which] advances the rule of law by supporting the law reform process" (CEELI n.d.), a Tajik citizen located abroad may not obtain a new passport using power of attorney (IOM 2 Feb. 2006; CEELI 15 Feb. 2006). The IOM legal officer explained that Tajik citizens must personally apply for and receive a new passport at the Tajik embassy or consulate closest to where they are located, even if it is in another country (IOM 2 Feb. 2006). The CEELI staff attorney added that in applying for a new Tajik passport from abroad, a Tajik citizen must submit proof of legal residence in the country where they are located (CEELI 15 Feb. 2006).

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.

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