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Venezuela: Whether current legislation allows for dual or multiple nationality
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The acquisition of a second nationality is permitted under the terms of the new constitution adopted in 1999 (Consulate General of Venezuela n.d.; Embassy of Venezuela n.d.; *El Universal* 12 Oct. 2003). The relevant constitutional provisions are as follows:

Article 34. The Venezuelan nationality is not lost when choosing [*optar*] or acquiring another nationality.

Article 35. Venezuelans by birth cannot be deprived of their nationality. Venezuelan nationality by naturalization can only be revoked by means of a judicial sentence, in accordance with the law (*Constitutions of the Countries of the World* May 2000, 6).

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 to refugee status or asylum.

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