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Kenya: Treatment of failed asylum seekers who return to Kenya
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

The information contained in this Response to Information Request was provided by a representative of the Nairobi (Kenya) delegation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 31 July 2006 correspondence with the Research Directorate.

Regarding Kenyan nationals, UNHCR is not aware of any problems with the readmission of failed overseas refugee claimants who return to Kenya.

In the case of foreigners, the representative of the UNHCR stated the following:

Kenya would not normally readmit third country nationals with the possible exception of people who could be proven to have been registered in Kenya as refugees. Even in this case, the procedure for readmission would neither be consistent nor easy as the authorities would probably assess the situation on a case-by-case basis. Third country nationals directly returned to Kenya by the airline after failing to be admitted in another country would normally be returned to the place from where they originally came to Kenya, if this is identifiable. Otherwise, they would be put in detention and treated in accordance to immigration regulations. Should the persons declare their intention to apply for asylum or to meet with UNHCR, they would be allowed to do so on occasions. However, UNHCR believes that it is possible that some asylum seekers could be returned to third countries or to the country of origin without being allowed to apply for asylum or meet the UNHCR (31 July 2006).

Corroborating information 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

United Nations (UN). 31 July 2006. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Correspondence sent by a representative.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral source: Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) did not respond to Research Directorate requests for information within time constraints.

Internet sites, including: Amnesty International (AI), The Center for Public Integrity [Washington], European Country of Origin Information Network (ECOI), the United Nations Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN)

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