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Mexico: Clarifications regarding the "4" that appears under the heading "observations" (observaciones) in Mexican passports
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During a 16 June 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Consulate of Mexico in Montréal stated that the numbers "4", "4.1" and "4.2" that may appear under the heading "observations" (observaciones) of Mexican passports appear only in passports of persons under 18 years of age (minors). She explained that "4" indicates that the holder is travelling with the permission of his or her parent(s) (or with permission from those with parental authority) (Mexico 16 June 2009). In that case, the parent(s) (or those with parental authority) have met in person with the consular officials in order to provide the required authorization for the passport to be issued (ibid.).

If the parent(s) (or those with parental authority) cannot go to consular officials in person, the minor's passport can be issued on the basis of an authorization form (OP-7) or a judicial resolution (ibid.). In the first case, "4.1" will appear under the heading "observations", and, in the second case, "4.2" will appear (ibid.).

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

Mexico. 16 June 2009. Consulate of Mexico in Montréal. Telephone interview with a representative.

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