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Sudan: 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 other parent

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In a 14 February 2007 telephone interview, an official at the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in Ottawa indicated that a Sudanese parent wishing to travel abroad with a minor child requires the permission of the other parent through a written note. In the Official's experience, it is generally the mother who travels alone with the minor child or children, with the written permission of the father; minor children are usually added to the mother's Sudanese passport (Sudan 14 Feb. 2007). The Official was not aware of the documentation required for a father to travel alone with a minor child (ibid.).

According to the Web site of the Embassy of Sudan in Ottawa, the following information must be submitted to the embassy in order for a child to be added to the mother's Sudanese passport: a "letter of agreement" from the child's father, a copy of the father's valid Sudanese passport, a valid Sudanese passport of the child's mother; two passport-sized photographs of the child, a copy of the child's birth certificate and the required fees (n.d.).

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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