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Uganda: Whether a child born abroad to a Ugandan woman and a foreign man is entitled to Ugandan citizenship (March 2004)

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Defining the categories of persons who shall be citizens of Uganda by birth, Chapter 3 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda refers to:

- a. every person born in Uganda one of whose parents or grandparents is or was a member of any of the indigenous communities existing and residing within the borders of Uganda as at the first day of February, 1926 and set out in the Third Schedule to this Constitution; and
- b. every person born in or outside Uganda one of whose parents or grandparents was at the time of birth of that person a citizen of Uganda by birth (Uganda 1995).

During a 16 March 2004 telephone interview, a Consular Affairs Officer at the High Commission for the Republic of Uganda in Ottawa, stated that the Ugandan constitution of 1995 is still in force. He explained that, no matter where he/she was born, every child with a parent who is a Ugandan citizen, is entitled to Ugandan citizenship. However, the Consular Officer noted that, in Uganda, dual citizenship is prohibited.

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.

References

High Commission for the Republic of Uganda. 16 March 2004. Telephone interview with a Consular Affairs Officer.

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