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Nigeria: Whether Nigerian embassies or consulates in the United States (US) were issuing or renewing passports in November 2001; if yes, what was the process at that time to apply for or renew a Nigerian passport in the US; whether there was a code on the passport indicating where it was issued

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In a 30 January 2008 telephone interview, an official at the Nigerian Embassy in Washington, DC provided the following information regarding the issuance and renewal of Nigerian passports in the United States (US).

In November 2001, all Nigerian embassies and consulates in the US were authorized to issue and renew Nigerian passports (Nigeria 30 Jan. 2008). Nigeria has an embassy in Washington, DC, and consulates in Atlanta and in New York (ibid.).

An individual wishing to renew his or her Nigerian passport must mail in his or her expired passport to a Nigerian embassy or consulate, along with a completed application form and the appropriate fees (ibid.). Those who live close to an embassy or consulate may renew their passport in person (ibid.).

An individual wishing to replace a lost passport must provide the embassy or consulate with a police report and another piece of identification proving Nigerian citizenship (e.g., a birth certificate) (ibid.; see also Nigeria n.d.).

All Nigerian passports have a code found under the word "authority," which represents the location where the passport was issued (Nigeria 30 Jan. 2008). For example, the code 543 means the passport was issued in Washington, DC, while the code 542 means the passport was issued in Atlanta (ibid.). A passport with the code 346 was issued in Nigeria (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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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Internet sites, including: Consulate General of Nigeria, Atlanta; Embassy of Nigeria, Washington, DC; Nigeria Consulate, New York; Nigerianembassy.org.

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