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Honduras: Requirements and procedure for obtaining a Honduran national identity card from other countries, such as Canada)

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According to the website of the Honduran National Registry of Individuals (Registro nacional de las personas), national identity cards are [translation] "issued exclusively by the National Registry of Individuals" (Honduras n.d.). In correspondence sent to the Research Directorate, an official of the Embassy of the Republic of Honduras in Ottawa stated that a Honduran citizen may not obtain a national identity card at the embassy (Honduras 22 Oct. 2013). The applicant must take steps in person in Honduras (ibid.). According to the official, there is no system to issue identity cards outside the country (ibid.). The official also added that a person [translation] "may not obtain the identity card through a lawyer or by a power of attorney, because the person concerned must have their photograph taken in the offices of the National Registry of Individuals in Honduras" (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.

References

Honduras. 22 October 2013. Embassy of the Republic of Honduras in Ottawa. Correspondence sent to the Research Directorate by an official.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Attempts to contact officials of the following organizations were unsuccessful: Honduras – Embassy of Honduras in Washington, Consulate General of Honduras in Montréal and the Registro nacional de las personas in Honduras. The official of the Consulate General of Honduras in Miami was unable to provide information within the time constraints of this Response.

Internet sites, including: BBC; eci.net; Elecciones Honduras; Factiva; *El Heraldo*; Honduras – Embassy of Honduras in Ottawa, Embassy of Honduras in Washington, Consulate General of Honduras in Miami, Consulate General of Honduras in Montréal, Secretaría de Estado en el Despacho de Seguridad, Secretaría del Interior y Población, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores; *La Nación*; *La Prensa*; *La Tribuna*; United Nations – United Nations Development Program, Refworld; United States – Department of State.

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