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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of Congo: Whether Congolese passports that are no longer in circulation bear the notation "2ème conseiller d'ambassade" (2nd Counsellor of the Embassy); whether the notation means that the passport was issued outside the country (2002 - 2006)	
Employment		
Legal and Policy		
References	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	In a 29 November 2010 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Ottawa provided the information set out in the following paragraph.	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division	The notation "2ème conseiller d'ambassade" (2nd Counsellor of the Embassy) is included in Congolese passports that are no longer in circulation. This notation does not mean that the passports were issued outside the country; rather, it refers to the official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (ministère des Affaires étrangères) responsible for the Passport Branch (Service des passeports). The main difference between passports issued in the country and passports issued outside the country is found in the notation "Fait à..." (Done at...). All Congolese passports issued in the country contain the notation "Fait à Kinshasa," while passports issued outside the country contain the notation "Fait à..." followed by the name of the city or country where they were issued. For example, the notation "Fait à Ottawa" is provided in Congolese passports issued in Canada. Corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
Decisions		
Forms		
Statistics		
Research		
Research Program		
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	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.	
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News	Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). 29 November 2010. Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ottawa. Telephone interview with a representative.	
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
Transparency		
Completed Access to Information Requests	Oral sources: Attempts to reach representatives at the Embassies of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Brussels, Lusaka and Paris, and of Keeping Reference Systems, were unsuccessful.	

Références

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Attempts to reach representatives at the Embassies of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Brussels, Lusaka and Paris, and of Keeping Reference Systems, were unsuccessful.

Proactive Disclosure

Internet sites, including: African Press Organization - APO, Afrol News, AllAfrica.com, Education International (EI), European Research Council (ERC), *Le Figaro* [Paris], InfoSud Belgique (InfoSud), Keesing Reference Systems, Migrants outre-mer (MOM), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Organisation internationale de la francophonie (OIF), Organisation suisse d'aide aux réfugiés (OSAR), Panapress (PANA), Radio Okapi, Réseau des médias francophones (MEDI AF), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United States - Department of State.

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