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)

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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.

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.

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.

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