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Eritrea: Whether persons serving in the military are issued military identification documents; if not, procedure to confirm that persons are serving in the military when they are off their military base
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on military identification documents was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. During a meeting with the Research Directorate at the Eritrean embassy in Ottawa, a consular officer indicated that she was aware of the existence of a military identity card (15 Jan. 2008). She noted that it is a green card but could not provide further details about this document (Eritrea 15 Jan. 2008). 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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

Eritrea. 15 January 2008. Embassy of Eritrea, Ottawa. Meeting with a consular officer.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: A senior fellow at the Center for Advanced Defense Studies and a professor at the University of Nebraska did not provide information within the time constraints of this Response.

A professor at the University of Missouri did not have information on the subject.

Attempts to contact the Ministry of Defense of Eritrea were unsuccessful.

Internet sites, including: AllAfrica.com, Amnesty International (AI), Eritrea's Ministry of Information, Factiva, Freedom House, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), International Crisis Group (ICG), Jeuneafrique.com, United States Department of State.

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