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Eritrea: Whether women serving in the military are discharged when they marry; if so, evidence required to prove marriage

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on whether women serving in the military are discharged when they marry 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 women in the military who marry are discharged (15 Jan. 2008). In such cases, women must provide their marriage certificate in order to obtain their discharge documents (Eritrea 15 Jan. 2008). No further information could be provided by the Consular Officer and 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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